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Election Law Implementation at Polling Places and Counting Boards

Michigan elections are among the strongest and most secure in the nation. False information about elections is dangerous to our democracy. Fact Checks provide factual information so all Michiganders can have faith in our elections.

Michigan election law authorizes the Secretary of State to issue instructions for the conduct of elections and registrations, including advising and direct-

ing local election officials and publishing a manual of instructions. The Michigan Election Administrators Manual was drafted more than a decade ago and has not changed significantly since then. Michigan’s elections are administered by the state’s 1,520 township and city clerks, who follow both the law and instructions in the Administrators Manual. The law gives clerks and the election inspectors they hire the authority to maintain peace, regularity and order at polling places and absentee ballot counting boards, and the Administrators Manual therefore requires election challengers to interact with a challenger liaison, as that is an efficient and consistent procedure for resolving challenges while maintaining order. Similarly, clerks and election inspectors have the authority to eject challengers who repeatedly disobey they law and issue challenges that are impermissible under the law.

The law also protects the voter’s right to a secret ballot, which is why the Administrators Manual prohibits the use of cameras and recording devices in polling places and counting boards. Voters are allowed to take a photo of their ballot while in the voting booth, if they do so without photographing anything in addition to the ballot. At the clerk’s

discretion, media organizations may be allowed to record quick panning shots of polling places as long as they do not capture personal information of voters. **Absentee ballot drop boxes are secure and convenient for voters**

Absentee ballot drop boxes provide a convenient and secure way for voters to return their absentee ballots to their local clerk, and township and city election clerks have accepted absentee ballots in drop boxes for many years. The state Legislature codified the practice in 2020 by passing [legislation](#) with bipartisan support to ensure drop box security. That was the first statewide election cycle in which all Michigan voters had the right to vote absentee – following a 2018 voter-approved constitutional amendment. Also, in 2020 all Michigan clerks had access to federal funds to use for drop boxes.

All videos suggesting drop boxes were used to commit election fraud in Michigan have been debunked for lack of evidence and understanding of Michigan election law. For example: In a video where a person is shown possibly bringing and signing more than one ballot to a drop box, they can legally be returning ballots for voters who are family members or members of their household, or voters who have a disability or otherwise need assistance. If so, the signature of the person bringing the ballot

is required in addition to the signature of the voter. Further, all absentee ballot envelopes are checked to ensure the signature of the voter matches their signature the clerk has on file with their voter registration. In a video where a person is shown possibly transporting blank absentee ballots, they can be delivering them to satellite clerk offices for voters to use, or to an absentee counting board to duplicate military ballots that come in from overseas and need to be put on different paper to go through a tabulator.

Where a U.S. Postal Service employee is shown possibly putting absentee ballot applications or ballots into a drop box, this is a normal and legal activity, as USPS workers are required to expedite the return of election mail either by delivery to the clerk’s office or drop box.

Certification

The bipartisan boards of canvassers at the county and state level are required by law to affirm the will of the people as demonstrated by the number of votes cast for each candidate in an election.

Following the 2020 general election, the boards of canvassers in all of Michigan’s 83 counties, as well as the board of state canvassers, certified the results.

Each board is comprised of two Republicans and two Democrats. Michigan law provides the coun-

ty canvassers 14 days to examine everything that transpired in the elections in jurisdictions in their counties, and then certify the results and election. The state board of canvassers subsequently must vote to certify all the county elections. If canvassers were to encounter any evidence of fraud, they would need to report it to law enforcement. Following the 2020 election, no canvassers reported any fraud or other illegal activity occurred.

The Board of Wayne County Canvassers initially deadlocked 2-2 in its vote to certify, but later in the same meeting, members voted 4-0 to certify. The initial vote was taken after some canvassers expressed concern about precincts that were out of balance in Detroit. However, out-of-balance precincts are common in Michigan and across the nation. They essentially represent clerical errors where the number of people who were checked into each poll book doesn’t exactly match the number of votes counted or ballots submitted. There are many reasons this can occur: for example, a voter being checked in at the right polling place but the wrong precinct, or a voter checking in but leaving with their ballot if they decide not to vote. In fact, at least 72% of all Detroit precincts were balanced

or explained, compared to just 42% in 2016, when both the boards of county and state canvassers certified the election.

Are Minorities Underrepresented in STEM?

In short, the answer is yes. According to the National Science Foundation, the STEM workforce is 89% white and 72% male, while the overall workforce is 78% white and 53% male. Preliminary 2020 U.S. Census data shows that the United States is diversifying more rapidly than expected, with nearly four of 10 Americans identifying with a race or ethnic group other than white. The STEM workforce does not reflect this increasing diversity. This is a major issue for STEM fields, and particularly for the tech industry. We are going to take a closer look at underrepresentation in the tech field and explore this topic further.

What are underrepresented minorities in tech? The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics defines an underrepresented minority as three racial or ethnic minority groups (Black or African Americans; Hispanics or Latinos; and Native Americans or Alaska Natives) whose representation in science and engineering education or employment is smaller than their representation in the U.S. population.

When looking at who is considered an underrepresented minority, it is important to keep in mind that the term “underrepresented minority” is a general umbrella used most often in educational or research settings. The specific circumstances and factors that lead to underrepresentation are unique to each group. So we will refer to these groups individually as much as possible throughout this piece instead of focusing on the umbrella term that might misrepresent their unique barriers.

How diverse is the tech industry? Looking at diversity in the tech industry statistics, the answer is clear: the tech industry has a big issue.

While reading this section, keep in mind the population segments in the United States:

- 13.4% – Black
- 18.5% – Latinx
- 1.3% – Native American/Alaskan Native
- 0.2% – Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Looking at Black computer science graduates, we see the lack of diversity represented starkly. According to the U.S. Census, Black Americans comprise 13.4% of the general population. Duke University looked at computer science graduates between 2011 and 2018 and found that Black students made up only 3% of the graduating classes. Federal data shows that from 2017 to 2019, only 8.6% of computer science graduates were Black.

Computer science also has one of the lowest percentages of female degree recipients. In fact, only 19.9% of computer science undergraduate degrees were awarded to women in 2018, despite 50.8% of the population being women.

Intersectionality is important to examine as well. Women earn 21% of all doctorates in computing;

less than 5% are awarded to Black, Latinx, Native American/Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander women, however.

Big tech companies began publishing annual diversity reports in 2014, but the numbers have not moved much since that time. For example, Black workers represented 3% of Facebook’s workforce in 2014 and that number has only increased to 3.8% over



the time of reporting. Women have moved up as a higher fraction of the workforce, with Google and Facebook’s percentage of female workers in 2014 hovering around 15%, increasing to 23% at the beginning of 2019.

Google’s 2020 annual diversity report did show some improvement, although not enough to be able to claim parity—5.5% of employees identifying as Black or Black and any other race, and 6.6% identifying as Latinx or Latinx and any other race. 32.5% of employees identified as women. This is not an isolated case, as industry peers show similarly skewed statistics. Amazon and Apple had slightly higher proportions of Black and Latinx employees due to the retail and warehousing units where these communities have greater representation in these companies.

Why diversity in tech is important

Diversity in the tech industry can sometimes seem like a nice buzzword or pat-yourself-on-the-back type of goal for businesses to achieve. However, building inclusivity and diversity into the tech industry is necessary and beneficial for all parties. Here are a few of the many reasons why diversity in tech is important

Homogenized Workers = Homogenized Products

The real world is a diverse place. If your team is composed of people who all look the same and come from similar backgrounds, then they will most likely build a product that is targeted for people who look like themselves. To create products that work for everyone, it’s necessary to include input from a diverse range of people.

Increased Profits

One global survey found that when profitable firms moved from no female leaders to 30% representation, there was a 15% increase in the net revenue margin. Gender diversity leads to increased profits, and diversity in general is simply good for your bottom line.

Creative & Quick Solutions

Diverse teams bring together a range of different knowledge bases. They are able to provide perspectives that can help solve problems in innovative ways quicker than groups who share similar perspectives and backgrounds. In fact, a diverse team is able to identify and solve issues that a homogenized team would overlook. Diverse teams provide better outcomes.

Customer Connection

Software is used by humans, and these end-users of these products are a diverse group of people. Diverse teams tap into their own knowledge bases and create products that all customers can connect with. Why is there a lack of diversity in the tech industry? There is no one answer to this question, due to the fact that there are complex and interrelated structural and social barriers that keep diversity from thriving in the tech industry. : (cont’d on page 4)

For example, one study done by Gallup and Google in collaboration found that structural barriers such as limited access and exposure to computer science create disparities. This study found that Black students are less likely than white students to have classes dedicated to computer science at the school they attend (47% vs. 58%, respectively), and that Black (58%) and Hispanic (50%) students are less likely than white students (68%) to use a computer at home at least most days of the week.

The social barriers include issues with the perception that computer science is a field for white men and found that female students are less likely than male students to be aware of computer science learning opportunities on the Internet and in their community. How do we solve the lack of diversity in the tech industry?

While there are no easy answers, there are specific actions that can, and should, be taken. At Eleven Fifty Academy, we have partnered with community leaders like Martin University, Eastern Star Church, The Excel Center, and Indy Women in Tech to work together towards increasing tech industry access for women, minorities, veterans, and rural populations. Our Advancing Tech in 46218 plan is to build a tech hub in the middle of this historically Black neighborhood with the help of our community partners. We also offer free introductory online courses as well as a variety of tech bootcamps with part time and full-time options to fit busy schedules. Article and picture courtesy of www.elevenfifty.com



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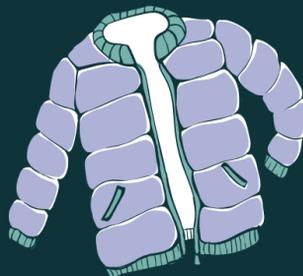
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Voting at the Polls

Do's and Don'ts

- Do:** Check your registration and find your polling place at Michigan.gov/Vote. If your registration is not up to date, visit your clerk's office immediately with proof of residency.
- Do:** Bring photo identification with you. If you do not have photo ID, you will need to sign a statement before voting.
- Do:** Request use of the Voter Assist Terminal. if you have a disability or would prefer to use it.
- Do:** Maintain the secrecy of your ballot. Keep your ballot in its secrecy sleeve, except when voting, and then up until the time you feed it into the tabulator.
- Don't:** Speak to anyone who says they are a poll watcher or challenger. They are not allowed to speak to voters. Report violations to an election worker immediately.
- Don't:** Leave the polling place without voting. The law requires that anyone in line by 8 p.m. be allowed to vote.
- Don't:** Allow anyone else to cast your ballot for you. It is your ballot and you must place it into the tabulator.

Report any voter intimidation, harassment or coercion you witness.

Notify an election worker or contact the nonpartisan election protection hotline at **866-OUR-VOTE**.

For personalized voter info visit:

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Foster Community Center Opens A Pop-Up Satellite Clerk's Office for Voter Registration And Early Voting



LANSING, MI —Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope, Mayor Andy Schor, , Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, Eastside Neighborhood Organization President Nancy Mahlow, and Lansing Branches Head Librarian Melissa Cole opened the “Pop Up Satellite

Lansing City Clerk’s Office at the Foster Community Center, 200 N Foster Ave., with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the one-stop location for voter services for city residents.

At the Foster Center Lab Room 110, Lansing City voters will be able to register to vote, pick up an absentee ballot, or receive a replacement ballot for a spoiled or lost absentee ballot. The “Pop-Up” Office will be open 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until November 6th, stop issuing ballots at 4:00 p.m. on November 7th, and be open Election Day from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

“The opening of this Pop-Up Office coincides with the requirement that all new voter registrations must be in person from October 25 thru Election Day,” said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope. “There is no voter registration deadline in Michigan. However, the process does change from online to in-person with proof of residency. I also want to thank the Capital Area District Library for sharing their Foster Lab Room for two weeks so that we can provide this additional option.” Newly registered voters may also vote in the same visit when they provide proof of their residency, even in electronic form. They also have the option of receiving a receipt and vote at their precinct on Election

Day.

The other Clerk’s Office include the South Washington Elections Unit in the back of the building at 2500 South Washington with weekend hours from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on October 29th, November 5th and 6th, and Lansing City Hall with traditional hours from weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

With the addition of the Red Cedar Development, housing hundreds of Michigan State University and Lansing Community College students, the Foster Community Center offers a convenient option for thousands of new residents and makes voting more accessible to a larger portion of the community.

“I am excited for the increased opportunities being provided for city of Lansing voters, said Mayor Andy Schor. “The Eastside has an influx of new voters due to successful development projects and increased housing options, and now they will have an easy option to vote here at Foster. Lansing is proud have several voting locations to choose from that will make voting easy for our residents and minimize wait times at any location.”

More Lansing City voter information is available at lansingvotes.gov or contact Clerk Swope’s Office at city.clerk@lansingmi.gov or 517-483-4131.



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- Clerk's Election Unit - 2500 S Washington Ave - 8a-5p M-F, Sept 29 - Nov 7
- Weekend Hours at Clerk's Election Unit 10 am - 6 pm Oct 29, Nov 5 & Nov 6
- City Hall - 9th Floor - 124 W Michigan Ave, 9th Floor - Open 8-5 M-F, Sept 29 - Nov 7

✓Vote Nov 8

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By Ernie Boone

EAST LANSING - Michigan State's football team scored a pair of overtime touchdowns to beat Wisconsin, 34-28, and end a four-game losing streak at Spartan Stadium here October 15.

The Homecoming victory came just in time to give the Spartans hope in their Saturday, October 29 nighttime visit to the Michigan Big House.

After experiencing a bye week, the Spartans will be a bit healthier with two experienced graduate students, Xavier Henderson and Jacob Slade slated to see their second game action of the season. The pair had been out injured all season and saw their first significant time against Wisconsin.

Henderson, the most experienced defender on the team who calls signals and leads communications, got dinged and left the game early, but returned in

the second half and overtime. He finished with five tackles, four unassisted and one for a three yard loss. Slade was the top defensive interior lineman. Having them back and rested after a game's action should give the Spartans badly needed help.

The Spartans enjoyed some defensive success in the Wisconsin victory, and hope to build upon that. They employed a 4-3 defensive formation and are expected to continue to use that alignment against the Wolverines.

Jacoby Windmon, a transfer linebacker from University of Nevada Los Vegas, moved from defensive end, where he had been stationed all season, back to linebacker. Windmon led all tacklers against Wisconsin with 11, had an interception, and caused the fumble the MSU recovered to set up the winning overtime touchdown.

Quarterback, Payton Thorne connected with wide receiver, Jayden Reed for a touchdown in the second overtime to earn the Wisconsin victory. Reed hit Keon Coleman with a 25-yard touchdown pass to put MSU ahead 28-21 in the first overtime before Graham Mertz hit Chimere Dike with a 25-yard pass to send it to the second overtime.

The victory gives the Spartans an opportunity to turn their season around. A victory would even the season record at 4-4, and put MSU back on track to posting a winning season. A loss would give MSU five losses with just four games left in the season.

A loss by Michigan would all but ruin the Wolverine's season.

No doubt about it. This game in Ann Arbor is not just another football game.

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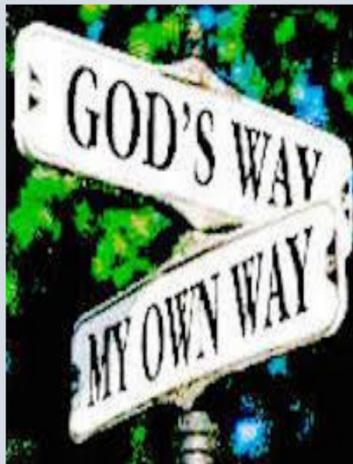


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Certified Peer Support Specialist



BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

⁹“Eventually money will be useless to you—but if you use it generously to serve others, you will be welcomed joyfully into your eternal destination. Luke 16:9 The Voice



Eternal God and Faithful Friend, help me mind my temper when I speak with people who do not vote. Voting, for me, is personal. As You know, my paternal grandmother, Kathryn Varner Anderson, was enslaved and reared her children, including my dad, on the Varner Plantation in Sunnyside, GA.

I understand, now, the meaning of experience and allowing life's challenges to shape my faith, theology, and politics. Earlier today, I asked a person who was trying to sell me additional health insurance “do you vote?” His

answer was “no, because I didn't like the candidates.” I felt the fires of hell, or purgatory if there is such a place, coming up from the earth's mantle. By the time I realized my voice was escalating, I said “when you become a voter, call me back,” and I hung up. Of course, I shared with him that my enslaved grandmother was subject to Massa's beatings for not picking enough cotton or tobacco and rapings for no reason other than his white privilege.

For the unprivileged brown and black folk, I submit that we are living in purgatory right now. And, whether or not the Roman Catholic Church still charges to pray for souls in purgatory, the whole world is paying a premium price for allowing poverty, homelessness, and hunger to remain a serious problem among unprivileged, living souls.

Sidebar: The word unprivileged is, in my opinion, more accurate than underprivileged.

Faith-based organizations have enough resources to provide food, clothing, and decent housing for the whole world. Although the Roman Catholic Church catechism reads, “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” the need for heaven on earth is in the here and now. Speaking of the here and now, today we vote in Michigan, and I'm a living soul on my way to the polls to vote.

When your time comes to vote, please vote. I believe it's one of God's ways to help us have a future worthy of our children and grandchildren's lives.

Lions vs. Dolphins Week 8 TV map: Few nationally will see Detroit



EAST LANSING- Michigan For the second week in a row, the Detroit Lions will be on CBS. While last week, the Lions caught the No. 1



By Ernie Boone

broadcast crew in announcers Jim Nantz and Tony Romo, this week the announcers are set to be Andrew Catalon and James Lofton.

Additionally, while most of the nation was treated to Lions vs. Cowboys as the local game on CBS, this week's game between the Lions and Miami Dolphins will almost exclusively be broadcast in the local markets only.

At 1-5, the Lions don't have much of a national market to them, even after being the darlings of “Hard Knocks” this year. And while the Dolphins are out to a promising 4-3 start to the season, they are still six years removed from their last

playoff appearance. Week 8 So, as you can see from the television distributed map below—as provided by 506 Sports—if your'e not in Michigan or Florida, the game is not going to be on your local CBS affiliate.

Of course, as always, you can catch the Lions outside of these locations if you have Sunday Ticket. Or if you prefer to just listen to the games, check our radio distribution post for all the areas you can catch the official Lions Radio Network.

Celebration

Announcements

Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration



Birthdays in NOVEMBER

Ms. Erica Moore celebrates her birthday on November 1st. Thank GOD for another day, another year! Keeps it pushing!
Ms. Paige Turner celebrates her birthday on November 2nd with her Mom Jennifer Dunham, and friends.
Ms. Lani Coulter celebrated her birthday on November 3rd. Love to family and friends!!!
Ms. Tara Q. Morgan, born November 3rd, celebrates her birthday, with family and friends while working at the Fleetwood Diner in Lansing, Michigan.
Ms. Beth Ann Sheets celebrates her birthday on November 3rd, with friends and family!
Ms. Malinda Milten celebrates her birthday on November 5th.
Ms. April Weiden celebrates her birth on November 6th, with family and friends.
Ms. Laney Kelly celebrates her birthday on November 6th. Mommy and Daddy love you!
Ms. Patricia Jones celebrates her birthday on November 6th.
Ms. Katie Bengal celebrates her birthday November 7th, with family and friends.
Ms. Carmen Keener born on November 8th, celebrates with family and friends.
Ms. Dawn Elliott celebrates her birthday on November 10th.
Mr. Eric Pastrana celebrates his birthday on November 11th.
Ms. Andrea James celebrates her birthday on November 12th.
M.C. Skrap celebrates his 41st birthday on November 13th. “Check out my music... I am Skrap on Facebook and Twitter”
Ms. Elizabeth Ludivinia Heyboer “Happy Birthday” November 16th. I Love You, Mom! Shandra Starr.
Ms. Angela Jimenez celebrates her birthday on November 16th with family and friends.
Mr. J. T. Wheeler III AKA J-Tizzle celebrates his birthday on November 16th.
Ms. Keesha Davis enjoys her birthday on November 17th.
Mr. Darryl Horton celebrates his birthday on November 17th.
Ms. Michele Carr celebrates her birthday on November 17th, with family and friends.
Mr. Rod Allen, born November 17th, has a good time celebrating with family and friends.
Ms. Hope Davenport celebrates her birthday on November 17th. She says; “I love and appreciate my family and friends. They make me feel like a spoiled brat.”
Ms. Gladys Woodard celebrates her birthday on November 18th, with family.
Mr. Alexander Grant Nicholson celebrates his birthday on November 18th, with family and friends. “Your family loves you very much, always do your best!!!” Proud of You, Nephew.
Ms. Sandra Yvette Brown celebrates her birthday on November 19th, with her loving son Alexander Grant, family and friends doing what they do best: enjoying fun, valued friendships and pleasant memories everlasting!!!
Ms. Carolyn Grace celebrates her birthday on November 19th.
Mr. J.C. Hemingway celebrates his birthday on November 19th.
Ms. Melissa Flores enjoys her birthday on November 20th.
Ms. Ashlee Wilson celebrates her birthday on November 20th, with family and friends.
Ms. Heather Fick celebrates her year of living on November 20th.
Mrs. Sharita Murphy celebrates her birthday on November 21st, with family and friends. Uncle Billy loves you!
Ms. LaQuita Rhymes celebrates her birthday on November 21st.
Mr. Andre Brewer enjoys his birthday on November 21st.
Ms. Annie Brandon, born on November 21st, celebrates with family and friends! We love you mother, sister, and friend.
Ms. Shonte Anthony celebrates her birthday on November 22nd. “On my way to the top, thanking the man upstairs... His name is GOD!!!”
Ms. Autumn King celebrates her birthday on November 22nd.
Ms. Zerraka Benson-Martin celebrates her birthday on November 22nd, with a party, attended by family and friends.
Ms. Kris Jackson celebrates her birthday on November 24th, with her best friend, Tawana.
Ms. Keisha Nogueiro enjoys her birthday, saying, “Blessed to see another year!”
Ms. Chenish Barragan celebrates her birthday on November 24th.
Ms. Tesharra Smith celebrates her birthday on November 25th. She said, “I made it - Thanks.”
Master Jerahmi Bell celebrates his birthday on November 25th. “Happy birthday, Mommy loves you, big number 11!”
Ms. Rachelle Mackley enjoys her birthday on November 26th, with family and friends. “Happy Birthday to my Beautiful daughter... you are such a Joy!” Love Mom...
Ms. Angela Vaala celebrates her birthday on November 26th, with family and friends and glad to be alive!
Mr. Michael Miller celebrates his birthday on November 26th.
Mr. J.R. Beaubouef, Lansing Community College Director of Risk Management and Legal Services, celebrates his birthday on November 27th, with family and friends.
Mr. Frank Medellin celebrates his birthday on November 27th, with his wife, Cathy. They celebrated their anniversary on August 13th.
Mr. Nick Jones celebrates his birthday on November 29th, “Doing the thing!”
Mr. D.J. Sanchez celebrates his birthday on November 29th.
Mr. Duane Michael Brown, Jr. celebrates birthday on November 25th, with family and friends who love you very much.
Ms. Sylvia Calvo celebrates her birthday on November 29th.
Ms. Nattalie Seymore will celebrate her birthday on November 29th, with her girls.
Ms. Candace Cares enjoys her birthday on November 30th.
Ms. Lucy Springs celebrates her birthday on November 30th, with family and friends.
Ms. Brandy Johnson's birthday is on November 30th.
Mr. Eddie Jackson celebrates his birthday on November 30th, with family and friends.

*Anniversaries

Mr. CJ and Mrs. Jamie Enness celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on October 26th.
Mr. & Mrs. Danny and Tina Gonzales celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on October 31st, with their two children.
Mr. & Mrs. Ed and Mindy McLouth celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on November 2nd.
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas and Miranda Stone celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary on November 8th. “I love you so much!! You're the best thing! I love you!” Love Miranda.
Mr. & Mrs. John and Mary Stephenson celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on November 9th. Their Love is forever!
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos and Amber Cuellar celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on November 9th.
Mr. & Mrs. Josh and Sarah Baldwin celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 6th, forever and for always!

*Announcements

Ms. Brenda Robinson celebrated her 55th birthday on October 14th. She said, “Thank you JESUS... I made it another year” Thank You family and friends.
Miss Kyrstyn Elizabeth Brown enjoyed her birthday on October 17th with family and friends.
Miss. Shanca Renee Mary Mitchell celebrated her birthday on October 23rd with family and friends.
Mr. Lamonte Charles Brown celebrated his birthday on October 28th with family and friends.

Please let us know if you have any names to be removed...

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**FOR LANSING SCHOOL BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

*Our students need to be taught HOW
to think, NOT what to think*

Paid for by the Committee to elect Rick Wendorf for Lansing School Board, 1817 Jerome St, Lansing, MI. 48912

These Black Lives Matter Too!



Of the 60 million plus babies aborted since 1973, over 18 million were African American. These babies were killed in a variety of ways including dismemberment and burning with a saline acid. Some were killed in a procedure called “partial birth abortion,” where the baby is killed by piecing its skull just before its head comes out during a forced birth. It is time to repent as a nation for the sin of abortion. God has created us in His image and He will not be mocked.

Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, spoke these words at a pro-life rally, “You know a woman has a right to choose what she wants to do with her body, but you know what? **The baby is not her body! Where’s the lawyer for the baby!** Alveda has come to the conclusion that **“Civil rights actually begin in the womb.”**”

Vote “No” on Proposal 3

Proposal 3 will legalize all types of abortion, including the “partial birth abortion” of a full-term baby. It will permanently enshrine a constitutional right to engage in the mass killing of thousands of innocent unborn children. In addition, it will also take rights away from parents regarding the sex education of their children and regarding their child’s sexual life. Under Proposal 3, educators, counselors, and medical personnel will not have to notify a parent or get a parent’s permission to give their child contraceptives, take them to get an abortion, or help them to permanently alter their body with sterilization or gender transitioning drugs.

Vote “No” on Proposal 3

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For kids born just before and during the pandemic, the world has been very small. But now that the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for those 6 months and up ... it's about to get a whole lot bigger.

Michigan.gov/KidsCOVIDVaccine



THOUSANDS OF DOCTORS AND NURSES SUPPORT

REPRODUCTIVE
FREEDOM
FOR ALL



**YES 3
ON PROP**

**TO RESTORE ROE AND STOP THE 1931 LAW
THAT WOULD BAN ABORTION IN MICHIGAN**

**WHAT'S
AT STAKE**

Prop 3 affirms every Michigander has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom – to make and carry out decisions without political interference about all matters relating to pregnancy, including birth control, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth.

Prop 3 ensures doctors will not go to prison for providing safe medical care and women will have access to a broad range of reproductive health care services. It will stop politicians from getting in between women and their doctors.

IT'S CLEAR. PROP 3 IS A COMMON-SENSE, MIDDLE-GROUND SOLUTION

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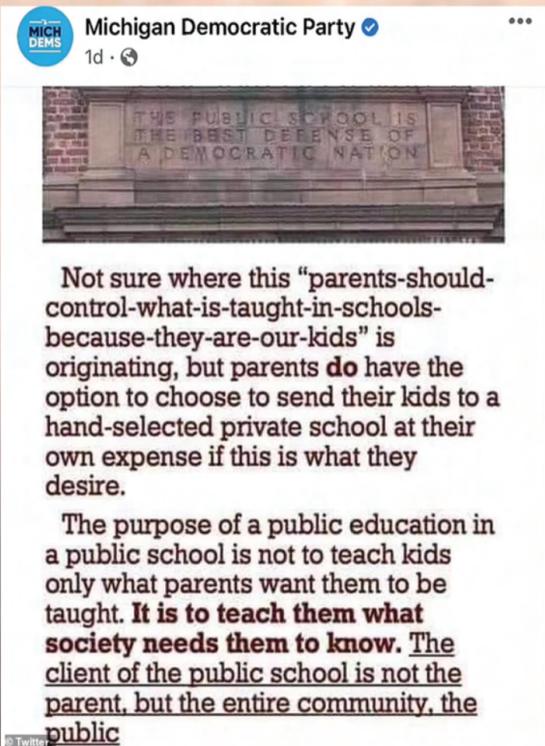
VOTE NOV 8TH!

Republican State Board of Education Candidate

DR. LINDA LEE TARVER

Dr. Linda Lee Tarver is a lifelong resident of Michigan. She's a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her educational journey came through the Civil Rights movement. Despite racial tensions surrounding her, she received an exceptional education. Now, she's fighting for every child in Michigan. There are no reparations for a missed education. Michigan students deserve a proper education—not indoctrination—that will prepare them for competitive wages and limitless futures.

WHAT MY OPPONENTS BELIEVE:



Michigan Democratic Party
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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS THE BEST DEFENSE OF A DEMOCRATIC NATION

Not sure where this “parents-should-control-what-is-taught-in-schools-because-they-are-our-kids” is originating, but parents **do** have the option to choose to send their kids to a hand-selected private school at their own expense if this is what they desire.

The purpose of a public education in a public school is not to teach kids only what parents want them to be taught. **It is to teach them what society needs them to know.** The client of the public school is not the parent, but the entire community, the public



WHAT TARVER BELIEVES:

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Tarver is committed to students.
Students deserve better than low expectations and low test scores.

Tarver is committed to parents.
Tarver will fight endlessly to ensure your child is educated, protected, and respected.

- A focus on literacy, math, science.**
- Remove critical race theory from schools.**
- End the war on parents.**
- Educate, not indoctrinate.**
- Age-appropriate content.**
- Protect your family values.**