



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

GARDEN CITY

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 5
Michigan House of Representatives,
Districts 26

Wayne County Executive
Garden City City Council
Schoolcraft College Trustees

Uncontested Races are listed on page 4
Proposals for Wayne County and
Schoolcraft College are on page 5

*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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The work of the League is financed by the dues of its volunteer members and by contributions from citizens in the community. Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. For more information about the League or information about elections, contact the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at: PO Box 51502, Livonia, MI, 48151, or Website: www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org

CANDIDATES <i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i>	Education: How do you evaluate Michigan's current education system in terms of quality, funding, the teacher workforce and standardized testing? What changes, if any, would you propose or support?	Environment/Energy: How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	Immigration: What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
Matt Koleszar (D) Website: mattformichigan.org Facebook: facebook.com/mattformichigan Campaign Twitter Handle: mattformichigan Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, District 22 Education: Bachelor's of Arts in Secondary Education from SVSU. Masters in English Studies for Teachers from EMU Qualifications and Experience: 8 years serving as State Representative in Western Wayne County. 12 years as a public school teacher of U.S. History and Government.	The majority of issues that we're facing in Michigan stem from Snyder-era cuts to our public schools. We are still reeling from a teacher shortage due to the degradation of the pension system, pay freezes, and a general lack of respect for educators. As chair of the Education committee in 2023 & 2024, we made strides to right those wrongs, as well as tackle the literacy crisis. This year, I worked across the aisle to reduce unnecessary standardized testing. We need to continue supporting teachers and we need to see these literacy programs through without flinching.	Michigan's energy policy should prioritize reliability, affordability, and environmental responsibility. We need a modern, resilient grid that can withstand extreme weather and reduce outages. At the same time, energy costs are already too high for many families, so any transition must be cost-effective and protect consumers from unreasonable rate increases. Expanding renewable energy can create jobs and reduce pollution, but when taxpayers subsidize major energy projects, the public should receive a return on that investment through public ownership, revenue sharing, or a long-term public stake.	Anyone who is on U.S. soil deserves due process. This is a fundamental tenant of our nation. In that same vein, the right to free speech and against unreasonable searches are rights that should be afforded to anyone within the country. In the same way that Stop & Frisk was found to be unconstitutional in New York, I think the random ID checks that are being conducted mostly against non-white Americans will be found unconstitutional. Any law enforcement agency that is receiving state funds should not be using their resources to support the federal government's efforts unless there is an immediate threat to public safety.
Estelle Oliansky(R)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PULICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PULICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PULICATION

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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



Michigan House of Representatives, District 26 - 2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

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Dylan Wegela (D) Website: dylanwegela.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/DylanWegela26 Campaign Twitter Handle: @dylanwegela Occupation/Current Position: State Representative District 26 Education: Bachelor's Degree (Eastern Michigan) Qualifications and Experience: State Representative MI District 26, Teacher, #RedForED and Union Organizer, Democratic Socialist	Michigan public schools are underfunded by billions of dollars. We need to fully fund our public schools, and stop stealing money that was meant for Michigan's K-12 public schools to offset cuts caused by giving corporations tax breaks. Universal public education is a human right, and Michigan students and teachers deserve the respect and resources they need to learn and teach. Here's how: 1. Tax the rich to fully fund schools and give educators a raise. 2. Make free breakfast and lunch permanent. 3. Make public universities tuition free. 4. Fund universal public pre-K for all. 5. Limit and replace standardized testing.	We must do everything we can to address Climate Change. We need to hold corporations accountable by passing polluter pay laws. We need to take on DTE by banning corporate money from politics, pass a ratepayer bill of rights, and fight for a system where our utilities owned by us, not Wall Street. We must take on AI data centers. I have introduced legislation to put a moratorium on data centers, as well as repeal their tax breaks.	Before 2003, ICE did not exist. We must abolish ICE and develop sensible and humane immigration policies. We must investigate and prosecute ICE agents that are illegally kidnapping, detaining, and deporting our immigrant neighbors. While we cannot rely exclusively on the courts to protect us, it's notable that ICE has lost in court over 4,400 times since October 2025 for wrongfully detaining people. ICE is currently operating as a rogue agency, repeatedly violating our constitution. When this administration is out of office, we must hold them accountable for ignoring our constitutional rights.
Chris Dobis (R) Website: www.chrisdobis.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/share/18TJ49syfn/?mibextid=wwXlfr Campaign Twitter Handle: @ccdoober Occupation / Current Position: Test Engineer Education: College Qualifications and Experience: Tired of the same old crap in Lansing	Our state is near dead last in reading and math scores. We must do better. We need to get back to phonics based reading, and get rid of common core math. Get back to the basics and prepare our kids for their future in Michigan.	We must update the power grid. DTE and Consumers energy have been fleecing us for years, and making profit their main goal. We must hold them accountable for this old system, and force them to modernize it to make it more reliable. This would make it more affordable in the long run, when there is less upkeep and always fixing, instead of updating.	If you are an illegal immigrant you do not have "due process" rights in this country. The constitution is for citizens of this country, not for foreign nationals. They must leave and come back the proper way, just like hundreds of thousands before them. They broke the law by overstaying their visa or broke into our country. That isn't something that we should overlook.

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

Unopposed (Uncontested) Races

Candidates for this list of Wayne County, Municipal, 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.

- 21st District Court Judge: 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
- Schoolcraft College Partial Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Garden City Mayor: 4-Year Term, 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Garden City Public Schools Board of Education: 4-Year Term, 4 candidates running for 4 positions
- Garden City School Public Schools Board of Education Partial Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Garden City Library Board: 6 year Term, 2 candidates running for 2 positions

Garden City City Council - 4-year term

VOTE FOR 2

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>
Kim Dold (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Stacy Karafotis (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Lee Lubinski (NPA)	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

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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 rollback, 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

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE PROPOSAL

Renewal of Schoolcraft College Operating Millage with continued Headlee Override To renew the millage passed in 2018 for a ten (10) year period, shall the Schoolcraft Community College District, (consisting of the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of the Novi public school districts) be authorized to continue levying this millage with Headlee override, which restored the 1986 voter-approved rate of 2.27 mills (about \$2.27 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), which shall be assessed for ten (10) more years (2029 through 2038, inclusive), without further reduction by Section 31 of Article IX of the 1963 Michigan State Constitution, for operating purposes of Schoolcraft College. If approved, there would be no change in the current millage rate for the Schoolcraft Community College District. This renewal is estimated to generate \$50,760,711 in 2029.

VOTE YES or NO

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?
Brian D. Broderick (NPA) Campaign Phone: 7346343204 Campaign Email: bdbroderick@yahoo.com Occupation/Current Profession: Executive Director Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools Education: B.A. University of Notre Dame, Juris Doctorate University of Detroit School of Law, Masters in Public Administration WSU	I have served as a Trustee at Schoolcraft College since 1995. The college plays a critical role in the community providing transformational education experience for students as well as being an economic driver for western Wayne County. Under the leadership of the administration and Board of Trustees the college is fiscally sound and remains affordable for all students. I want to continue the work of the school to expand access and opportunity for all who come to Schoolcraft College.	Financial constraints are the most pressing issues facing Schoolcraft. We have been innovative and resourceful in financing the operations of college in the face of declining state appropriations all while keeping tuition low. This is important work that requires visionary leadership and a steady governing board. Another priority is student retention and completion. Michigan suffers from a low college attendance rate. Schoolcraft is well positioned to provide education and training to impact the workforce and serve students of all ages.
Jackie Coleman (NPA) Campaign Phone: 7345643535 Campaign Email: jackic@comcast.net Occupation/Current Profession: Teacher Education: Ed. Specialist in Special Education Leadership, Masters in Speech Pathology	It is an honor to serve on the board of this wonderful community resource. I very much want to continue. My background is that I have been a special education teacher for over 30 years in the Livonia Public Schools. My husband is a union electrician and I have two daughters who both graduated from Plymouth Canton Community Schools.	Priorities for the board include supporting the current bond proposal and continued support of the college's synergetic relationships with businesses and institutions in our community.
Candy R. Little (NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Alexander D. Steward(NPA)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

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We have government by the majority who participate.”*

-Thomas Jefferson