



voter information

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Am I prepared to vote on Election Day?

get registered

Registration Deadline: October 9th at 8:00 pm

How to register:

Visit a voter registration table on campus

Visit the ASMSU Governmental Affairs office

Request an application online at <https://asmsu.turbovote.org/register>

Already Registered?

Verify your registration at <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/>:

Am I Eligible for an Absentee Ballot?

A registered voter, who has already voted at their registered polling location in a previous election, may obtain an absent voter ballot if they are:

- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

NOTE: First-time voters, and those voting for the first time in East Lansing, MUST vote in person on Election Day.

how to vote

Date: Tuesday, November 6th 2018

Hours at ALL polling locations: 7:00am-8:00pm

Tips:

-This election is expected to have a high turnout! Make sure to budget at least one hour to go vote on Election Day.

-Morning hours usually have the slowest traffic, with lunch hours and late afternoon usually having the highest traffic.

IMPORTANT: If you are still waiting in line at your polling location at 8:00pm, you will still have the chance to vote!

Registered Outside of East Lansing?

Change your registration to East Lansing! You might not make it home on a Tuesday (see page 4)

Find your polling location here: <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/>

Request an absentee ballot:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf

how to vote

Walk-Through

View your Sample Ballot Here!

<https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/SelectPublicBallot.aspx>

1. Sign in, present photo ID
2. After your presence is certified by an official, you will then receive your ballot.
3. Take ballot to the polling table
4. Be sure to fill in each of your bubbles COMPLETELY!
5. Place Ballot into Tabulator Machine

Don't be afraid to ask for help; election inspectors are there to help you!

accessibility & language assistance

Accessibility

All locations are wheelchair accessible. All voters, including the disabled, have access to AutoMark, an electronic ballot system Encryption provides extra security. Includes touch screen, braille, and ability to use other personal aids to mark your ballot. If necessary, your ballot can be read aloud to you.

Language Assistance

If you would like, you are welcome to bring a translator to the booth to read aloud and translate your ballot for you.

Other questions or concerns about voter accessibility?

Contact East Lansing City Clerk Jennifer Schuster at (517) 319-6881

what will i vote on?

Questions ranging from Recreational Marijuana to Gerrymandering,
and much more!

State Ballot Proposals (pages 8-10)

Local Ballot Proposals (page 11-12)

state ballot proposals

Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (Prop 1)

Sponsor: Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol

For more information: <https://www.regulatemi.org/>

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

This proposal would:

Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption. Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces to be secured in locked containers.

Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them. Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% excise tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located. Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

“Yes” means the state of Michigan would legalize recreational use of marijuana.

“No” means the state would maintain current restrictions on the use of marijuana.

state ballot proposals

Voters Not Politicians (Prop 2)

Sponsor: Voters Not Politicians

For more information: <https://www.votersnotpoliticians.com/>

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposal would:

Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:

4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties. Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners. Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates. Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

“Yes” means the state of Michigan would create the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, comprised of both affiliated and non-affiliated party members, who would determine the apportionment of representative districts across the state of Michigan.

state ballot proposals

Voters Not Politicians (Prop 2) continued

“No” means that the state would not create the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, and maintain the power of redistricting to whichever party is in the majority.

Promote the Vote (Prop 3)

Sponsor: Promote the Vote MI

For more information: <https://promotethevoteMI.com/>

A proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution of 1963 by amending Article II, Section 4. If adopted the proposal would provide citizens qualified to vote in Michigan with the following rights:

- to vote a secret ballot
- for military and overseas voters to be sent a ballot 45 days before an election; to vote straight party on all partisan general election ballots
- to be automatically registered to vote when obtaining a driver’s license or personal identification card from the Secretary of State, unless the person declines
- to register to vote by mail on or before the 15th day before an election
- to register to vote in person at any time with proof of residency
- to vote an absentee ballot, by mail or in person, without giving a reason
- to have election results audited to ensure the accuracy of elections.

Should this proposal be adopted?

“Yes” means the state would establish a voter’s bill of rights, with additions including automatic registration and increased absentee access.

“No” means the state would not make these changes to current election law.

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Operating Millage Proposal

Sponsor: School District of the City of East Lansing

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, be increased by 22 mills (\$22.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2019 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$9,729,657?

“Yes” means the school district would be allowed to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

“No” means the school district would not be allowed to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Sponsor: School District of the City of East Lansing

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable

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valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2019 to 2028, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for and the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is approximately \$1,145,786?

“Yes” means the property tax limits in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties would not increase by 1 mill, and the Board of Education would not be allowed to use levied taxes for school improvement projects.

“No” means means the property tax limits in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties would increase by 1 mill, and the Board of Education would be allowed to use levied taxes for school improvement projects.



who will i vote on?

Offices and Candidates

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federal office candidates

Representative in Congress, 8th District

This individual serves as a legislator in the U.S. House of Representatives for a term of two years.

Mike Bishop (Republican)*

Website: <https://www.electmikebishop.com/>

“As a strong conservative, Mike Bishop has always defended our values. Mike Bishop grew up in this community and lived his whole life here. He believes that defending our 2nd amendment and pro-life values are important. Mike Bishop opposes sanctuary cities and believes in strong immigration enforcement. Congressman Mike Bishop has always protected religious freedom.”



“Congressman Mike Bishop understands that our families, job creators, and communities thrive when our economy is growing. That is why he is working hard to help encourage economic growth through lower taxes and less government over-regulation so that everyone has access to expanded opportunity, good jobs and rising wages.”

*denotes an incumbent

federal office candidates

Representative in Congress, 8th District

This individual serves as a legislator in the U.S. House of Representatives for a term of two years.

Elissa Slotkin (Democrat)

Website: <https://elissaforcongress.com/>

“Having dedicated my life to national service, I believe that the central function of elected representatives is to improve the lives of their constituents. That is the privilege and the purpose of elected office. I offer the citizens of Michigan’s 8th district a back-to-basics, common sense approach: I will listen to you, make a plan to improve your lives in concrete ways, and fight like hell to get it done.”



Throughout my career, I’ve been proud to work for both Republican and Democratic leaders who put the good of our country over politics. I plan to do the same in Michigan’s 8th District by ruthlessly putting the community’s needs over partisanship. As your representative, I’ll rely on my family values, a deep sense of service, and professional experience to deliver results.”

federal office candidates

Representative in Congress, 8th District

This individual serves as a legislator in the U.S. House of Representatives for a term of two years.

Brian Ellison (Libertarian)

Website: <https://www.ellison4congress.com/>

"As a Libertarian, I believe in self-ownership, the free-market, and oppose the initiation of force against others. These deeply held beliefs inform both my choices and my policy positions. They are also my aspirations for myself, my family, and our country.

We as a people must admit that the many laws, regulations, and policies established over the years in an effort to "promote social welfare" have failed in their stated purpose. Those laws and regulations now represent the greatest threat to our natural rights, and must be repealed. Abroad, we must change how we engage the rest of the world, leading by example, not force of arms. As your Congressman, I will focus on protecting and restoring the civil rights of all people, repealing laws that impose oppressive taxes and include wasteful spending, while opposing new ones, and fight for a non-interventionist foreign policy."



federal office candidates

United States Senator

This individual serves as a legislator in the U.S. Senate for a term of two years.

Debbie Stabenow (Democrat)*

Website: <https://debbiestabenow.com/>

“Debbie knows that in order to have a strong middle class and a strong economy, someone needs to make something, grow something, invent something, and build something – and that is what we do best in Michigan. Her economic plan focuses on growing a diverse Michigan economy that includes manufacturing and technology, small business creation and agriculture, education and career training.” “Debbie is focused on protecting health care coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and lowering health care and prescription drug costs for families and small businesses. She has authored legislation to allow more people to buy into Medicare and a bill that cuts taxes to make it more affordable for small businesses to provide health coverage to their employees.” “The first bill she passed into law as a U.S. Senator was a ban on oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. She is the author of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that has been successful in cleaning up our lakes, waterways, and beaches so Michigan families and visitors can enjoy swimming, boating and fishing. And she authored and passed the bipartisan Stop Invasive Species Act to require the federal government to take quicker action to stop the spread of Asian carp – a serious threat to our Great Lakes and over 700,000 Michigan jobs.”



*denotes an incumbent

federal office candidates

United States Senator

This individual serves as a legislator in the U.S. Senate for a term of two years.

John James (Republican)

Website: <https://johnjamesforsenate.com/>



“We will begin work to develop strategies to address our debt, improve our cyber defenses, and give our military the resources that they need to keep Americans safe...Actions speak louder than words and from tax relief for working families to the elimination of overbearing government regulations, President Trump is keeping his promises to the American people.”

“We need a job creator in the US Senate, someone who has signed the front and back of a paycheck and who understands economic opportunity. Understanding that jobs are part of the solution. But not the only solution. We have to upscale existing labor force. We need to increase entrepreneurship which allows everyone to achieve the American dream.”

“Supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States means abiding by it as written. I will fight to preserve separation of powers, fight for limited government and will approve justices who will interpret the constitution as written...I understand how to secure a border because I’ve done it before. Sovereign nations must have secure borders and entry points. I support Kate’s Law and I will support defunding ‘sanctuary cities,’ or as I call them, ‘outlaw cities’.”

state office candidates

Secretary of State

This individual oversees the statewide administrative duties of elections and ensures the integrity of voting for a term of four years.



Mary Treder Lang (Republican)

Website: <https://marytrederlangforsos.com/>

In order to strengthen Michigan's election integrity, I am running for Secretary of State on a proactive platform: Security, Optimization, and Stability.

Security: My experience and background in cyber security are unequalled by any of my opponents—regardless of party—and as Michigan's Secretary of State, my office will remain on the cutting edge of emerging cyber-security risks, implementing proven innovation in order to prevent and combat cyber-criminals in their attempts to undermine our democracy. **Optimization:** Optimization starts with being proactive not reactive; as Michigan's Secretary of State, my office will partner with service organizations, libraries, colleges, and businesses to recruit poll workers with both the computer experience and office-related skills necessary to thrive in their roles.

In addition, by working with the legislature to strengthen and certify training sessions for poll workers, clerks will be held to account for ensuring the integrity of the elections which they oversee. Every Michigander's vote is valuable, and should be protected throughout the voting process; I aim to streamline that protection as Secretary of State through Optimization. **Stability:** Our recent Republican Secretaries have established a sterling legacy, and it would make no sense for the next Secretary of State to reinvent the wheel. My office will grow our areas of strength and look for opportunities for improvement, while keeping the ship sailing on course. Michigan's recent Republican Secretaries have created consistency through their leadership; I aim to continue that consistency as Secretary of State through Stability.

state office candidates

Secretary of State

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Jocelyn Benson (Democrat)

Website: <https://votebenson.com/>

Jocelyn has a proven track record of success in leading institutions, cutting costs and improving services. As the former dean of Wayne State University Law School she froze tuition, expanded access to scholarship funds for all students, and bolstered the school's reputation and bar passage rates. She also established programs to promote government oversight, provide free legal services for veterans, and help aspiring entrepreneurs participate in the economic revival of Detroit.

The 30-Minute Guarantee

Benson will work to establish a 30-Minute Guarantee: an expectation that no one, no matter where they live, should have to wait more than 30 minutes to renew their driver's license, register their vehicle or cast a ballot.

Ban Fee Increases

Benson will be an advocate against fee increases that have hit Michigan families hard in recent years. When it comes to pocketbook issues, she has a proven track record. As dean of the Wayne State University Law School, she froze tuition and significantly increased scholarship funding to make law school more affordable and accessible to all students.

state office candidates

Jocelyn Benson continued

Election Security

Benson's vision is to make Michigan a national model in election security. She will ensure that voting remains a sacred right and that every legitimate vote is counted. Benson, who has developed and supervised three election protection efforts in Michigan, will toughen penalties for those who commit election fraud and voter intimidation. And she will lead an effort to protect our elections from the threat of computer hacking, tampering, and manipulation.

Protecting Voting Rights

Benson will work to ensure the voting rights of every citizen are protected. Voters should be able to vote early or by absentee ballot without having to give a reason, just as they do in dozens of other states. As Secretary of State, Benson will ensure voters who want to cast a ballot can do so with ease, and without intimidation.

Ethics and Transparency

Among the 50 states, Michigan is dead last in government transparency and accountability. Benson will champion reforms that will make Michigan one of the best states in the nation, shining a light on the secret money flowing into our election process by requiring instant disclosure of all political and lobbying money.

state office candidates

State Board of Education (Vote for not more than 2)

This individual(s) oversees the functions and status of public education for a term of eight years.

Tami Carlone (Republican)

Website: <https://tamicalrone.com/>

Richard Zeile (Republican)

Judith P. Pritchett (Democrat)

Tiffany Tilley (Democrat)

Website: <https://www.votetiffanytilley.com/>

Scotty Boman (Libertarian)

Website: <https://www.politicalbank.com/find-candidates/scotty-boman>

John J. Tatar (Libertarian)

Website: <https://johnjtatar.com/>

Karen Adams (U.S. Taxpayers)

Douglas Levesque (U.S. Taxpayers)

Website: <http://www.electlevesque.com/>

Sherry A. Wells (Green)

Mary Anne Herring (Working Class)

Logan R. Smith (Working Class)

state office candidates

Trustee of Michigan State University (vote for not more than 2)

Dave Dutch (Republican)

Website: <http://gogreenvotedutch.com/>



Mike Miller (Republican)

Website: <http://mikemillerformsu.com/>



Brianna Scott (Democrat)

Website: <https://www.brianna4msu.com/>



Kelly Tebay (Democrat)

Website: <https://www.kellytebayformsu.com/>



state office candidates

Trustee of Michigan State University (vote for not more than 2)

Justice of Michigan Supreme Court (vote for not more than 2)

This individual(s) serves on the Michigan Supreme Court for a term of eight years.

Samuel Bagenstos

Website: <https://www.bagenstosforjustice.com/>



Megan Cavanagh

<https://www.cavanaghforsupremecourt.com/>



Elizabeth Clement*

Website: <http://clementforjustice.com/>



Kurtis T. Wilder*



state office candidates

Governor

Bill Schuette (Republican)

Running mate: Lisa Posthumous Lyons

Website: <https://billschuette.com/>



“As Governor, Bill Schuette will fight to make Michigan a national leader in job creation and wage growth. He is committed to cutting taxes, eliminating wasteful spending, and fighting for other pro-growth reforms to put Michigan’s economy and workers back on top. Bill will cut taxes, regulations, and wasteful spending to strengthen our economy and create better paying jobs because Michigan families deserve a pay raise.” “Michigan is gripped by an epidemic of opioid addictions that must be fought on all fronts...Bill has supported legislation to limit prescriptions and the recent increased federal funding to create education and treatment programs at the state level that have been lacking. Ending the addiction crisis requires increased education before addiction starts and increased access to treatment programs.”

“Bill will slash Michigan’s auto insurance rates, putting more money back in your wallet. He will work with all sides to get legislation passed to give Michigan families a pay raise by bringing rates down.” “Michigan’s school test scores are among the worst in the nation. Bill will change this by giving parents and students more choices, and ensuring all kids can read by the third grade. When we give parents a choice, we give children a chance. Bill will provide transportation scholarships for families that can’t afford the transportation costs for their children to escape failing schools and gain access to special programs.”

state office candidates

Governor

Gretchen Whitmer (Democrat)

Running mate: Garlin Gilchrist

Website: <https://www.gretchenwhitmer.com/>



“To grow our economy and make Michigan a state that businesses move to and can grow in, we must invest in our roads, bridges, water systems, broadband, and electrical grid. Good roads are good for Michigan families and businesses and infrastructure investment is economic development.” “We fought too hard to let Washington raise [healthcare] costs on seniors, families, and hardworking Michiganders. As Governor, I will defend our healthcare from these attacks, but we must keep fighting to address the cost of health care and lower the cost of prescription drugs until everyone in Michigan has access to an affordable health plan and can afford their treatment.” “As governor, I am committed to clean up our drinking water. My infrastructure plan will speed up the replacement of lead service lines across the state so every parent can turn on their tap, bathe their kids, and give them a glass at the dinner table. On the day I take office, I will immediately file to enjoin the easement and begin the legal process for shutting down Line 5 to protect the Great Lakes, protect our drinking water and protect Michigan jobs.” “Michigan needs a governor who knows how to get things done to fix our schools, so every student has the support, tools and skills they need to compete for high-wage jobs and have full and productive lives. My plan focuses on the first 1,000 days of a child’s life. We will prioritize early childhood education funding and get Michigan on a path to universal preschool to ensure that when kids enter kindergarten, they are ready to learn. Lastly, when a child reaches high school, we need to help them develop a plan so they leave prepared for further education – be it with a certificate in the skilled trades, technical apprenticeship or to pursue a college track career.”

state office candidates

Attorney General

Tom Leonard (Republican)

Website: <https://leonardforag.com>



“One of the greatest threats to public safety in Michigan and across the country are sanctuary cities. As your next attorney general, you can count on me to put an end to sanctuary cities in Michigan once and for all...I will stand strong opposing any attempt to expand sanctuary cities in our great state.” “The opioid epidemic has devastated far too many Michigan families, and it is impacting communities all across our state. We need to look at every side of this problem if we are going to solve it. The simple truth is criminalizing opioid addiction is not always the right answer. For real healing to occur, we need to treat those suffering from addiction with compassion and care. But there can be no leniency for criminals who are responsible for this suffering. I held criminals accountable as an assistant prosecutor in Genesee County, and I will hold them accountable as Michigan’s top law enforcement officer.” “I am the only attorney general candidate who has opposed Common Core since day one. Foundational issues like local control and parental choice have been primary concerns of mine from the beginning, not just when they became politically expedient.” “I have always been pro-life, and I believe protecting life is one of the most important things we can do as conservatives. I have fought for our children on this issue my entire life, and I will continue to advocate for the unborn as your next attorney general.” “The First Amendment is under attack at our public universities. College campuses are supposed to be a place for young people to learn and grow, by allowing and encouraging the free flow of ideas and opinions. Unfortunately, political correctness and the fear of offending somebody has created an atmosphere where free speech is being oppressed. As your next attorney general, I will protect and restore the First Amendment.”

state office candidates

Attorney General

Dana Nessel (Democrat)

Website: <https://www.dana2018.com/>

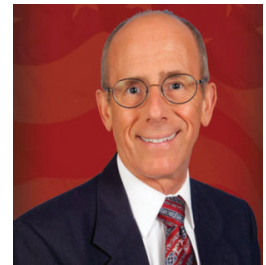


“Michigan needs an Attorney General who advocates for greater inclusion in civil rights laws. As Attorney General I will aggressively prosecute hate crimes and all cases of discrimination, protect women’s rights to access healthcare, and defend immigrants from Federal overreach.” “I will be a tireless advocate for our environment. I will fight to shut down Enbridge Line 5, and any other pipeline that threatens the Great Lakes. I will enforce environmental laws, prosecuting polluters who harm our environment and threaten the health and safety of Michiganders.” “For years elected officials have attacked laws that protect workplaces and workers’ rights. As Attorney General, I will make certain that Michiganders have safe workplaces, free from discrimination, sexual harassment, and environmental hazards... As Attorney General, I will go after bad actors, predatory lenders, and shady corporations that target Michigan residents. I will create an Auto Insurance Fraud Division to address our sky-high insurance rates, and I’ll work to protect student borrowers from aggressive debt collection tactics.” “Michigan needs common-sense licensing and regulation of cannabis manufacturing and distribution. When elected, I will work with the legislature and local law enforcement to ensure a safe market that keeps cannabis out of kids hands, and off the roads.”

state office candidates

State Representative, 69th District

This individual serves as a legislator in the Michigan House of Representatives for a term of two years.



George Nastas (Republican)

Letter to the Editor: MSU leadership should redirect focus away from progressive agenda “As a Michigan Representative, I shall work with legislators to build a better Michigan in which to live, work, nurture a family, and invest in, start, and operate a business.” “Michigan can do better. Priority reforms include road repair and reforming automobile insurance and education costs, public pensions, and state and local taxes. The public sector can provide better value for taxes. Voters should elect a legislator that can work well with, not antagonize, legislators and stakeholders who are essential to enacting reforms. Michigan students, families, workers, investors, and business owners work hard to achieve their goals. They are the backbone of Michigan. Government should work for them. I shall represent their interests in the Michigan legislature.”

state office candidates

State Representative, 69th District

This individual serves as a legislator in the Michigan House of Representatives for a term of two years.

Julie Brixie (Democrat)

Website: <http://www.juliebrixie.com/>



“As your next state representative, I won’t just fight to invest in our children’s future, I’m going to work, day-and-night, to help elect fellow lawmakers, from Menominee to Detroit, who value a quality, affordable education as much as I do. It’s time to properly fund K-12 education and lower tuition rates by reinvesting in our community colleges and universities so that every child can pursue their dreams.”

“I will work to shut down Line 5, so the Straits of Mackinac don’t suffer the same fate as the Kalamazoo River. I will work to tackle Climate Change by increasing our renewable energy standards to 33% by 2030, 66% BY 2040, and 100% by 2050. I will also work to create a grant program so our local governments and schools can achieve this as well.”

state office candidates

State Senate, 23rd District

This individual serves as a legislator in the Michigan Senate for a term of two years.

Curtis Hertel Jr. (Democrat)*

Website: <https://www.hertelforsenate.com/>



“During my time in the legislature, I have stood firmly with Michigan unions and workers, protecting their pensions and livelihoods for years to come, fighting against efforts to repeal prevailing wage, and working to eliminate Right to Work in Michigan. I have been a proud ally of survivors of sexual assault, introducing affirmative consent legislation and receiving the Philip A. Hart Award from the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame for advocating for cultural and systemic change to end sexual assault. I am also proud to have fought for a cleaner Michigan through renewable energy, and for the equal rights of all Michiganders as a voice for social and economic justice. As I look toward our goals for 2018, I am hopeful for all that we have yet to accomplish and am encouraged by the opportunity we have this year to enact change that will improve the lives of so many Michigan residents.”

Andrea Pollock (Republican)

*denotes an incumbent

local office candidates

County Commissioner

An individual in this nonpartisan office oversees the everyday functioning of local government. They pass ordinances, oversee local legislation, and make budget approvals, amongst other duties, for a term of two years.

County Commissioner, 8th District

Mark Grebner*

Bernard Fedewa

County Commissioner, 9th District

Carol N. Koenig*

Jackson Keith

County Commissioner, 10th District

Thomas Morgan*

Kathleen A. Groff

*denotes an incumbent

local office candidates

Court of Appeals, 4th District

A judge of court of appeals hears cases that are challenging, or appealing, the decisions made in lower courts. They serve for a term of six years.

Court of Appeals Judge, 4th District

Stephen L. Borrello (Nonpartisan)*

Website: none

“Judge Borrello was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2003, elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2006. He served as an attorney and partner with the law firm Gilbert, Smith & Borrello, P.C. in Saginaw, Michigan. Judge Borrello also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney from 1988 to 1990 in Saginaw County. He earned his B.A. from Albion College and his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Saginaw Valley State University where he teaches Criminal Procedure and Evidence.”

Court of Appeals Judge, 4th District (Partial Term)

Brock A. Swartzle (Nonpartisan)*

Website: None

“Judge Brock A. Swartzle was appointed to the Court in 2017. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Swartzle was Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, as well as General Counsel for the House, where he worked on numerous legal and policy issues, including the Detroit bankruptcy settlement package. Judge Swartzle was previously a litigation partner with Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, where he practiced in antitrust, healthcare fraud, white-collar crime, securities, and other areas. Judge Swartzle had extensive experience in federal court prior to joining the Michigan Court of Appeals, clerking for three years in both the Eastern District of Michigan and the Western District of Michigan, as well as four years with the Hon. David W. McKeague on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.”

local office candidates

Circuit Court, 30th Circuit

Laura L. Baird (Nonpartisan)

Cynthia Ward (Nonpartisan)

Probate Court, Ingham County

Shauna Dunnings (Nonpartisan)

District Court, District 54B

Andrea Andrews Larkin (Nonpartisan)

East Lansing School Board

(Vote for not more than 4)

Terah Chambers (Nonpartisan)*

Kate Powers (Nonpartisan)*

Chris Martin (Nonpartisan)

Kath Edsall (Nonpartisan)

Thasin Sardar (Nonpartisan)

Todd. P. Swales (Nonpartisan)

Noel Garcia (Nonpartisan)

election day checklist

Can I answer:

WHO:

Who is running for office?

Who will I vote for?

WHAT:

What question is each proposal asking?

What will be my answer?

WHEN:

When is the registration deadline?

When is Election Day?

What time do I plan to vote?

WHERE:

Where will I vote?

HOW:

What should I bring to vote?

Am I filling out my ballot correctly?

WHY?

Why am I planning to vote?

Why have I chosen to vote this way?

