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Republicans Building Momentum to Turn Michigan Red

Republicans across Michigan are already hard at work preparing for the 2026 elections. With major statewide races on the horizon, the effort to turn Michigan red has begun now — not next year. Planning sessions, grassroots organizing, and early fundraising events are already underway to ensure our candidates have the resources and momentum they need to win.



One of the most important opportunities to show your support will be the **Lincoln Day Dinner on October 6th**. This signature event will feature **Tudor Dixon** as our keynote speaker, offering insights and inspiration as we look ahead to 2026. A special **VIP Reception with photo opportunities** will be held before the dinner for those who want to connect more personally.



In addition, **sponsorships** and **ads in the official Event Program** are available, providing a great way for businesses, organizations, and individuals to both support our mission and showcase their commitment to Republican values.

Now is the time to get involved. By attending events like the Lincoln Day Dinner, supporting fundraisers, and engaging in grassroots efforts, each of us can play a role in building the strength and unity needed for victory. Together, Republicans can and will turn Michigan red in 2026.

Visit us at 4607 Bay Road, in Saginaw Twp.

(across from Fashion Square Mall and Firestone --- same plaza as Coops Gym and Hunan's Restaurant)

Open Tuesday – Saturday 11AM – 5PM Closed Sunday & Monday 989-401-2733

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Executive Committee Meeting

(Closed Meeting)
Saginaw GOP HQ
Thurs, Sept 11, 6pm

General Membership Meeting

Saginaw GOP HQ
Thurs, Sept 11, 7pm

Saginaw GOP Online Prayer

Tues, Sept 16, at 11:00

Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference

Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
Sept 19th-21st

Youth Night

Saginaw GOP HQ
Friday, Sept 19, at 5pm

Lincoln Day Dinner

Saginaw Country Club
Mon., Oct. 6th

A Dual Event

Ladies of the 8th Christmas High Tea and for the Men of the 8th A Statesman's Pour

Saginaw Club
Saturday, Nov 15th at 4pm

Governor Candidates' Forum

SVSU Conference Center
March 5th, 2026



As Big Pharma drives up the cost of life-saving medications, American families pay the price. Enough is enough. The Pharmaceutical Reform Alliance is calling on policymakers to rein in Big Pharma and prioritize measures that lower drug costs for all.

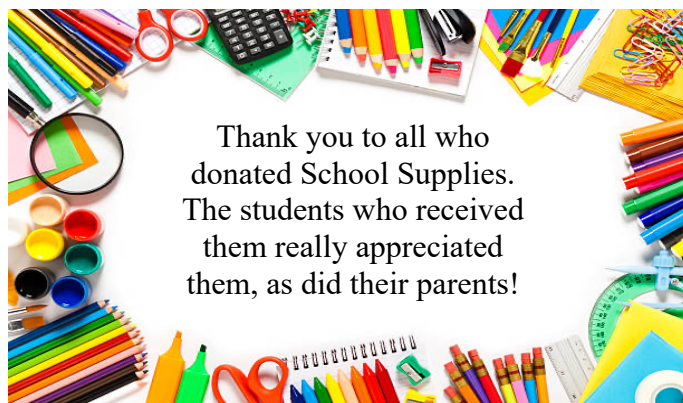
<https://www.pharmareformalliance.com/about->

AX MI TAX Petitions

are available for signing
at the Saginaw GOP Office

4607 Bay Rd

<https://www.axmitax.org>



Thank you to all who
donated School Supplies.
The students who received
them really appreciated
them, as did their parents!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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_____ (DIST 35)

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EZEKIEL ZELLE	PHIL ZAROO



The Saginaw County Republican Party depends on dues, donations, fundraisers for financial support. Our leadership, staff, and workers are all volunteers. We work together toward one singular goal: to elect Republicans locally and statewide. We need to turn back to the conservative values Michigan was built on.

Attend fundraisers and volunteer when you can and/or click the link to

[PAY DUES OR DONATE](#)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!



<https://secure.anedot.com/saginaw-county-republican-party/scrplld2025>



Saginaw County Republican Party
Lincoln Day Dinner

Featuring a Keynote Speaker dedicated to Michigan's future

TUDOR DIXON

Host of The Tudor Dixon Podcast
Businesswoman - Political Commentator

Monday, October 6th

SAGINAW COUNTRY CLUB

VIP Reception with Photo Opportunity 5:30pm

Dinner 6:30pm



Sponsorship Opportunities
Scan QR Code for Perks
and Event Program Ads Options

Liberty Leader	\$3000
Freedom Fighter	\$2000
Constitution Defender	\$1000
American Eagle	\$ 500
Friend of the Party	\$ 250

VIP (Reception & Dinner) Individual Ticket	\$	150
VIP (Reception & Dinner) Couple - 2 Tickets	\$	280
VIP (Reception & Dinner) Table of 8	\$	1150
Dinner Only Individual Ticket	\$	75
Dinner Only Couple - 2 Tickets	\$	140
Dinner Only Table of 8	\$	575



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Questions? Contact Lori Patterson lorsch69@yahoo.com or Amy Carl agentamy21@aol.com

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Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference



Saginaw County Republicans Head to Mackinac

September 19–21, 2025
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

Saginaw County Republican leaders are proud to join conservatives from across Michigan at the **Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference**, the premier gathering of our party at the historic Grand Hotel.

This exciting event brings together the brightest minds and strongest voices in the Republican movement to share ideas, build momentum, and chart the course for Michigan’s future. High-profile speakers this year include Congresswoman Lisa McClain, Congressman Tim Walberg, RNC Chairman Michael Whatley, and Michigan’s own House Speaker Matt Hall and Senate Republican Leader Aric Nesbitt.

For Saginaw County, being part of Mackinac means more than just attending—it means standing up, being heard, and making sure our community’s priorities are part of the statewide Republican vision.

Particularly after the 35th Congressional District has been ignored by the current Democratic Governor and left without a state senator for far too long, **it** is clear that someone must step up and ensure that Saginaw County is not forgotten.

“The Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference is where Michigan Republicans set the tone for victory. By being there, Saginaw County is making sure our voices are strong, our values are represented, and our county is ready to lead,”

With the critical 2026 elections on the horizon, including the governor’s and U.S. Senate races, Saginaw Republicans are energized, united, and determined to make sure our community has a seat at the table.

Saginaw County is on the map—and we’re bringing our voice to Mackinac!

With key elections approaching in 2026, including Michigan’s gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races, participation at the MRLC underscores Saginaw County’s commitment to advancing Republican values, strengthening grassroots efforts, and preparing for victory.

PROTEST FATIGUE

Enough is Enough in Saginaw County

Once again, a group of liberal activists is planning to gather outside the **Saginaw County Republican Party Headquarters**. They'll stand on street corners, wave their signs, and shout at passing cars. But let's be honest: this isn't courage, and it certainly isn't persuasion. It's noise.

This is what many call **protest fatigue**. People are tired of the constant theatrics. These same groups pick the most conservative areas in the county, not to spark dialogue, but to provoke. Instead of making their case with facts or ideas, they scream slogans into the wind. It doesn't win hearts, it doesn't solve problems, and it doesn't make our community stronger.

What's worse, these antics only fuel division. While real issues face Saginaw County, such as jobs, schools, safe neighborhoods, these protesters would rather play politics on the sidewalk. It's silly, it's unproductive, and it shows just how out of touch some activists have become.

That's why conservatives must respond, but not by shouting back, but by **showing up**. Let's keep building, organizing, and supporting the events that actually strengthen our party and our community. A perfect example is the upcoming **Lincoln Day Dinner on October 6th**, featuring **Tudor Dixon as keynote speaker**. With a VIP reception and photo opportunity, plus sponsorships and program ads available, this dinner is about more than politics—it's about unity, momentum, and preparing to turn Michigan red.

Republicans are focused on preparing for the future. Meanwhile, the left is stuck on the street corner yelling. At the end of the day, Saginaw residents want solutions, not sideshows. Let's prove that by standing strong, united, and ready to lead, starting at the Lincoln Day Dinner.





THE SAGINAW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESENTS

YOUTH NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 5 PM

Saginaw GOP HQ: 4607 Bay Rd.

Join us for a fun night filled with pizza, games and friendship!

Please RSVP with Rebecca Yager, Youth Chair

(P): 989-493-7753

(E): wardinr125@gmail.com



Ranked-Choice Voting

A Scheme to Divide and Confuse Michigan Voters

Some groups are pushing to bring *Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV)* to Michigan, promising that it will make elections “fairer.” But behind the slick talking points is a system that confuses voters, delays results, and often leads to outcomes that don’t reflect the true will of the people.

Ballots Can Be Thrown Out

In RCV, if all the candidates you rank are eliminated in successive rounds, your ballot is “exhausted” — tossed out before the final tally. That means **your vote no longer counts toward deciding the winner**, even if you showed up, followed instructions, and cast a ballot. In Maine, where RCV is used statewide, studies show up to **60% of winners were declared with support from fewer than half of all voters who cast ballots**.

Delayed Election Results Breed Distrust

Traditional Michigan elections give us results on Election Night. With RCV, results take days or even weeks, because every ballot must be re-tabulated in multiple rounds. These delays fuel rumors, conspiracy theories, and mistrust in the system. **We need clarity and transparency, not confusion and waiting games.**

It’s Confusing for Voters

Even supporters of RCV admit it’s complicated. Voters must rank multiple candidates correctly — and many ballots are discarded for being filled out “wrong.” In places like New York City, confusion was so high that **tens of thousands of ballots were disqualified in the very first RCV election**.

It Divides and Weakens Conservative Voters

RCV can actually punish grassroots conservative candidates. If several like-minded candidates split the vote, the transfers often push through a less-preferred candidate from the other side. That means the system could **weaken the very base it pretends to empower**.

Michigan Law Blocks It — For Now

Though some cities (Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Ferndale) have voted for RCV, **Michigan law does not currently allow it**. Pro-RCV groups are already gearing up for a **2026 statewide ballot proposal**. Meanwhile, Republican legislators are working on bills to permanently ban it. The fight is coming.

Side-by-Side Comparison

Traditional Voting


One person, one vote
Clear, fast results
Every valid ballot counts until the end
Easy to understand
Strong voter trust

Ranked-Choice Voting

Multiple rankings per voter
Delayed, multi-round counts
Many ballots “exhausted” and thrown out
Confusing and error-prone
Distrust and frustration

Why This Matters for Saginaw County

Michigan families are already stretched by high taxes, inflation, and uncertainty. The last thing voters need is a new voting system that is confusing, divisive, and expensive to implement. Ranked-Choice Voting isn’t about making democracy better — it’s about changing the rules to benefit special interests

 **Bottom Line:** Ranked-Choice Voting is a scheme designed to divide and confuse Michigan voters. Let’s keep our elections simple, transparent, and trustworthy.

The Ladies of the 8th
Congressional District

Christmas High Tea

fine teas, elegant drinks, delicate savories, & sweet confections

for the Men of the 8th

A Statesmen's Pour

ales and robust beverages and hearty Pub Burger Bar



DATE CHANGE

*Saturday,
Nov 15th at 4pm*

SAGINAW CLUB

219 N. Washington Ave, Saginaw

Tickets: \$45/person

Couples: \$80



THE SPEAKERS
WILL BE
UNVEILED
AS SOON AS WE
GET THAT
FINAL
CONFIRMATION!
CHECK BACK!

speaking in the Card Room at the 'Men's Pour plus..

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Remembering our History....

Eisenhower and the Interstate Highway System

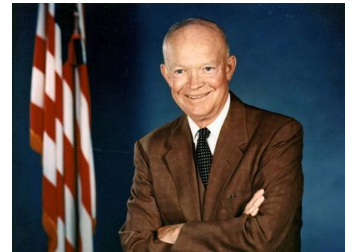
Have you taken a vacation this summer? Did you travel over an interstate highway? If you did, you might say a prayer of thanksgiving for President Dwight D. Eisenhower (R)!



In 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model T—a dependable, affordable car soon found in many American garages. By 1927, his company had sold nearly 15 million of them! “Automobiling” became, no longer a mere luxury for the wealthy, but a necessity for everyday Americans. Other manufacturers took note & began building affordable cars as well.

A nation of drivers needs good roads—but building roads was EXPENSIVE. Who would pay?? At first, private companies built & operated them for a profit. However, car companies, manufacturers, gas station owners & suburban developers set out to convince state/local governments that roads were a public concern—and they were successful! Elected officials began using taxpayer dollars to construct & improve roads. Prior to 1956, the federal government split the cost of roads with the states (except for the New Deal public works agencies)—but this was not getting roads built fast enough. Enter Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Eisenhower’s experience as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in western Europe during World War 2 convinced him of the value of high-quality, long-distance roads. Deeply impressed by the German Autobahn, he saw how good roads permitted quick & efficient transit of troops & supplies. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 had authorized the construction of a 40,000-mile “National System of Interstate Highways” in the U.S., but offered no way to pay for it. So, after he became president in 1953, Eisenhower resolved to build the highways that lawmakers had been talking about for years.



In 1954, he appointed Lieut. Gen. Lucius Clay, one of his former aides & an engineer, to lead the President’s Advisory Committee on the National Highway System. Clay’s committee drafted a plan, highlighting increases in safety, enhanced economic activity, cost reductions, and benefits to national defense as compelling reasons to invest billions into highways. The national-defense argument became more convincing as the Cold War progressed—fear of nuclear conflict & the need for mass evacuations of urban areas galvanized support. At Eisenhower’s urging, Congress passed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, creating the Interstate

Highway System as we know it today. The law authorized the construction of 41,000 miles of interstate highway spanning the nation, and allocated \$26 billion to pay for them. The federal government would pay 90% of the cost through increasing the gasoline tax from 2 cents a gallon to 3.

Over decades in construction, our interstate highway system was the largest public works project in our history—pumping billions into the economy all over the nation, and continuing to do so today thru ongoing maintenance & repairs. Even Hawaii, Alaska & Puerto Rico have “interstate highways” because this term designates a class of road whose funding & upkeep are mostly provided by the federal government. President Eisenhower spent years guiding the implementation of the 1956 Highway Act—thus becoming “the Father of the Interstate System.” Although our interstates were created, in part, to help in the event of an emergency, these highways—with their controlled-access, absence of intersections (thanks to overpasses & underpasses), minimum of 4 lanes, and design supporting high-speed driving—bolster interstate commerce. Trucks move products & supplies quickly. The mobility of Americans fuels the growth of suburbia & the popularity of vacation travel (& the hospitality industry). Today, Americans drive more than 285 million cars & trucks over 48,890 miles of America’s Interstate Highway System. Thank you, President Eisenhower!





Save the date!

Saginaw County Republican Party
is proud to announce

GOVERNOR CANDIDATES' FORUM

Featuring an
Exclusive Dinner with the Candidates

March 5, 2026
SVSU Conference Center



School Bond Millage Increases

With nothing else on the ballot, there will be a special election in Saginaw Twp and Birch Run for **November 4th 2025**. Saginaw Township Community Schools is proposing a **\$169.2 million bond** which the school board presents as “affordable” for local residents, however many who already are finding it hard to make ends meet do not agree. It is a large

amount they want to borrow and the interest on nearly \$170 million over 25 years will have taxpayers footing the bill for 25 years. They will be paying long after the improvements and technology they want to buy will be obsolete and in need of upgrading again. Even the fact that the board has chosen to hold an election when nothing else is on the ballot demonstrates poor planning as it will generate yet another bill of approx. \$120,000 to be paid. They did the same thing two years ago and paid for that election which failed.

Likewise in Birch Run the school board there has proposed a \$17.8 million. Michigan’s property tax system already places many homeowners at risk. Falling behind on taxes—even by a small amount—can eventually lead to **foreclosure**. Seniors, veterans, and fixed-income households are particularly vulnerable. Adding a **long-term bond of these sizes increases these risks**, making it **essential for voters to** fully understand the financial commitment **before casting a ballot**. Voters across the region are being asked to dig deeper into their wallets, with little assurance these spending plans will deliver results.

More Volunteers Needed for Free Food Distributions in Saginaw County



The risk of going hungry continues to affect many families across Saginaw County. Local groups like Hidden Harvest, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, East Side Soup Kitchen, and The Caring Closet provide free groceries and meals each week, **but the need keeps growing**. More volunteers are always needed.



More and more people, businesses, and organizations are stepping up to purchase a semi of food from Hidden Harvest or The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Likewise, the Saginaw County Republican Party have stepped up to lend a hand for those in need by working to distribute food. If you are willing to pack food boxes, sort donations, and assist at distribution events, please let us know. Without enough helping hands, it becomes harder to meet the rising demand. By volunteering even just one morning a month, you can help us make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.



To get involved, contact our office. Working together, we are helping those in need to feed their families during a difficult time.

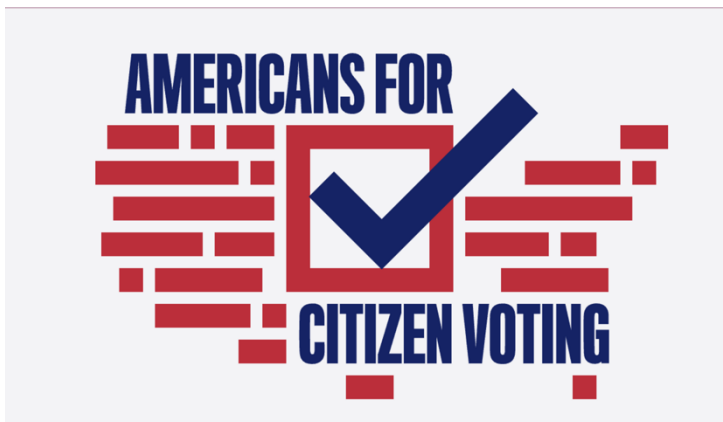
AMERICANS FOR CITIZEN VOTING: SECURING MICHIGAN ELECTIONS

Americans for Citizen Voting (<https://www.michcov.com>) is leading a ballot initiative to amend the Michigan state constitution to require that *only U.S. citizens* may vote in Michigan elections. The measure also calls for stricter voter ID laws and regular voter roll verification.

Supporters, including state Republican leaders, say the proposal is needed to restore confidence in elections. Opponents, like the ACLU of Michigan and Common Cause, argue it would create unnecessary barriers and disenfranchise eligible voters.



The Citizens Only Voting Initiative delivers the safeguards Michigan voters need to restore confidence in our elections. This isn't about partisanship — it's about protecting the voices of real Michigan citizens and ensuring that every lawful vote counts. The initiative takes a three-step approach to secure the integrity of our elections:



Citizens-Only Guarantee

Our initiative amends the Michigan Constitution to clearly state that only U.S. citizens may vote in state and local elections. This closes the loopholes that allow non-citizens to slip through the cracks and ensures our elections remain for citizens only.

Voter Roll Verification

It requires the Michigan Secretary of State to regularly review the voter rolls and remove any non-citizens who are found. Clean and accurate

voter rolls are the backbone of fair elections, and this mandate ensures every ballot cast comes from a qualified voter.

Photo ID Requirement

The initiative establishes a commonsense requirement that voters present a valid photo ID before casting a ballot. This safeguard confirms voter identity, prevents fraud, and protects the value of every legitimate vote.

Together, these reforms will restore trust in Michigan's elections, strengthen our democracy, and ensure that the voices shaping our future are the voices of Michigan citizens.

The campaign is now gathering signatures to qualify for the 2026 ballot.

Stop by the office to sign the petition.

FINALLY!!!

Governor Whitmer Calls for a Special Election for a State Senator in the 35th District



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LANSING

GARLIN GILCHRIST II
LT. GOVERNOR

August 29, 2025

The Honorable Jocelyn Benson
Secretary of State
Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Dear Secretary Benson,

Under section 13 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.178 and MCL 168.634, I issue this call for a special primary election and special election for the 35th District of the Michigan Senate. This election call is issued for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet.

The vacancy described above will be filled according to the following schedule:

**4:00 p.m. on
September 30, 2025**

Last Date for Democratic and
Republican Party candidates to file
affidavits of identity and nominating
petitions or filing fee – by 4:00 p.m.

**February 3, 2026
May 5, 2026**

Special Primary Election.
Special Election.

Please initiate the procedures required under Michigan law to accomplish this call for a special election. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

cc: Bay, Midland, and Saginaw County Clerks