

## FINDING THE MIDDLE – SUNDAY LOCAL EDITION

### Detroit & Michigan at a Crossroads – Jobs, Crime, Housing & 2026

#### 1) Michigan Jobs & EV Layoffs

- GM Factory ZERO: ~1,200 layoffs due to EV production slowdown.
- Avancez supplier layoffs: 143 workers affected.
- XALT Energy closures: 300+ battery plant jobs cut.

#### 2) Detroit Crime & Public Safety

- 2024 homicides: 203 (lowest since mid-1960s).
- 2025 YTD: Violent crime down 15–30%.
- Community violence initiatives showed up to 80% reductions in hot zones.

#### 3) Housing, Affordability & Evictions

- Michigan: Only 39 affordable units per 100 low-income households.
- Detroit rents up 40–55% since 2017.
- District Detroit reduced affordable housing commitments.
- Detroit's Right to Counsel provides eviction legal assistance.

#### 4) Michigan 2026 Governor's Race

- Democrats: Benson, Gilchrist, and others.
- Republicans: Cox, James, additional contenders.
- Mike Duggan exploring independent run.

#### 5) Protests, Surveillance & Identity Issues

- University of Michigan used undercover private security to monitor protests.
- Dearborn Heights paused Arabic-language police patch after controversy.

#### 6) Housing Snapshot

- Metro Detroit median home: ~\$195K vs \$438K nationally.
- Michigan rents increased 31% since 2010.

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