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# MINORITY BUYING POWER

## Minority Markets Have 3.9 Trillion in Buying Power

News wise — every racial and ethnic minority group in America is making financial gains but not at equal rates, according to the latest Multicultural Economy Report from the University of Georgia. The annual report calculates the consumer buying power—or total income after taxes—for minority markets in the U.S.: African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans. The Multicultural Economy Report is published by the Selig Center for Economic Growth, a unit of UGA's Terry College of Business.



The sustained growth of the U.S. economy culminated in an estimated \$14.8 trillion of buying power nationally in 2018, an increase of 100 percent since 2000 and 30 percent since 2010, with the biggest percentage gains occurring in minority markets. The combined buying power of blacks, Asian-Americans and Native Americans is estimated to be \$2.4 trillion, while the nation's Hispanics command \$1.5 trillion in spending power—larger than the GDP of Australia.

"The economic expansion has been quite good in recent years, and we're still seeing the benefits of that for every group in America," said Jeff Humphreys, Selig Center director and author of the report. "While minority markets are certainly enjoying more buying power than ever before, the rate of growth differs. We find the largest percentage increases in the Asian and Hispanic markets, followed by relatively slower rates of growth in the African-American and Native American populations. Whites comprise the largest share of the U.S. market, but have the slowest percentage rate of buying power growth."

While buying power is increasing across the country, the biggest gains come from Western states. The top 10 states with the largest percentage increase in total buying power since 2000 are Utah (156 percent), North Dakota (150 percent), Wyoming (143 percent), Texas (137 percent), Washington (131 percent), Arizona (131 percent), District of Columbia (130 percent), Montana (125 percent), Nevada (122 percent) and Idaho (118 percent).

The five slowest-growing states since 2000 are Michigan (57 percent), Illinois (71 percent), Ohio (74 percent), West Virginia (75 percent) and Missouri (76 percent).

### Black buying power

African-American buying power has seen impressive gains since the end of the last economic downturn, jumping from \$961 billion in 2010 to an estimated \$1.3 trillion in 2018. Since 2000, the African-American market has seen a 114 percent increase in buying power. The boost is the result of a surge in black-owned businesses, increased educational attainment and booming population growth. The percentage of African-Americans who completed college continues to rise (23 percent in 2017, up from 17 percent in 2000), and the population is growing at 22.7 percent since 2000, faster than the national average of 16.3 percent. The youthfulness of the African-American population skews the group's buying power downward, as a larger share of the population have yet to hit their peak earning years.

The 10 states with greatest black buying power growth since 2000 are North Dakota (1,051 percent), South Dakota (502 percent), Idaho (375 percent), Wyoming (339 percent), Vermont (320 percent), Arizona (265 percent), Montana (255 percent), Maine (243 percent), Utah (235 percent) and New Hampshire (226 percent). All have flourishing African-American consumer markets, but none is among the nation's 10 largest black consumer markets.

### Native American buying power

Although comprising only 1.3 percent of the country's population, the buying power of Native Americans is estimated to be \$115 billion in 2018, a 185 percent increase since 2000. The gains are due in part to rapid population growth, which has increased 55 percent since 2000, and is projected to grow another 7 percent by 2023. Entrepreneurial activity also played a key role in boosting the Native American market. For example, American Indian- and Alaska native-owned businesses grew 15 percent from 2007 to 2012—five times more than the total number of all U.S. business growth.

Ranked by the growth of Native American buying power since 2000, the top 10 states are Texas (279 percent), Rhode Island (264 percent), Pennsylvania (247 percent), New York (241 percent), Maryland (234 percent), Massachusetts (233 percent), Illinois (230 percent), Virginia (228 percent), Delaware (225 percent) and Utah (224 percent). Many of these states have relatively small, flourishing markets, but Texas and New York stand out as the third- and fifth-largest Native American consumer markets in the nation, respectively.

### Asian-American buying power

Asian-Americans command an estimated 6.2 percent of the nation's total buying power, roughly \$1 trillion. The 267 percent increase since 2000 makes the Asian market the fastest-growing minority market in the country, with a buying power greater than the gross domestic product of Turkey.

Indian Americans comprise the largest subgroup of the Asian-American market and account for \$283 billion (28 percent) of the group's buying power. Chinese-Americans (except Taiwanese) are second in terms of buying power, making up 23 percent of the U.S. Asian market (\$233 billion) but are the largest population. Filipino-Americans constitute the third-largest group both in population and buying power, accounting for \$146 billion or 14.4 percent of the market. The fifth most-populous group is Korean-Americans, who rank fourth in terms of buying power with \$81 billion or 8 percent of the U.S. Asian market. Vietnamese-Americans are fifth in terms of buying power (\$73 billion), but fourth in terms of population.

The Asian-American market is buoyed by booming population growth, which includes strong immigration, high educational attainment, increased entrepreneurship, and an overwhelmingly urban population.

Ranked by the rate of growth of Asian buying power since 2000, the top 10 states are: South Dakota (497 percent), North Dakota (479 percent), Arkansas (449 percent), Vermont (445 percent), North Carolina (422 percent), Texas (414 percent), Arizona (387 percent), Georgia (369 percent), Nevada (361 percent), and Indiana (357 percent).

While Texas is the only state that also ranks among the nation's 10 largest Asian consumer markets (at third), Georgia (13th) and North Carolina (15th) are also among the nation's most rapidly emerging Asian markets.

### Hispanic buying power

The \$1.5 trillion Hispanic market is the largest ethnic market in the U.S., and includes more than one out of every six Americans. It is the second-fastest growing minority market in the U.S., rising by 212 percent, or \$500 billion, since 2000.

Mexican-Americans comprise the largest of the Hispanic subgroups, accounting for \$881 billion in buying power or 57.2 percent of the Hispanic total. Puerto Ricans are second-largest group in terms of buying power, commanding \$158 billion or 10.3 percent of the Hispanic market. Central Americans are the third largest, with a \$137 billion market share or 8.9 percent of the total. South Americans rank fourth, with 8.7 percent (\$135 billion) of the U.S. Hispanic market, and Cuban-Americans are fifth, accounting for \$83 billion.

The 10 states with the greatest Hispanic buying power growth since 2000 are North Dakota (656 percent), South Dakota (513 percent),



# News, Views & Commentary

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*Luke 24:49, Acts 1:7-8, Ephesians 3:14-21, 1John 4:1-4, Jude 1:17-22*

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**Chris Swope**  
Lansing City Clerk

For Immediate Release  
September 27, 2019

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### Voting in Person available now for Lansing City General Election

*Extended Hours on Wednesdays & the Weekend prior to Election Day*  
*Voter Registration available until Election Day at City Clerk's Offices*

Lansing – The South Washington Election Unit is now open to Lansing City voters for walk-in early voting and voter registration for the **November 5th City General Election**. Two at-large (city-wide) Council positions and the First and Third Ward City Council seats are on the ballot.

Located at 2500 S. Washington, the Election Unit offers free parking, a 24-hour secure drop box, and is conveniently located on CATA Route #2. Walk-in early voting will be available at the Election Unit until Election Day at the following times:

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri.	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 4 Only	8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (due to state law)

In addition to regular hours, the Election Unit will be open on the following weekend days:

Saturday, Nov 2	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 3	Noon – 4pm

Early voting is also available at the Clerk's City Hall Office, which is located on the 9th floor of City Hall at 124 W. Michigan Avenue during regular office hours.

There are two exceptions in Michigan election law which restrict early voting. On the day before Election Day, no ballots can be provided after 4 p.m. except in an emergency situation. Also on Election Day, absentee ballots can only be given to people registering to vote.

Voters may download the form to request an absentee ballot, check on the status of their absentee applications, and view a list of candidates with their contact information at [lansingmi.gov/clerk](http://lansingmi.gov/clerk). Absentee voters who want to skip the required postage when returning their ballots may use the 24-hour secure drop boxes, which are located in the parking lot at the South Washington Election Unit and on the sidewalk outside City Hall.



## 2019 Black College Tour

October 21, Thru October 25, 2019

Space is limited to 40 students!  
We will visit the following schools:

<p><b>Ohio</b></p> <p>Wilberforce University Central State University</p>	<p><b>Kentucky</b></p> <p>Kentucky State University</p>
<p><b>Tennessee</b></p> <p>Tennessee State University Fisk University Meharry Medical College</p>	<p><b>Alabama</b></p> <p>Alabama A&amp;M University Oakwood University</p>

The cost for this years tour is \$500.00

The contact persons are as follows:  
Amel Eiland: 351-3956 (Tour Director) Fred Porter: 394-0699 (Tour Coordinator)

## plift Our Youth Foundation

"One Step Forward"

October 17th | 6PM

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"You spread out a table before me, provisions in the midst of attack from my enemies; You care for all my needs, anointing my head with soothing, fragrant oil, filling my cup again and again with Your grace." Psalm 23:5 The VOICE

"You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing." Psalm 23:5 The Message



"AND GOD, I am grateful for every opportunity to learn something about You and the words on the pages in Holy Writ. The VOICE and the Message versions of Psalm 23 Verse 5, for example, inspires me to paint on the canvass of my divine imagination, pictures of the Cup and what it represents in antiquity and 2019. I see You, Lord, in the Garden asking Your Father to spare you from the cup of tribulation and death of the ego. I see You in lifting Chalice and saying to the Disciples "this represents My blood." I see you in the communion cup. It characterizes Your blood that "reaches to the highest mountain and flows to the lowest valley." Your blood gives me strength from moment-to-moment. And I re-member that life – abundant life, eternal life – is in Your blood. I behold David pinning in perpetuity the most memorized and recited Word of reassurance spoken in public and private devotions."

Research by the House of Faith suggests that the Cup is the feminine aspect of God. In the Kabbalah, a secret method, discipline, and school of thought in Jewish mysticism, all people are seen as cups. We used to sing a little chorus in the home church that reads: "Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of Heaven feed me till I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole."

I pray for the two persons I met last week who stated, "I do not believe in a Higher Power by any name or gender." I pray that they will receive the God-Cup full of LOVE.

With appreciation, my cup runs over with grace - unmerited favor - wisdom, knowledge, abundant life, blessings, forgiveness, and desires to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. WHAT'S IN YOUR CUP?

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Gov. Whitmer Signs Proclamation Marking Bullying Prevention Month

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer has issued a proclamation declaring October Bullying Prevention Month.

"As a mom of kids in the public schools, I want to make sure that every student is protected from the harmful effects of bullying," said Governor Whitmer. "For too long, Michigan kids have faced bullying both in school and online. No student should be afraid to go to school because they're afraid of being bullied for who they are. This month, I ask that all of us collectively raise awareness around the harmful effects of bullying and encourage our kids and our peers to foster a more open, accepting environment in our schools and around the state."

During her time in the Michigan Senate, Governor Whitmer fought back and won when legislators tried to pass a law that would allow bullying if they had a "religious or moral" reason for doing so. Because of her hard work on the issue, the legislature passed Matt's Safe School Law, which has helped protect Michigan kids in every community from bullying.

Michigan is among the worst in the nation when it comes to bullying. Nearly one in every four Michigan high school students report being bullied at school, and nearly one in five report online bullying.



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Announcements

Birthdays in OCTOBER 2019

- Ms. Diana Gomez celebrates her birth on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Souci Chappell celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 1<sup>st</sup>, saying "Happy birthday to me! Glad to make to my 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, because someone else did not."
- Mr. Robert Lopez enjoys his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with family and friends. "Much Love" Dad
- Ms. Marcella Rosarro had celebrates her birth on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Tracy Skinner celebrates her birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with family and friends. She says "I'm loving life, one day at a time"
- Ms. Jennifer Johnson celebrates her birthday on October 4<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Keanna Adams enjoys her 29<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Darrilyn Moore celebrates her 37<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Latrea Milton celebrated her 29<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5, dancing with her girls.
- Rev. Dr. Kay "Little Kay" Porter celebrates her 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup> with Family and friends, enjoys sharing "new and old friendships".
- Ms. Donna Haynie celebrates her birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Preston White celebrated his birth with a barbecue party.
- Ms. Rhonda Christian celebrates her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Katie Phraxayavong celebrates her birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with Abby.
- Ms. Gloria Bermudez celebrated her "Fabulous 48<sup>th</sup>" birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>, just chilling, loving life.
- Master Lavell Goins enjoys his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. "Happy Birthday to mommy's little handsome man. So glad to watch you grow and become independent!" Love mommy
- Ms. Phyllis Bartlett celebrates her birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Jessica Malcolm celebrates her 48<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Enisa Nevaeh (Brown) Thomas enjoyed her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10<sup>th</sup>, celebrating with her mother Donacia, her uncle LaMonti and friends. "We love each other forever!!!"
- Ms. Amy White celebrates her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Lawrence Hodge celebrates his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Gregory's Ice & Smoke.
- Mr. Kion Bates celebrates his 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. "Thank you Mr. B"
- Mr. Jacob McKenney celebrates his birth on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. "Much love" Mom
- Ms. Cheyanne Nichole Garvie enjoys her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 12<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. Aunt T.T. loves you, my beautiful big girl!!!
- Ms. Amanda Smith celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 12<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. "I am blessed to see another year with my family and friends!"
- Mr. Quincy Johnson celebrates his 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 12<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Michelle Johnson Beard celebrates her birthday on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Marilyn Plummer celebrates her birthday October 17<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Sarae Coddington celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 17<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kathy Fair celebrates her birthday on October 17<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Ms. Geraldine Rush enjoys her 71<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 17<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Tanisha Jefferson celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Meredith Mertz enjoys her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>, celebrating with family. She says, "I love Life, for it's so amazing!"
- Mr. "Big" John Crosley celebrates his birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kim Walker celebrates her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Liza Leal celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Eugene Allen celebrates his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 19<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Mya Douse enjoys her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 19<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Corrin O. celebrates her birthday on October 20<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Ms. Brooke Hening celebrates her birthday on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Mr. Eric Buckner celebrates his birthday on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mr. Steven Smith enjoys his birthday October 24<sup>th</sup>. "Thank you to all my family and friends!"
- Mr. Zechariah Turner celebrates his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Eric McClinton celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Ms. Tamese Vinsom celebrates her 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Alena Rush-Bowers will celebrate her birth on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with her grandparents, family and friends.
- Ms. Kelly Hampton celebrates her birthday on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Mollie Demond had the pleasure of celebrating her 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Melissa Robinson celebrates her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Jonna David enjoys her 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 27<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Karlton Gilmore enjoys his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Renita McAbee celebrates her birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Kelly Glynn celebrates her 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Doris Redmond celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup>, she says; "Thank You, Jesus for one more year!"
- Ms. Angela Pruitt celebrates her birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup> - Happy 32<sup>nd</sup>!
- Ms. Lori Wright celebrates her 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Sovran Brown, Army Soldier, celebrates his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends and new Baby Girl.
- Sir Paris Leek enjoys his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 30<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert Walter, who was born on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1981, will be celebrating that event by hanging out with his family and friends.
- Ms. Sheka Green celebrates her birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Whitney Stowell celebrates her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>. "Happy Birthday Baby Girl!" Love Mom
- Ms. Maryann Smrek celebrated her birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>. She said "I am truly grateful to God for giving me the best parents in the world: thank you, Mom for your unconditional love! Maryann.
- Happy 59<sup>th</sup> to my mom Simona Barber, I love you; wish you a happy birthday and many more to come. Love always, Souci Chappell

\*Anniversaries  
Mr. Ray and Mrs. Melody Kurtis, blissfully celebrated their wedding anniversary on September 30<sup>th</sup>, loving life!!!  
Mr. Shawn and Mrs. Donel Martin, lovingly celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Announcements  
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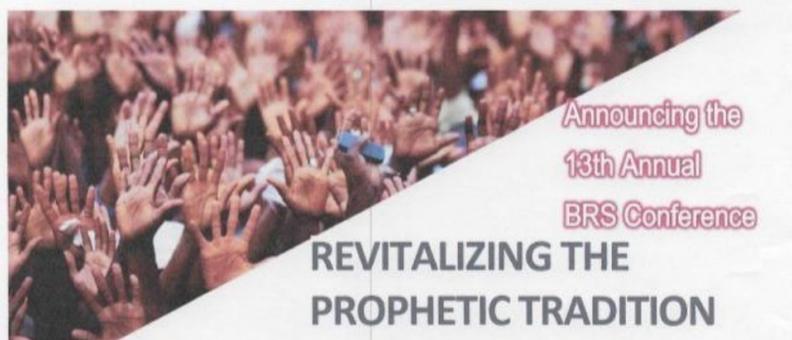
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**PRAISE & PROTEST**



Sunday Oct. 20, 2019: 6-9 PM (Kellogg Center Auditorium): Opening Session

- **Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Fielding Stewart III (Pastor of Empowerment Church, Southfield, Michigan)**
- Performances- Earl Nelson Singers, Dr. Jamil Scott, and Mrs. Kimberly Dickens

Michigan State University No Registration Fee All sessions are open to the public

For Information Call 517 432-0869 Drs. Gloria S. Smith & Lee N. June (Conference Co-chairs)

Other committee members: Pastor Sean Holland, Dr. Bayylnah Jeffries, Minister Shirley June, Rev. Dr. Russell McReynolds, Dr. Bernard Richardson, Pastor Dr. Semerah Shaeel, Pastor Dr. Hilton Thomas, and Dr. Dentle Troutman.

Monday October 21, 2019: 9 am to 5:00 PM Workshops (Private Dining Room 1, Brody Square)

- 9:00 am - 10:15 am: The Prophetic Tradition in Black Religion and Spirituality: A Youth Roundtable (featuring high school students)
- 10:30 am - 12:15 pm: BRS Women's Network: Human Trafficking and #Me Too Movement and Beyond (Ms. LaKita Garth Wright-Chicago, Illinois and Rev. LaClaire Bouknight, MD- East Lansing, MI.)
- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm (Lunch- Brody Square)
- 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm: The Black Prophetic Tradition and the Educational Setting (Panel of educators)
- 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm: The Black Prophetic Tradition and the Broader Community (Panel of religious and community leaders)

# THE REALS OF JUSTICE

**Bail**

By: Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

What is bail, who gets to say how much it is and if one gets it? Bail is a deposit of security for the release of a person who is incarcerated for allegedly committing an offense and who is awaiting trial. Bail is to secure the person's appearance in court. However, "No person charged with treason or murder shall be admitted to bail if the proof of his guilt is evident or the presumption great." Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL)765.5. The courts are to follow the Michigan constitution in which "excessive bail shall not be required." Money bail is excessive if it "is in an amount greater than reasonably necessary to adequately assure that the accused will appear when his [or her] presence is required." *People v. Edmond*, 81 Mich App 743, 747-748 (1978).

There are different types of bail, which include secured money bail and surety bonds. But in certain cases, for example, child support cases, if a person is arrested for a bench warrant for failure to pay child support, the person must deposit a cash bond of no less than \$500 or 25% of the arrearage, whichever is greater. And at the court's discretion it may set the cash bond at an amount not more than 100% of the arrearage and add to that amount the court costs.

MCL 765.6a requires a cash bond or a surety other than the applicant if the applicant is charged with a crime alleged to have occurred while on bail by a bond personally executed by him; or has been twice convicted of a felony within the preceding 5 years.

The court must consider and make certain findings as to each of the following:

- The seriousness of the offense charged.
- The protection of the public.
- The previous criminal record and the dangerousness of the person accused.
- The probability or improbability of the person accused appearing at the trial of the cause.

Frequently people are given a 10% bond by the court. This means the person may post bail by a surety that is a quarter of the full bail and executed by a surety that is approved by the court. The court often puts in place various conditions to reasonably ensure the safety of the public and ensure the appearance of the person to future court hearings. Such conditions could be that the person not commit any new crimes, not leave the state without permission of the court, not use alcohol or other controlled substances without a prescription, comply with a curfew, seek or maintain employment, not possess a firearm and any other conditions the court deems appropriate. If a person is charged with domestic violence or an assaultive crime the court can order the person wear a tether as a condition of the release. The cost of wearing a tether is the responsibility of the person and is not paid for by the court.

Recently across the U.S. and here in Michigan there has been a huge push for criminal justice reform as it relates to bail. Many people who are incarcerated and don't pose an undue danger to the community often can't afford to post bail on low level offense are in jail for unnecessarily long time periods. There's a push nationally for making bail in an amount that people can afford to post no matter what their income. Statistics have shown that in the U.S. more people of color and poorer Americans can't afford bail and they're left in jail while awaiting trial. For some families it is a difficult choice they face when deciding if they should pay a bail bondsman to get their family member out of jail because the fee a family has to pay a bail bondsman is nonrefundable. This means even if the case ends up with the charges being dismissed the money paid to the bondsman will not be returned to the family.

The current bail system in the U.S. has created a higher jail population and longer time periods of incarceration. The bail system definitely deserves a look at in terms of making the system fair & just for everyone not just for those who have money.

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**Message From Melanie Morrison**

I'm delighted that my brother, Truman A. Morrison III, will be in East Lansing this coming Saturday, October 5, to speak at two free public events that focus on **ELIMINATING BAIL IN AMERICA'S COURTS**.

Truman is a Senior Judge on the Washington DC Superior Court and a national leader on issues of bail reform and pre-trial justice. In a [Washington Post](#) article published in 2016, my brother is quoted as saying, "There is no evidence you need money to get people back to court. It's irrational, ineffective, unsafe and profoundly unfair."

I hope to see you at one (or both) of these events!

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, at 1:00 pm**  
**PRETRIAL JUSTICE: A MODEL FOR ELIMINATING PRETRIAL DETENTION**  
A presentation by Judge Truman Morrison  
Edgewood United Church  
469 Hagadorn Rd, East Lansing  
Free & Open to the public
- SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5, at 7:30 pm**  
**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BAIL REFORM: THAT ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS MONEY**  
Panel Discussion at Edgewood United Church  
469 Hagadorn Rd, East Lansing  
Free & Open to the public  
Panelists will be:
  - Michael Lawrence, Professor of Law, MSU, College of Law, Moderator
  - Judge Truman A. Morrison III, Senior Judge of the DC Superior Court
  - Carol A. Siemon, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney
  - Cynthia M. Ward, District Court Judge, 54-A District Court
  - Beryl J. Frenger, Eaton County Trial Court Administrator
  - Takura Nyamfukudza, Attorney with Chartier & Nyamfukudza P.L.C. and member of Gov. Whitmer's Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration
  - Shannon Schlegel, Attorney with Shannon L. W. Schlegel, PLLC

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### Vote at Home or In-Person

#### City General Election

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2019



Chris Swapp  
Lansing City Clerk

**Vote at Home**

**Submit an Application**  
Call (517) 483-4131  
Email [CityClerk@Lansingmi.gov](mailto:CityClerk@Lansingmi.gov)  
Visit [www.lansingmi.gov/derk](http://www.lansingmi.gov/derk)

**Ballot is Mailed to You After We Get Signed Application**

**Vote when you are Ready**

**Return Your Ballot**  
Drop it off at the Clerk's Office  
Drop it in one of our Secure Boxes  
Mail it Back (Allow 5-7 Days)

**Ballot Must be Received By 8 p.m. on Election Day**

**In-Person Voting Choices**

**Vote Early at the City Clerk's Offices**  
Downtown - 9th Floor City Hall  
124 W Michigan Ave  
8 am - 5 pm Monday\* - Friday

Election Unit - Rear Entrance  
2500 S Washington Ave  
8 am - 5 pm M\*, T, TH, F  
8 am - 7 pm on Wednesdays  
\*Only until 4 pm, on November 4

**Weekend Hours**

SWOC Election Unit  
10 am - 2 pm Saturday, November 2  
12 pm - 4 pm Sunday, November 3

**Vote at your precinct on Election Day**  
Polls are open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

## Voting... Make it a Habit!

Questions? Contact Chris Swapp, Lansing City Clerk at (517) 483-4131 or [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov)