



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

BELLEVILLE + VAN BUREN and SUMPTER TOWNSHIPS

POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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Included in this Local Voter Guide:

Contested Races:

Michigan State Senate District 4
Michigan House of Representatives,
District 31

Wayne County Executive
Belleville Area Library Board

Uncontested Races are listed on page 5
Wayne Co, and Sumpter Twp. Proposals are
on pages 7-8

Information about the following races not included in this local Voter Guide can be found by visiting

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US Congressional Representative
US Senate
Michigan Supreme Court
Michigan Court of Appeals
Governing Boards of Michigan Universities
Two State Ballot Proposals

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Michigan Senate, District 4 - 4 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES <i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i>	<u>Education:</u> <i>How do you evaluate Michigan's current education system in terms of quality, funding, the teacher workforce and standardized testing? What changes, if any, would you propose or support?</i>	<u>Environment/Energy:</u> <i>How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?</i>	<u>Immigration:</u> <i>What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?</i>
Darren Camilleri (D) Website: darrincamilleri.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/search/top?q=darrin%20camilleri Campaign Twitter Handle: @darrincamilleri Occupation / Current Position: State Senator Education: Kalamazoo College Qualifications and Experience: Former Educator	Michigan has made great progress in school funding, but too many students, educators, and districts still face unequal resources and staffing shortages. Michigan's schools have faced years of continued disinvestment and our reading test scores need to be improved. In my work as chair of the PreK-12 subcommittee I've supported continued investment in public schools, free breakfast and lunch, stronger teacher recruitment and retention, competitive pay, and expanded student mental health and career/technical education. I look forward to making our education system the best it can be.	I am for a smart grid, renewable energy, and accountability from utilities for any outages and excessive charges. I will continue to protect the Great Lakes, fight against toxic waste, and see that energy and infrastructure projects create good-paying jobs for Michiganders without rate increases.	All Michigan residents should be treated with dignity and receive due process, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. I oppose racial profiling and actions that undermine trust between our communities and local government. We need to ensure access to legal counsel, clear information about rights, and lawful procedures when state or local agencies interact with federal immigration enforcement.
Marcie Grzyacz (R)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Beth Ann Socia (UST) Website: WWW.1776leadership.com Facebook: Www.facebook.com/Beth.Socia Occupation /Current Position: Retired Education: some college Qualifications and Experience: I've worked in Law Enforcement, Certified Nurses Assistant, Secretary, Matron and Stay at Home mom	Our current system has been going down hill for decades. I would get rid of common core and go back to phonics. Give parents the right to choose their child's education whether in public or private and whatever the school districts receive per child the parent gets to use for their private education. I would also DOGE every school to see where all the money is going and why our students are failing. Michigan is 45th in Education out of 50 states. That's horrible. This needs to be taken seriously.	Open pipeline 5 and DOGE DTE and CONSUMERS ENERGY. The last rate hike increase DTE gave their CEO's a million dollar salary increase a year. Not acceptable.	We must abide by the constitution and THE RULES OF LAW! We have a process when applying to become a US citizen and it must be applied the same to everyone!

Michigan Senate, District 4 (Cont.)

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Walter Willis (WC) Website: www.workingclassfight.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan Occupation / Current Position: Retired Electrician, 41 years Ford Motor Co. Education: skilled trades apprenticeship, Henry Ford College Qualifications and Experience: From picking cotton, to kitchen-helper, to the Specialty Foundry to electrician, I know about the lives of working class people	Not all districts are up to standards. Some do not have the materials they need. Many need more modern materials. And as far as college, you can be retired before paying off school loans. Children are our future. All schools should have high levels of funding for what the young people and the teachers need. Our tax money should be for high quality public education for all.	Utility bills shouldn't be so high and keep getting higher every year. They claim they are replacing old equipment and tree trimming, but there are still power outages. The way it is now, corporations are in the driver's seat. Their policies cause unreliable energy, high costs and pollution. When workers are in the driver's seat, we can produce the clean energy needed, at low costs, where there is no profit, and protect the environment, like by installing better filtration systems as one example.	Due process is not fairly done. The powers that be pick on immigrants, citizen and non-citizen, and other working class people. At this time, the rights of immigrants and anyone who protests these unfair practices, are under attack. We, with Working Class Party, are for full citizenship for all and against what is like a dictatorship in the streets, with ICE. And it will take a fight by ordinary people, like in Minneapolis, to guarantee our constitutional rights.

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- Michigan Governor
- Michigan Attorney General
- Michigan Secretary of State
- U.S. Senate
- State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
- Michigan Supreme Court Justice
- Michigan Appeals Court, District 1



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Sharon Dare Wayne (D) Website: shannondarewayne.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/p/Shannon-Dare-Wayne-for-Milan-City-Council-100076124842079/ Occupation / Current Position: Warranty Cost Manager at Ford Education: Wayne State University: PhD Industrial Engineering, 2020 MS Manufacturing Engineering, 2020 Lawrence Technological University Masters of Business Administration, 2026 MS Industrial Operations, 2003 Qualifications and Experience: Milan City Council; 2021 - Present, 2023 - 2024 as Mayor Pro Tem Milan Downtown Development Authority 2018 - Present, Currently serving as Chair Milan Beautification Commission, 2014 - 2026, Former Ch	Michigan's education system delivers excellent outcomes for some students but leaves many others behind. As a member of the Board of Trustees at Michigan Technological University and a parent of two children receiving special education services, I've seen the opportunities and challenges students face. We must fully fund special education, strengthen support for at-risk students, and address the teacher shortage through better pay and retention efforts. Standardized tests can be useful diagnostic tools, but they often fail to capture student growth and potential.	Michigan doesn't have to choose between reliable energy, affordable utility bills, and a clean environment. We can achieve all three. We should invest in modernizing the electric grid and improving energy storage to keep power reliable during storms and periods of high demand. To keep costs affordable, utility companies should be held accountable for reliability and customer service, and rate increases should receive strong oversight. We should also strengthen programs that help seniors, veterans, and low-income families afford their energy and water bills.	As a first generation American and military mom, I understand both the opportunities our country provides and the importance of protecting constitutional rights. Due process, free speech, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures are fundamental American values. I oppose racial profiling, warrantless searches, and efforts to use local law enforcement as federal immigration agents. We can have secure borders while treating people with dignity, respecting the Constitution, and ensuring fair treatment under the law.
Laura M. Perry (R)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

Abbreviations Used in this Voter Guide:

D	Democratic Party
R	Republican Party
GRN	Green Party
LIB	Libertarian Party
NPA	No Party Affiliation
UST	US Taxpayers Party

November 3 is Election Day!

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If you need to register to vote, you can register and then vote at your city or township clerk's office until 8 p.m. on election day!

Unopposed (Uncontested) Races

Candidates for this list of Wayne County, Judicial and School Board races have no opposition on the ballot. Responses from those who answered the League's questionnaire can be found by visiting the online version of the Voter Guide at VOTE411.org.

- 34th District Court: 6-Year Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Wayne Co. 3rd Circuit Court Judge: 6-Year Term. 16 candidates running for 16 positions
- Wayne Co. 3rd Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, Partial Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Wayne Co. 3rd Circuit Court Judge, Non-Incumbent, 6 year Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Wayne County Judge of the Probate Court Non-Incumbent: 6-year Term. 3 candidates running for 3 positions
- Van Buren School District, 4-Year Term: 3 candidates running for 3 positions
- Wayne County Community College District 9 Trustee: 4-year Term, 1 candidate running for 1 position

Wayne County Executive - 4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Warren C. Evans (D)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Michael A. Evans (D)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
John Olumba (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

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Daniel R. Fleming (NPA) Campaign Phone: 2483437546 Campaign Email: planondan@comcast.net Occupation/Current Profession: Retired - General Motors Education: Bachelor's Degree	My name is Daniel Fleming, 67, of Van Buren Township, and I am seeking reelection as a Library Trustee. I have been married to my wife, Nancy, for 44 years, and we have two grown sons, Scott and Cole, both graduates of local universities. I have proudly called the Belleville area home for nearly 57 years. Four generations of my family, including my grandmother, mother, myself, and my children, graduated from Belleville High School. I hold a bachelor's degrees from Eastern Michigan University in Business and Public Health & Safety. I retired from General Motors in 2019 after 38 years, where I served as a Pre-Production Launch Manager. I enjoy traveling, camping, birding, and spending time with family and friends.	I would bring a deep commitment to our community, along with a broad range of skills and experience, to my role as Library Trustee. If reelected, I will work diligently to support the Belleville Library and the surrounding communities it serves. I am committed to listening to residents, supporting lifelong learning, and helping ensure our library continues to be a valuable resource for everyone.
Shekitra Green (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Thays Harris (NPA) Occupation/Current Profession: Finance Education: Master of Business Administration in Project Management	I live in Van Buren Township with my family, and the Belleville Area District Library is part of our everyday life. I'm an avid reader and active in local and library book clubs. I love seeing the sense of awe when someone discovers everything the library offers—books, movies, programs, study spaces, and technology. I'm running for the Library Board to help keep our Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter communities connected to a welcoming, inspiring, and accessible library. I bring experience working with budgets and tax dollars, partnering with local groups and schools, and supporting literacy and lifelong learning. If elected, I will focus on strong print and digital collections, responsible stewardship, and engaging programs for all ages.	Our library is more than shelves of books; it's where many of us borrow e-books and audio-books, use online resources, and access technology we may not have at home. Demand for digital media is rising, and so are licensing costs, while we still must support print collections, public computers, Wi-Fi, and other tools people rely on. If elected, I'll support cost-effective purchasing, partnerships, and grants to keep digital access strong without cutting other services. I'll keep investing in print books and in-person programs that make the Belleville library and Sumpter branch feel like a second home. I'll also focus on careful budgeting and outside funding so our tri community library can grow while respecting local priorities
Sharon C. Peters (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

Belleville Area District Library Board (cont.)

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
Linda Green Priest (NPA) Campaign Phone: 734-306-8967 Campaign Email: Lgp26.lp@gmail.com Occupation/Current Profession: Retired public school teacher Education: Masters Degree	I have been a reader my whole life; from my days going to the book mobile in the summers as a child to continuing to read for my work as a student and an educator. Now, I read for pleasure and knowledge in the book clubs I belong to. I attend gardening classes, movie nights, jazz performances and much more and in doing so I have seen how our Belleville Area District Library has become a community hub that provides many social and educational opportunities for all. It has been a privilege to be on the BADL board and I hope to continue to serve my community.	I would like to continue to serve as vice-president of the board and as a member of its various committees. I particularly want to continue on the Outreach Committee in order to bring the many library services to our patrons.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PUBLIC HISTORICAL MUSEUM AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority ("Authority") is a joint authority established by Wayne and Oakland Counties ("Counties") pursuant to Michigan Public Act 321 of the Public Acts of 2000, as amended, and was formed to support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, and other public historical museums located in Wayne and Oakland Counties ("Historical Museums") that provide historical museum services for students, residents and visitors of the Counties. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors in *each of the* Counties to levy a tax of 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on taxable property to provide revenue for Historical Museums. It is estimated that if approved and levied on taxable property located within Wayne County, this new millage would generate approximately **\$12,219,200 in 2026**. *In addition to* supporting the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 15% of revenues received by the Authority from taxable property in Wayne County, after Authority administrative expenses, will be disbursed to the County of Wayne for the purposes of supporting Historical Museums in Wayne County. Shall a 0.2 mill tax on all taxable property located within Wayne County be imposed by the Authority for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide historical museum services for the benefit of the residents of the Counties?

VOTE YES or NO

*"We do not have government by the majority.
We have government by the majority who participate."
-Thomas Jefferson*

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

In Support of the Detroit Zoo In 2008 and 2016, pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, Wayne County voters renewed a 10-year property tax millage to fund zoological services through the Wayne County Zoological Authority, supporting animal care for more than 2,000 animals and 200 species, educational and senior programs, and facility maintenance at the Detroit Zoo. To continue providing these services, the Authority seeks to renew and restore the millage to the original voter-approved rate of 0.10 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value). This proposal would renew the millage at 0.0982 mill and restore the remaining 0.0018 mill that was reduced due to required roll-back, for a total authorized rate of 0.10 mill on taxable real and personal property for ten (10) years. If approved, the millage rate would be unchanged from those approved by voters in 2008 and 2016. Funds will be disbursed to the Authority and transferred to the Detroit Zoo as permitted by law. All funds are subject to annual independent audits. It is estimated that \$6,145,462 will be collected in the first year. Ballot Question: Do you approve the renewal and restoration of the levy of 0.10 mill on all taxable property in Wayne County for a period of ten (10) years, from 2028 through 2037?

Vote YES or NO

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP POLICE MILLAGE

Shall Sumpter Township impose a levy up to 5 mills (\$5.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 4 years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for police protection, operations, and maintenance of the Sumpter Township police department, which 5 mills levy will raise an estimated \$2,428,884 in the first year the millage is levied?

Vote YES or NO

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