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WHO CAN APPLY? Registered voters who are in one of the following categories:

- age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

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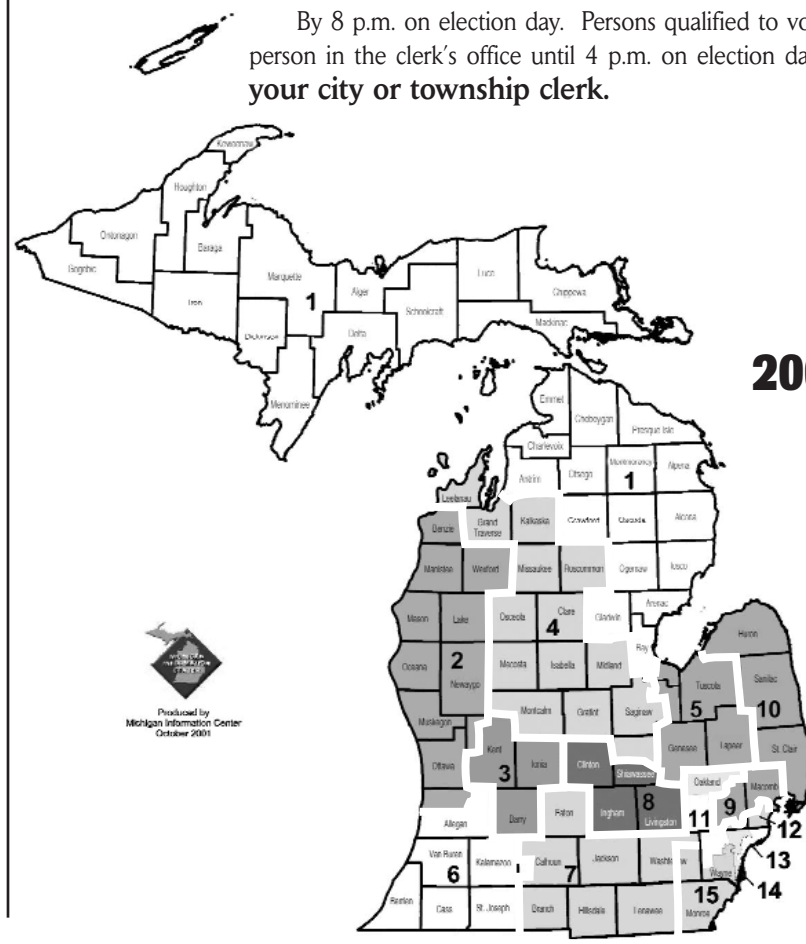
WHERE AND WHEN?

Apply to your township or city clerk by mail or in person by 2 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2004. Emergency requests may be made until 4 p.m. on the day of the election.

WHAT IS THE RETURN DEADLINE?

By 8 p.m. on election day. Persons qualified to vote by absent voter ballot may vote in person in the clerk's office until 4 p.m. on election day. **For more information call your city or township clerk.**



Michigan's 15 Congressional Districts 2002 Apportionment Plan

For Detailed Map of Districts 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 see pages 12 & 13

Clip & take to the polls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

President/Vice President of the U.S. _____

U.S. House of Representatives _____

State Board of Education _____

Regent of University of Michigan _____

Trustee of Michigan State University _____

Governor of Wayne State University _____

Justice of the Supreme Court _____

Judge of Michigan Court of Appeals _____

Ballot Proposals _____

President/Vice President of the United States 4 Year Term

Vote for one (1) pair

Republican
George W. Bush/Dick Cheney

Democrat
John F. Kerry/John Edwards

Green
David Cobb/Patricia LaMarche

U.S. Taxpayers
Michael Anthony Peroutka/Chuck Baldwin

Libertarian
Michael Badnarik/Richard Campagna

Natural Law Party
Walter Brown/Mary Alice Herbert

No Party Affiliation
Ralph Nader/Peter Miguel Camejo

United States Representative – Two Year Term – *Vote for One (1)*

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★★★★★ 1st District ★★★★★			
Don Hooper, Republican A third generational descendant of immigrant grandparents. Born, raised and schooled in Iron County Michigan. Enlisted in the military for three years and eight months during the Korean War period. After honorable discharge, married, fathered three children, (all boys). Enrolled in North Park College, (Chicago, Illinois) for two and one half years. During this period, worked and paid for all of my own education. Returned home, fathered a fourth child, (daughter). Created several small businesses…	In periods when national security is in jeopardy we must trust our elected official and the Attorney General to keep within the limits of temporary legislation such as "The Patriot Act" for the purpose of protecting the nation and its inhabitants until the crisis is over. The "Act" (I.E.) should be strictly monitored on a annual basis by a "Blue Ribbon Panel".	What can be done has already been accomplished by recent legislation involving two Canadian provinces and all eight American states bordering the lakes preventing the "release" of the waters to foreign entities. Also contamination prevention efforts must be enforced.	Pressure the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates low, insure equal access for all to available housing and allow free enterprise to follow its course. That's all.
Bart Stupak, Democrat I have represented Northern Michigan in Congress for the past 12 years. The District includes 31 counties and comprises 1/2 the land mass of Michigan. I am a retired State Trooper, attorney, and former State Representative. I live in Menominee with my wife of 30 years, Laurie, our son, Ken, and our dog, Joe. I will focus on jobs/economy, war in Iraq, health care, education, fighting terrorism, and protecting the Great Lakes.	Congress should never be fearful of any enemy and pass laws that restrict our civil liberties. Congress should have the courage to review the Patriot Act and repeal those parts that we now find infringe upon our rights. Congress should allow judicial review on the basis of which individuals are defined as "enemy combatants." The Constitution and Bill of Rights must apply to all individuals held by the government (unless considered Prisoners of War.)	I have been a leader in protecting our Great Lakes from water diversion, sale of water, drilling for oil and gas, and stopping Perrier, a foreign company, from pumping 750,000 gallons of water per day from the Great Lakes basin. Annex 2001 must be implemented by all the states and there should be no diversion of Great Lakes water from our basin. The State must pass a state-wide comprehensive water use plan.	Congress should repeal the President's 6.1% cut to housing, especially the section 8 cuts. The section 8 program is a flexible housing program based on income, which allows more housing opportunities for families. With these cuts, 100,000 more Michigan citizens will be without affordable housing. The government's economic policies need to keep inflation and interest rates low by providing good paying jobs with benefits.
David J. Newland, Green I am 48, have been married to Debra for 24 years, have 3 children, SGT. Kent Newland, Jennifer, and Derek. Graduated Hartford High School, 1974, and joined the Navy. Completed Naval Nuclear Power school in 1976, was honorably discharged,1977. Employed in the nuclear power industry as a Senior Health Physics technician and Performance Engineering Specialist. Left the nuclear business in 1993 to spend more time with my children, and started my own business.	Terrorism is a response, in large part, to our failures in foreign policy. If we want to maintain our freedoms, we need to ensure the same freedoms for everyone in this world. For the short term, we need to be vigilant. I do not believe that throwing out part of the Bill of Rights is the answer. The Constitution is our strength, and anything that weakens It weakens us.	We need legislation making it illegal to divert Great Lakes Water to areas outside the watershed. We need federal dollars for sewer and waste water upgrades. Coal plants dump 40,000 tons of mercury into the atmosphere every year. Environmentally sound power sources would help, and the government has a role in helping develop these industries. We need better enforcement of environmental laws and harsher penalties for polluters. A strong EPA would be wonderful.	Ideally, every American should have a job which provides a wage suitable for purchasing a home. For the short term, low or no interest loans, subsidies for low cost housing, assistance in meeting heating cost through tax breaks or credits, assistance in upgrading homes in inner cities, etc. For the long term, home ownership for everyone will be possible only with good jobs, low energy costs, and affordable healthcare. The economic uncertainties must be eliminated.
John W. Loosemore, Libertarian John W. Loosemore, a graduate of L'Anse High School, is a veteran of both the United States Army and the Michigan National Guard. Returning home from the Army, John worked as a machinist in the small manufacturing shops of Baraga County for 15 years. Although currently employed as a prototype machinist and engineering technician for Miroku Firearms Manufacturing in Japan, he remains an American citizen, a resident of Michigan, and a homeowner in Houghton County.	The threat of terrorism requires strong action, but President Bush's policies are very troubling. On one hand, he claims suspected terrorists are not civilians due the inalienable civil rights the rest of us enjoy; on the other hand, he claims the same people are not enemy soldiers deserving treatment according to the established rules of warfare. I have no sympathy for proven terrorists, but trampling on the Bill of Rights is not an option.	While I agree protecting Great Lakes water falls under the federal government's responsibility to handle interstate and international matters, I feel current laws, regulations, and treaties are sufficient to handle current threats. Great Lakes water is very important, but there is no crisis here. We have other problems of far greater immediate concern, such as the Social Security issue, and the counter-productive imprecision of our militaristic foreign policy.	In accordance with the United States Constitution, the federal government should have nothing to do with housing, except for emergency housing in case of disaster or war. Assuming it is the role of government at any level to second-guess the competence of citizens to take care of themselves, then such matters should be handled at the local and state levels.

Remember to Vote November 2nd

United States Representative – 2 Year Term – *Vote for One (1)*

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Peter Hoekstra, Republican Pete was born in The Netherlands in 1953 and immigrated to Holland, Michigan with his family in 1957. He graduated from Hope College and received his MBA from U of M. He worked for 15 years at Herman Miller, Inc., where he was VP of Marketing before deciding to run for Congress in 1992. Pete lives in Holland, Michigan with his wife, Diane, and their three children, Erin, Allison and Bryan.	Protecting and defending the Constitution is one of the primary responsibilities of Congress. Since the terrorist acts on 9/11 we needed to re-examine how our intelligence agencies work together. Congress passed the Patriot Act to enhance the Federal Governments ability to obtain and share information between agencies and protect all of us domestically. If the act is being used in ways different than we anticipated, Congress has the responsibility to go back and change it.	I don't believe we should have federal control of the Great Lakes on the issue of water diversion. We must ensure that the Great Lakes Governors and Canadian provinces all work together to prevent any diversion of our most valuable natural resource. In addition, I was proud to be an original cosponsor to the Great Lakes Legacy Act. A bipartisan bill which will ensure the economic and ecologic sustainability of the Lakes for future generations.	This past spring I was proud to vote for the American Dream Downpayment Act. This program is providing more than $11 million to Michigan and helping 2,200 low-income families purchase their first home. If re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to own their own home. Congress must ensure that taxpayers keep more of their income and pay less to the government while providing a robust growing economy.
Kimon Kotos, Democrat Born and raised in Flint, Kimon Kotos and his wife Terrie Hampel make their home in North Muskegon, Michigan. Kimon has been an active Democrat, serving as party chairman, and working on campaigns in Michigan and other parts of the country. He has served on a public safety advisory commission, directed a job training program, held key positions in numerous community improvement projects, and has worked for a clean environment.	History must be our guide in this most trying of times. Franklin thought that any who surrendered liberty for safety deserved neither, and we must heed the lesson in his words. Increases in human intelligence, informational accuracy and collaboration, and inter-agency cooperation will combat terror while preserving the fairness of our legal system. The security of this nation will not be served by violating the rights of the accused.	Certainly one of America's most valuable resources, the Great Lakes are also a great responsibility. We, as a nation, introduced invasive species to the Great Lakes, and we created the threat of toxic contamination. As a nation, we must now take action. Just as billion-dollar efforts were directed at restoring Chesapeake Bay and the Everglades, now funding and research must be allocated to restore the ecosystems of the Great Lakes region.	It is my belief that a comprehensive program consisting of investments in urban renewal, a Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and a commitment by the federal government to encourage lenders to support low-income families will begin to realize the dream of affordable housing for every American. In addition, federal programs targeted at increasing the viability and versatility of existing housing will offer more options to those in need.
Ronald E. Graeser, US Taxpayer Since 1972, Dr. Graeser has practiced family medicine in solo practice and in group practice. For 23 years he was also the medical examiner for Newaygo, Osceola and Lake counties. During these busy times he voluntarily joined the U.S. Army Reserves from which he retired in 1993 as a full colonel. His undergraduate degree is in electrical engineering from the University of Arizona. He is married to his first wife and has three adult daughters.	Common sense dictates that the profiling of Arabs and other high risk populations be encouraged. It wasn't frail, old, black women who have attacked us, and our law enforcement should be allowed to ignore them when evaluating possible threats - that's not profiling; that's common sense. As long as our rulers refuse to seal our borders and from lack of trust oppose citizens arming themselves, a police state with loss of liberty will grow.	The interstate Great Lakes is a constitutionally justified, federal concern. Many problems of past pollution and species protection have been corrected. When considering laws (as opposed to court rulings on existing laws) I would vote to continue to preserve their natural purity and maintain their fluctuating natural levels. Special interests (such as unlimited native Indian fishing) should not be allowed.	The voter should look at his paystub or, if he is self-employed, the large check he writes to the federal government every three months - now there's a really good down payment or couple month's payment on the house of his dreams. Slash taxes; repeal costly housing permits and regulations. Laws, fines and prison terms aren't needed - it's the citizen's house after all; he wants a good one. That's incentive enough to do it right.
Steve VanTil, Libertarian Steve Van Til was born and raised in Holland, Michigan, where he still lives. Steve graduated from West Ottawa High School in 1997 and also has a degree in electronics. He is a self-taught web administrator currently working for First American Title Company in Grand Rapids. Steve is a Libertarian who believes that today is a pivotal time for our nation. Steve has been married for 2 years to his wife, Celeste.	The war on terrorism should be very selective. We should target people or groups that have attacked us or who make threats to our nation or its citizens. We also need to ask ourselves why it is that we, of all nations, find ourselves in our current situation. An honest look tells us that it isn't "because we are good" that some peoples "hate" us, but it is due to our bad foreign policy.	Preserving our unique Great Lakes asset is very important. We must protect the Great Lakes by not allowing them to be threatened by unsafe drilling or pollution. This does not mean that we want to eliminate development, but it should be clearly known to all that there will be no government bailouts for polluters. Government errs when it attempts to take on the responsibilities that rightly belong to individuals and private entities.	To ensure that every American has access to affordable housing, the federal government should get out of the way! It can begin to do this by reducing its out of control spending and thereby reducing the huge tax burden it has created. Washington should encourage local governments to repeal their numerous building and zoning ordinances. These regulations have greatly interfered with a free housing market that can meet the needs of diverse individuals.

Take A Friend To Vote!

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★★★★★ 3rd District ★★★★★

Vernon J. Ehlers, Republican

U.S. Representative Vernon J. Ehlers was elected in December 1993. A former Physics professor, and active in community service, Ehlers was a member of the Michigan House and Senate. As a member of the 108th Congress, Ehlers currently serves on five committees. The Science Committee, serving as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, Education and Workforce Committee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Administration Committee and the Joint Committee of the Library.

In our free society, with a deep reverence for liberty, it is right and proper to be vigilant about government intrusion of civil liberties. However, it is important to remember that we are, indeed, at war with an enemy that has murdered thousands of innocent Americans and has repeatedly stated their clear intention to commit additional atrocities.
Under these circumstances, we must take actions that are necessary, with vigorous oversight to uphold civil liberties.

Congress must fund the Great Lakes Legacy Act, which I authored, to clean up contaminated sediments. We must also fully fund Clean Water Act programs, and have strict standards to prevent the further introduction of aquatic invasive species, which can ruin ecosystems and cost millions. Finally, we must coordinate the numerous federal, state, and local programs aimed at protecting and restoring the water quality of the Lakes.

We must continue to provide housing assistance for low-income families. Congress has increased funding for the Section 8 vouchers by over 29 percent, and we must maintain our commitment to the people that rely on this program for assistance. We should continue to promote policies that increase homeownership opportunities, such as the American Dream Downpayment Act, which Congress passed last year. Finally, we must keep interest rates low so mortgages are affordable.

Peter H. Hickey, Democrat

I'm Pete Hickey, 46 years old. Married to Janet, two children, Olivia and Alexander. I'm a Housing Inspector for the City of Grand Rapids. Graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Public Administration, with emphasis areas in economics and city planning. I was born in Saginaw Michigan, and became a west Michigan resident in 1983.

I feel civil liberties over-ride any other need. These are vital to a democratic society, and are what make a democracy unique. Diligent and accurate analysis of the situation is very important to determine appropriate action or inaction. The security system almost worked. We knew what the terrorists were doing, we caught them in the metal detectors at the airport, we just didn't imagine. I think continued tweaking the system is better than overhaul.

The big fears of the Great Lakes water basin are intra national water diversions, and international water diversions. And I think the federal government can do a lot to prevent both. I think through the use of the commerce clause water can be regulated like commerce and kept in place within the United States. And internationally Congress can if it has the will intervene in trade treaty issues to prevent looting of water from aboard.

The best thing the federal government can do to create affordable housing is to ensure the economy is developing and creating good paying family sustaining jobs. It appears to me that we have an adequate supply of existing housing. The issue of affordable housing is income. Since the 70's, wages, adjusted for income have been declining. It's time to reverse that trend in the U.S. And I would propose policies that encouraged full employment.

Marcel J. Sales, US Taxpayers

I am married with one child. My greatest political accomplishment was to be part of the 1990 People to People diplomatic trip to Russia. One month later, the President of Russia Mikhail Gorbachev shook hands with President George H. Bush opening Russia to free market reforms and democracy. I ran for city commission in the city of Kentwood in 2001 and lost to the soon to become mayor.

People's constitutional rights must be protected. Illegal search and seizure is unconstitutional. Citizens must be willing to give up some civil liberties such as weapons searches in airports.

Our Great Lakes water must be protected from environmental damage. Penalties for corporations that pollute and tax rewards for those that invent better ways to keep water clean. I do not oppose sharing of Great Lakes water with drier western states.

Housing must be affordable for all U.S. citizens. I would continue low-income housing programs and offer tax incentives to owners (rental) to make their housing affordable.

Warren Adams, Libertarian

Electrical Engineer

The two are not mutually exclusive. In fact, ceding greater power to the state, allowing it to trample upon the civil liberties of the people can only result in less effective counter-terrorism efforts. The most effective measure we can take against terrorism is to put an end to foreign aid.

Privatize it.

Government interference in the free market only exasperates existing disparities. The most effective program to raise the standard of living for all constituents, is to provide an impartial judicial system. One that recognizes and protects private property and the rights of individuals, and provides a friendly environment for the free market via contract and anti-fraud law.

★★★★★ 4th District ★★★★★

Dave Camp, Republican

First elected to Congress in 1990, Camp is a native of Midland, MI. In 2002, the people he serves re-elected him for a seventh term, with 68 percent of the vote. Camp sits on the House Ways and Means Committee and is a member of its health, trade, and human resources subcommittees. The committee is considered one of the most powerful in the house, with jurisdiction over taxation laws, plus health care and Social Security.

In order to better respond to the terrorism threats we face today, I've supported the Patriot Act to enhance our nation's ability to track down suspected terrorists and bring them to justice. I support legislation that would give local jurisdictions new ability to stop and detain illegal immigrants. I believe it is important we not judge a person guilty without any reason for suspicion; we must strike the correct balance between security and civil liberties.

Congress should implement policies to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species, water diversions, contaminated sediments, and sewer overflows. To safeguard against invasive species, Congress should reauthorize the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act. Regarding water diversions, Congress must seek direction from Great Lakes Governors to implement an interstate compact that yields decision-making authority to States over water withdrawals and diversions. I have introduced legislation that assists state and local governments in repairing aging wastewater infrastructure.

I supported the American Dreams Downpayment Act which was signed into law last year by President Bush. This law authorizes the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make downpayment assistance available to low-income and first-time homebuyers. I also supported legislation that provides over $1 billion for homeless assistance grants, assistance for elderly and disabled housing programs. I look forward to supporting measures in the future that provide assistance to those seeking affordable housing.

Mike Huckleberry, Democrat

"Huck" is a community activist and the owner of Huckleberry's restaurant in Greenville who is seeking his first elected office. Serving on several chamber and community committees he was outraged by the decision to close the Electrolux Plant and move to Mexico – putting 2,700 people out of jobs. He and his wife, Linda, have five children and one grandchild.

The people of Michigan deserved a faster, more decisive reaction to terrorism and defense after Sept. 11 by President Bush and U.S. Rep. David Camp. At that horrific moment, the world joined all Americans in uniting against world-wide terror and war. Instead of leading this united front, the present administration has squandered support at home and abroad by bickering over "who's in charge" and over-reaching into America's libraries, stepping on civil liberties.

Michigan's environment – notably led by our Great Lakes, their tributaries and our inland lakes – is our prize quality of life component. Huckleberry believes that protecting and cleaning the environment won't cost jobs – it will create jobs. Polluters in Midland and Traverse City should be held to reasonable standards and forced to pay for their damages to our lakes and river water system.

Over the past five years, more than $20 billion has been diverted/rescinded from federal housing programs while the number of Americans who cannot afford decent housing continues to rise. Huckleberry supports the creation of a National Housing Trust Fund patterned after a number of successful state and local vehicles which have shown a 99.8% success rate. Some of these programs have leveraged $9 for each $1 direct investment.

Albert Chia Jr., Libertarian – *Did not respond in time for publication.*

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Myrah Kirkwood, Republican A member of one of the first graduating classes of female cadets, Myrah Kirkwood is a candidate unlike any other. She spent 16 years in the Detroit Police Department and ended her career with the rank of Sergeant. Today, Myrah is the mid-west regional security manager for McDonalds Corporation. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Spring Arbor College and a Master's Degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.	I believe the goal is to protect the civil liberties of law-abiding Americans while simultaneously doing everything necessary to defend America from terrorists. The Patriot Act (passed with sweeping bipartisan support in 2001) allows for the enhanced coordination and information-sharing necessary to fight terrorism. Safeguards for civil liberties, including traditional judicial review, are built into the Patriot Act. Presently, no civil liberties violations associated with the Patriot Act have been cited by the inspector general.	Through representation of our region at the federal level, we protect this resource. Currently, Michigan and other Great Lakes states are losing Congressional seats, while fast-growing Southern and Western states are gaining seats. This raises fears of water transfers to drier parts of the nation. The region needs to complete the Annex 2001 Amendment to the Great Lakes Charter. This commits the region's states to limiting any new water withdrawals, and toughens regulations.	Homeownership is the cornerstone of America's communities, and it benefits individual families by helping them build stability and long term financial security. However, for too many families today, the struggle to gain access to affordable housing is insurmountable. An aggressive housing agenda can help overcome the barriers to homeownership by providing down payment assistance, increasing the supply of affordable homes, increasing support for self-help homeownership programs, and by simplifying the home buying process.
Dale E. Kildee, Democrat Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) represents the 5th Congressional District of Michigan, which includes all of Genesee and Tuscola Counties and part of Bay and Saginaw Counties. Kildee was first elected to Congress in 1976 and is currently serving his 14th term. Congressman Kildee is a senior member of both the House Education and the Workforce Committee and the Resources Committee. Kildee is also co-chairman of the Congressional Automotive Caucus and the Native American Caucus.	While we must give our law enforcement agencies the proper equipment and authority to protect us from terrorist threats, we must never allow fear of security threats to lead us into destroying our basic constitutional rights. That is why I cosponsored H.R. 3352, the Security and Freedom Ensured Act of 2003 (SAFE Act), to amend the PATRIOT Act in order to mitigate many of the more controversial provisions of the PATRIOT Act.	The Great Lakes are our State's economic and environmental ace in the hole. As a senior Member of the House Committee on Resources, I have led efforts to prohibit the transfer of water out of the Great Lakes Basin. I am also a cosponsor of legislation to prohibit oil drilling in the Great Lakes. We must do everything possible on the international, federal, state, and local level to protect the integrity of the Great Lakes.	The lack of safe and affordable housing is one of the most pressing issues facing our nation. That is why I cosponsored the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act to promote development, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable and safe low-income housing. I also support the Section 8 program and have called for an increase in the number of Section 8 vouchers. I have also called for increased funding for public housing and HOPE VI programs.
Harley Mikkelson, Green I grew up in the country, have been married to a farm girl for the past 27 years, live on part of the farm where my wife grew up, and have five children. I served in the Army in Vietnam. I have a BS from MSU. I worked in Flint, Michigan, for 24 years. I have worked on farms, in factories, held several government jobs, have held various union offices, and am now retired.	We are responsible for our own security; a government operating openly and keeping us informed will make it difficult for terrorists to operate. Our intelligence had much of the information about the terrorist attack on 9/11 before it happened. We can gather intelligence to protect ourselves without taking away civil liberties. Freedom makes this a great country to live in. We do not want a police state. We should repeal the Patriot Act.	Water is a necessity for life, and we are lucky the Great Lakes contain a large portion of the world's fresh water. Since the Great Lakes are bordered by several states and Canada, the federal government must take the lead in protecting the level and quality of Great Lake's water. We need strict federal antipollution and antidiversion laws, and federal money to provide money to clean up damage caused by previous polluters and alien species.	There is no shortage of affordable housing in our cities and towns but much of it is substandard and unattractive. The Federal government should raise the minimum wage to a living wage and make low interest loans available in order to give people the money to buy and fix up this housing. In addition, cities and towns need grants to rebuild and improve their infrastructure in order to attract people and businesses back into them.
Clint Foster, Libertarian I'm a lifelong resident of the area, a graduate of Freeland High School. I hold a degree in Business Management from Northwood University. I'm a homeowner, and a self-employed businessman. And I'm tired of being overtaxed, overregulated, and in general, over-governed by the current overpaid representatives.	As Benjamin Franklin warned us, those who would sacrifice liberty for security end up getting neither. Does anyone really feel safer with federal employees screening airline passengers?	Proceeds from sales of water rights in Michigan should be used to maintain the waters of Michigan in pristine condition. Michigan has more shoreline than any other state; to the Fed's, it all looks like "wetlands" in need of "preservation". Those who remember what Bay City State Park beach used to look like before the government came along and "saved" it should tell their current representatives to go jump in the lake on election day.	They should get out of the way. Currently, in a family with two working parents, one parent works entirely to pay the tax burden, forcing the family to live on the income of the other working parent. Dramatic, even drastic tax cuts are needed to remedy this.

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★★★★★ 6th District ★★★★★

Fred Upton, Republican

First elected to Congress in 1986. Currently a senior member of the House Education Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee, and serves as chairman of the Telecommunications and Internet Subcommittee. Fred personally reads the more than 500 legislative letters he receives each week and signs every response. Fred grew up in St. Joseph, Michigan. A graduate of the UofM, he and his wife, Amey, have two children.

As one who lived through 9/11, I am convinced these awful folks will try again. I believe that proper safeguards are in place in laws that have been enacted since 9/11. I support Congressional oversight for abuse of civil liberties and endorse a reporting system for any such abuse. The technology of terror now outpaces law enforcement statutes. We must have a balance between protecting our citizens and homeland, and protecting the rights of everyone.

Having grown up on the shores of Lake Michigan, I have a deep appreciation for our environment. I am a member of the Great Lakes Caucus. I have signed onto every bill, Republican and Democrat, preventing the diversion of Great Lakes water. We must prevent the commercial exploitation of the Great Lakes. I have worked to halt the infestation of invasive species such as zebra mussels from the ballast waters in foreign vessels.

Having a roof over one's head is a basic need everyone should have. I have long supported legislation ensuring access to public housing and I will continue to do so. I cosponsored bipartisan legislation to establish the Housing Trust Fund to provide for the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families. I also support the HOPE VI grant program to build affordable housing in communities with populations in need.

Scott Elliott, Democrat

A businessman, entrepreneur, civil rights activist. Scott Elliott has worked as a bookseller and art dealer in New York, London and Chicago. He supports teachers and public education, affordable health care for all, including efforts to lower the cost of medicine and supports a woman's right to choose. He is committed to protecting the environment. He strongly believes that the future depends on more public participation and greater citizen involvement in government at all levels.

The commission reports point to failures of agencies, not of the American ideal of freedom. Agencies have failed us, not our freedoms. If we allow our freedoms to be destroyed then I believe we have lost the war on terror. Before I ever agree to secret searches of library records I will hold the agencies responsible that have failed to follow leads available through traditional methodology. Failures of our agencies shouldn't cost us our freedoms.

State compacts are in place but there is a serious threat to such compacts. States will certainly at a point in time seek to have this water diverted for their needs. The U.S. Constitution gives the federal government the final say of issues that affect interstate commerce. I believe that federal legislation should encourage conservation and research in nonnuclear desalinization technology. These alternatives can result in the creation of badly needed new high paying jobs.

Jobs and interest rates are probably the most important factors when talking about making housing affordable. A strong economy is necessary to provide jobs. Jobs are typically not created in times of high interest rates as companies, particularly small companies cannot afford to borrow money. High interest rates destroy affordable housing, deficit spending increases the interest rates. Balancing the budget will help keep the interest rates low allowing more Americans to own their own homes.

Randall MacPhee, Green – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Dennis W. FitzSimons, US Taxpayers

Born: Eva, Alabama Oct. 29th, 1935. Mackenzie H.S., 1953. Lawrence Technological University 1958, B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Elected class president twice, V.P. once. Retired Electrical Engineer, Ford Motor Company. Suggested: Brake light for rear window. 1988 Bicentennial Delegate Mock Constitutional Convention. Benton Harbor three governors committees. Candidate: MI House 1986, 2002. Candidate: Oronoko Township Trustee 2001. Born again Christian. Jude 1:3, contending for the faith. Married 34 years, divorced 15, 3 children, 6 grandchildren.

Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. King James Bible. The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. Psalm 14:1 KJB. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15 KJB. Headlines: South…

Mostly, states responsibility according to the Bill of Rights Article X. Chem-trails have not been explained by the federal government; they contain toxins which end up in our water supply and fish, etc. Congress has a moral and ethical duty and obligation to the citizens to end chem-trails, not to be confused with contrails (water vapor).

Wrote a letter to the editor before the war objecting to it. Congress abdicated their authority again by not properly investigating 9/11 before the war. 75 billion dollars would have built one million homes at $75,000 each. Equal at the war costs would have built another one million homes. Down with death and destruction trying to create a new world order out of chaos! Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil…

Erwin J. Haas, Libertarian

Born in Buffalo, AB, Canisius College; MD, University of Buffalo. Trained in infectious diseases and internal medicine at Ohio State and the Henry Ford Hospital. Practiced in Grand Rapids for 25 years, now I travel all over U.S.

Make friends in the Mideast by getting out of the countries there, and stop supporting Israel with tax dollars.

Make it possible again for interested citizens to bring law suits against polluters.

Get rid of zoning and planning commissions. These are the contemporaneous versions of Jim Crow, necessitate cars to get to businesses and jobs, etc. Congress should abolish them.

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★★★★★ 7th District★★★★★

Joe Schwarz, Republican

Born and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan. Graduated from Battle Creek Central High School. B.A., University of Michigan; M.D, Wayne State University. Ten honorary degrees. 1965 to 1970: U.S. Navy, Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency. Two tours in Vietnam, one each in Laos and Indonesia. 1974-present: Practicing physician in Battle Creek; 1979-85: Battle Creek city commissioner, 1985-87: Battle Creek mayor; 1987-2003: Michigan state senator.

I strongly support the war on terror and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. Law-enforcement and DHS officials must also have the necessary tools to fight terrorism. As the USA PATRIOT Act comes up for renewal in 2005, Congress must closely analyze those provisions that allow the government to analyze medical and library records, and it must ensure that the integrity of the Fourth Amendment is honored.

The Great Lakes represent 22 percent of all fresh water in the world. We must oppose all attempts to divert/contaminate our water. The federal government must ensure that fines are steep enough to deter pollution, and that as many of our rivers, lakes, etc., are covered under the Clean Water Act. We should work with the states and Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes to oppose inappropriate incursions, such as drilling for oil and gas.

Every person deserves an opportunity to own a home. I support incentives to make homeownership easier for Americans, including tax credits for down payments on homes and subsidies to ensure that all Americans live in structurally and environmentally sound homes. We should improve public transportation so that those who live where there already exists affordable housing do not have to relocate to within walking distance of their employment.

Sharon Marie Renier, Democrat

48, One son-Gunnar. Paralegal U of Michigan Law School, organic farmer. Magna Cum Laude, Oakland CC. Washtenaw CC, University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment. Guest lecturer, University of Michigan; keynote, USDA Farm Women's Symposium; Executive Director, Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy; VP, Organic Crop Improvement Association International, guest of USAid and keynote, Organic Coffee Producers meeting San Salvador, El Salvador. Europe, Central and North American travel and speak 3 languages.

We need to fight the war on terrorism by making every citizen a watchdog, just as our citizens have done on air flights. We need to make sure that EVERY nation, not just the ones we choose, has a seat at the table and that we communicate and become allies. We cannot have freedom if anyone is oppressed or loses civil liberties. If we lose our civil liberties, then the terrorists have won.

Much! Pass legislation banning: the redirection of waters, pumping for resale, directional drilling. Work with Canada and surrounding U.S. States to curb pollution. We need to keep our Great Lakes the great lakes that they are . . . the world's largest bodies of FRESH water on the planet!

Make sure that everyone has access to good paying jobs. Instead of Halliburton (Cheney) making bullets they could get into the business of making nails. Instead of the Bin Laden family being in the war repair business (Construction), they could get into the human repair business, building homes for the homeless. We need to make war less profitable and peace more profitable. Only then we can work toward a fair and equitable system for everyone.

Jason Seagraves, Green

I studied to become a teacher at Siena Heights for four years before leaving to start my own mail order sales business. My wife and I managed that business for three years, closing it in 2004 so that we could pursue careers in education. I worked as a special educational aide in 2004. I worked with at-risk youth as a volunteer in 1997, when I won a four-county award as "Peer Mentor of the Year."

Our Constitutional liberties are not something to be "balanced." They are to be upheld no matter the consequences. An America without liberty isn't America. We need to take away the basis of recruitment for terrorist groups like al-Qaeda. Namely, our unjust support of the Israeli military regime and our international entanglements with Islamo-fascist nations like Saudi Arabia. We need to make peace an organizing principle, and respect for human rights a requirement for international relations.

We need to pass environmental regulations that put the health of our citizens above the greed of those who would pollute our air and water. We need to pass farther reaching Clean Water legislation, and also to establish the waters of the Great Lakes and all other bodies as the collective property of the citizenry, not a resource to be exploited by corporate profiteers who would privatize that which should be a human right: Water.

Reenact federal anti-usury laws to prohibit predatory lending by banks and credit card companies. Raise the minimum wage and provide tax credits to small business employers who pay their employees a living wage. Protect overtime pay. More money for working families equals more affordable housing. Provide federal authority for renters to establish "renters unions" at the neighborhood, municipal and county level for negotiations with landlords. Ban redlining. Provide federal assistance for first-time home purchasing.

David Horn, US Taxpayers

Born in Coldwater, MI. Raised on small farm outside of Litchfield, MI. Life-long Michigan resident. Currently live in Jackson. Litchfield High School Class Valedictorian, 1993. BS – mathematics, BS – computer science, MTU, 1998. MBA, Spring Arbor University, 2003. Employed as a computer programmer. Active in Skiff Lake Bible Church choir and outreach ministry. Volunteer track and field coach at Jackson Christian School. Rose Run volunteer. Past member of Boy Scouts, 4-H, and FFA.

If the government does not protect liberty, what is it protecting? Provisions of the Patriot Act that threaten civil liberties should be repealed. The right of American citizens to due process must be respected. Instead of focusing unwarranted attention on law-abiding Americans, the government should secure our borders, ports, and airports and allow people to defend themselves. Military action against national threats should be taken when appropriate, but only under a Congressional declaration of war.

Prevent western states from taking water from the Great Lakes. Regulate foreign shipping to prevent invasive species from entering the Great Lakes. Make polluters pay damages to individuals and businesses harmed by Great Lakes pollution.

Eliminate the income tax so that people can work for themselves instead of the government. Eliminate wasteful and unconstitutional spending so people are not burdened with an ever-increasing federal debt. Reform Social Security to allow people to save more of their money and allow tax and penalty free withdrawals from retirement accounts for home purchases.

Kenneth Proctor, Libertarian

My name is Ken Proctor, I'm now 53 years old. I'm not married now, but have a daughter and three wonderful granddaughters. In VietNam, I received a Bronze Star. I work for General Motors and received an A.S. degree from LCC in 1999. I have run for this office before because like many people, I believe the Democrats and Republicans are more interested in strengthening their parties than strengthening our nation.

Civil liberties and individual freedoms should never be sacrificed on the false promise of national security. We have become a terrorist target largely because of our governments meddling in the affairs of other nations. I opposed going to war with Iraq. We need to stabilize Iraq enough to protect our troops and then remove them by July 4, 2005. The life of Saddam was not worth the life of a single brave American soldier.

We need better laws covering Great Lakes water diversion. Heavy industries in the Great Lakes region and to our west contribute to our pollution, as does poor land use practices and even the Federal Government. We can do better than the Democrats and Republicans are doing now. From a federal level we need to look at what makes sense, what is Constitutional, and approach our solutions with a blind eye to "special interest" groups.

Most federal programs are corrupt and without any congressional oversight because our federal bureaucracy has gotten too big to manage. The federal government has no constitutional business in this issue other than making sure it has not put up road blocks to affordable housing. Most of the road blocks to affordable housing can be found at the state, county and local levels. Rent controls and zoning laws are just some of those road blocks.

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★★★★★ 8th District ★★★★★

Mike Rogers, Republican

Congressman Rogers' leadership experience led to a deputy whip appointment, leadership position as Deputy Whip/Coalitions, and seat on influential Energy and Commerce Committee. After 9/11/01, leaders tapped the former Army officer/ FBI agent to help monitor the war on terror, sending him on eight Middle East missions, including four to Iraq to meet with military, intelligence and foreign leaders, and soldiers fighting the war. Married, father of two, Mike is an Adrian College graduate.

September 11 highlighted the fact that our law-enforcement agencies were fighting tech-savvy enemies with one hand tied behind their backs. We were asking them to seek out and prevent 21st Century terrorism with 1970's tools. While we must provide our law-enforcement officers with the tools to combat crime in the technology-era, I remain a strong proponent of the Fourth Amendment protections safeguarding an individual's right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures.

I have sponsored legislation, H. Con. Res. 148 which affirms the authority of the Great Lakes Basin in developing a common standard for decisions relating to withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes. It recognizes authority over the waters of the Great Lakes should remain with the states. If Congress begins making these decisions, the choices will be made by the representatives of the dry southwest and western states.

I'm committed to helping hard-working Americans overcome the barrier to home ownership. That is why I sponsored the American Dream Down Payment Act which was signed into law on December 16, 2003. In its first year alone, it is expected to put 2,200 Michigan families, and 40,000 nationwide into a home of their own. It does so by providing money to qualified families for help with interest rate deductions, closing costs and down payment assistance.

Robert D. Alexander, Democrat

I have 38 years of experience in bringing people together to solve community problems. Having worked in education, state government, healthcare and as a volunteer community leader, I am in touch with our district's needs. As a Medicaid policy analyst, I led initiatives to improve healthcare, especially for seniors. We need sound education, good jobs, universal healthcare and national security. I have the knowledge, experience and personal skills necessary to work effectively for our district.

To improve national security, we must rebuild relationships with our allies and develop cooperative approaches to real threats, like Bin Laden and Al Qaeda, North Korea and HIV-AIDS. Instead of squandering billions occupying Iraq, we must strengthen security for our ports, bridges, airports, water supplies, and local police, fire and health services. We must reform the Un-American PATRIOT Act that has hindered civilian-government cooperation, fostered illegal internments, and alienated many Muslim and minority Americans.

I support H.R. 2720 to provide $4 billion for restoration matching grants to states and cities. We must overturn the present administration's destructive wetlands proposals that leave 270,000 acres of Michigan wetlands unprotected by federal law. Each state needs authority to determine what solid landfill wastes it will accept. We need a national bottle/can deposit law and federal incentives to achieve annual increases in percentage of electricity generation from renewable sources.

To ensure affordable housing funding we must reverse tax cuts, transfer rebuilding of Iraq to Iraq-UN supervision, and reinstitute congressional "Pay Go" fiscal restraints. Adequate Section 8 Home Choice Voucher funding is needed. A home ownership tax credit with new funds is needed while continuing low income housing tax credits. Funding is needed for direct lending and housing trust fund, HOME and CDBG programs, and linkage of Medicaid community waivers to Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

John Mangopoulos, US Taxpayers – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Will Tyler White, Libertarian

Fifty-three years old, owner of White Bros. Music, managing partner at Travelers Club International Restaurant & Tuba Museum in Okemos. Born in Detroit, the second of five children of Ray and Mary White. A graduate of Ferndale High School, and continuing education student at MSU majoring in pre-law political science. Christened at Faith United Methodist Church. Drafted during Vietnam war, failed physical due to eye injury. Vice chair of Meridian Township Economic Development Corporation.

Avoid creating terrorists with a balanced, compassionate foreign policy and not the current imperialist aggression. All civil liberties should be preserved regardless of threats.

Continue talks and agreements with Canada to limit pollution and export of water resources.

Reduce taxes dramatically allowing people to keep more of their income, and remove burdensome regulations from business that make housing too expensive.

★★★★★ 9th District★★★★★

Joe Knollenberg, Republican

Joe Knollenberg is currently serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He serves on the influential House Committee on Appropriations, which determines how federal dollars will be spent, where he is chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Construction. Prior to his election to Congress, Joe ran a small business in Troy that his sons now run. He and his wife, Sandie, live in Bloomfield Township.

The debate about the state of our basic civil rights following our efforts to give law enforcement more effective tools to combat terrorism has been spirited. However, I believe the rights and protections that the Constitution holds for the citizens of this country remain as strong as ever. I can promise that vigorous oversight by Congress, which has held 115 hearings examining homeland security and anti-terrorism measures, will continue and will help prevent abuses.

The Great Lakes are precious resources. As world demands for clean, fresh water grow, bulk exports pose a significant challenge to the management of this resource. It is essential that decision-making remains vested in the Governors of the Great Lakes States and the premiers of the Canadian provinces, who currently manage the Great Lakes Basin. There are too many who would relish the opportunity to transfer water from this resource to other regions.

As a senior member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), I have worked to support HUD's mission to provide affordable housing. Last year, we enacted the American Dream Downpayment Act, which allows a qualifying family be given an average of $5,000 to be used toward downpayment and closing costs of a home. I was pleased Congress provided $87.5 million for this program in fiscal year 2004.

Steven W. Reifman, Democrat

I have been an attorney and a community activist here in Southeastern Michigan for the past thirty years, defending working people and working to build better communities. I have been heavily involved with Friends of Woodward, M.O.S.E.S., and the Regional Citizens League.

Like most issues, this situation requires balance and common sense. I believe strongly that our civil liberties are non-negotiable, they are the foundation of our freedom, the very freedom we are seeking to protect. Increased security is needed at our ports, increased cooperation is needed between government agencies, and increased funding is needed for our first responders. This can be accomplished without sacrificing our civil liberties.

First and foremost, we have to support legislation that imposes a moratorium on drilling in the Great Lakes. I also believe we need to fully fund clean-up and anti-invasive species programs that work to protect the sensitive eco-system of the Lakes, like those proposed by the various conservation and sportsmen clubs in Michigan.

First, we must oppose President Bush's attempts to slash funding for programs such as Section 8 Vouchers. Then, we must be pro-active in supporting legislation that provides tax-credits for first-time home buyers, encourages cooperation between state and local governments and non-profit organizations, and other such measures.

Robert W. Schubring, Libertarian

After training in chemistry and chemical engineering at WSU, I spent twenty years in the environmental field and saw firsthand the difference between de facto public environmental policy and the pious platitudes politicians provide the public. I currently do forensic engineering work, having acted as an expert witness on several matters, including the Oklahoma City bombing case. I became a candidate for office when I realized my help was needed.

We are the only nation that killed with nuclear weapons. We showed the world how nuclear terror won the Cold War. Naturally, this has produced suicide-bombing copycats. Our foreign policy should promote peace through justice, not fear. We cannot have liberty and justice for ourselves if we refuse to share them with all our neighbors, and continue to be the planetary bully. National security demands more civil liberty, not less.

State and local officials must not violate federal water-quality laws. Oakland County officials poured infectious wastes and industrial toxins through the unlicensed Twelve Towns Sewage Plant since 1974, lied about the dangers, then said they were immune from suit, and now pose as heroes for finally spending $137 million on improvements, but will not promise to relicense the plant. Congress must make state and local officials personally liable to citizen lawsuits, to prevent recurrences.

At every stage of buying, heating, maintaining, and protecting a residence, Congress taxes us, so that more than half what we pay for housing is squandered in Washington. Every American is now an involuntary cosigner for $20,000 of our growing national debt. Congress must stop mortgaging our grandchildren's future, end all spending not mandated by the Constitution, pay off the national debt, and cut taxes. Housing and living costs will be cut in half.

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Candice S. Miller, Republican Before going to Congress as Michigan's 10th District Representative in 2002, I served two terms as Michigan's Secretary of State. Prior to that, I served as Macomb County Treasurer. My first elected position was that of a Trustee in Harrison Township in 1979, and a year later became the youngest Harrison Township Supervisor in the township's history. I am a lifelong resident of Macomb County, where I still reside.	The PATRIOT Act has proven successful in defending America from within, while at the same time the civil liberties of the innocent must be preserved. The rights of the American people are emblazoned on the Constitution and existing laws, and the necessary balance between security and liberty is required. Terrorists want to use our freedoms against us.	As a lifelong boater, protecting the Great Lakes has always been one of my principle advocacies. I am adamantly opposed to any diversion of the Great Lakes. I am currently working on legislation to coordinate data collection and monitoring of water quality and stopping the spread of invasive species.	The federal government can take several steps in ensuring every American has access to housing. Low interest rates help to ensure mortgage affordability, and job creation is an essential part of spreading home ownership. Americans with jobs can afford homes, and it should be the government's priority to keep Americans working. Tax policy should encourage home ownership...
Rob Casey, Democrat I am an automotive designer employed by General Motors. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business from Baker College. I have been married now for just over 20 years and am the father of two boys, ages 11 & 12. I do understand the challenges families in this district face, healthcare, fears about the future of Social Security and the insecurity of the job market, especially for the single parent families.	Ben Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." I don't think relinquishing our right to due process and protection against warrant-less search, is the answer. Would this have stopped the attacks of 9/11? I believe increased security at our nation's airports and border crossings is working. Also the President and Congress should act swiftly to evaluate the recommendations of the 9/11 commission.	Annex 2001 to the Great Lakes Charter of 1985, if approved would virtually stop large-scale diversions of water out of the region. To protect the ecosystem or balance of the Great Lakes Basin, I'd support the Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Act, unveiled in July 2003, and last referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. This would provide the money needed to battle invasive species, erosion, contaminated sediment and evolving lists of other tasks.	I'm not sure we are looking at the problem from the correct vantage point. I believe housing or really affordable housing comes with education, job training and critical / creative thinking skills. I believe we need to ensure every American has the ability to earn a good living, and with that comes affordable housing. We don't need to invest in housing, we need to invest in people.
Phoebe A. Basso, Libertarian Professional Engineer (MI) working in the automotive industry for 9 years, and other industries for six years. Married to Charles for 14 years, no children. BSME Western Michigan Univ 1989. Endowment Life Member of NRA. Life Member of GOA. American Systems Registrar Advisory Board VP.	If we quit interfering with other countries, they would leave us alone.	Allow individuals to track down and sue polluters.	The federal government should end deficit spending so the American people can afford to buy a home.
Anthony America, Natural Law Party REAL ESTATE BROKER since 1976 who has always been politically active concerning the rights and freedoms of Americans. "NO GUN CONTROL OR CENSORSHIP." A DEMOCRAT since 1961 running on the NATURAL LAW PARTY BALLOT. It is dangerous and deceitful to have all the CHEMICALS and ADDITIVES in our foods. PEOPLE are becoming Zombies and Addicted to sugar, salt, caffeine and prescriptions, thus ensuring Confusion and Control. CANADA, MEXICO and the USA must become one NATION.	Terrorism and threats to our security must be vanquished and destroyed. The government, under the guise of National Security must not take away our Rights, Liberties and Weapons. Defenseless people are controlled and enslaved by Tyrants. The People are subject to the whims and prejudices of corrupt leaders. "Prepare for the Future, Buy Guns and Ammunitions". The Hypocrisy, Censorship and Acts of Governmental Deception must be stopped, before everything falls apart and there's Open Revolution.	Great Lakes Water is a Treasure beyond value. Clean pure Water gives life and nourishes the Land. We must not allow any Chemical plants and industry within ten miles of the Great Lakes Water. All the Pollution, Sewage and Garbage dumped into the Great Lakes must end. Poisoned, Diseased and Toxic Water is a danger to everyone and everything. Life without Fresh Water leads to illness and death. "Clean Pure Water assures Mankind's Future."	Americans must be assured affordable housing, without threats of eviction and taxes so high they cannot be paid. There should be a point in people's lives, where they no longer are subject to taxes and loss of their property, because of unpaid taxes, poverty, old age or forgetfulness. The Greedy Corrupt money lenders and Debt Buyers must be stopped. They are destroying the trust and faith of the people in the Economy and our Society.

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★★★★★ 11th District ★★★★★

Thaddeus G. McCotter, Republican

A 30-year resident of Livonia, Thaddeus has represented portions of the 11th District for over fifteen years, first as a Schoolcraft Community College Trustee, a Wayne County Commissioner, a Michigan State Senator, and now as the District's U.S. Representative. In the Michigan Senate, Thaddeus served as the Assistant Majority Floor Leader. In 1999, the Senate Majority Leader appointed Thaddeus to chair the Senate Law Revision Task Force. Prior to becoming a State Senator, Thaddeus was…

Benjamin Franklin once said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." We must narrowly tailor and continually monitor homeland security laws to protect our families from concrete internal and international terrorist threats, and ensure we never threaten our own constitutional rights.

First, we must stop the federal government from controlling the Great Lakes, and potentially diverting our water to more arid states. Instead, Congress must pass legislation I've cosponsored, including the Invasive Aquatic Species Act, the Great Lakes Restoration Financing Act, and the Great Lakes Controlled Data Collection and Monitoring Act.

First, for families requiring housing assistance, I will continue working with local officials to free their effective programs from unhelpful federal regulations. Affordable housing requires a prosperous economy fueled by reducing the taxes of hardworking Americans, which will maintain low interest rates and increase home ownership opportunities.

Phillip S. Truran, Democrat

Truran is 37 years old and has two children, Todd, 12, and Megan, 10. I'm a veteran who served six years in the U.S. Navy. After serving, I attended college at Wayne State University where I graduated with a B.S. in business in 1999. After college I was hired at Ameritech, now SBC. After two years service I was elected President of my local union, the Communications Workers of America Local 4013. I've always been a Democrat.

We need to start by shoring up our borders. We have the ability through technology to monitor our borders without vast amounts of man-hours. We need to enact strict guidelines on who gets access to our country and enforce our immigration laws. But we should not go too far. American citizens have been victimized by the PATRIOT Act, and I will work to stop these abuses.

Our Great Lakes are our greatest natural resource! We must prevent any legislative action that diverts water from the Great Lakes to the southwest. Furthermore, we must protect the quality of our water qualities with new technologies like remote water quality monitoring, which can help trace pollutant sources, and I will work to create laws that hold polluters responsible for cleanup and punish repeat offenders.

The federal Government should provide loan guarantees to low-income families, similar in nature to VA Loans. This would provide access to housing for people who couldn't otherwise have access to mortgages. Our efforts need to be targeted on older and abandoned areas of our cities, which have blocks of unused real estate. We currently spend a lot of energy developing our farmland; instead we should direct that energy toward redeveloping our existing urban natural resources.

Charles L. Basso Jr., Libertarian – *Did not respond in time for publication*

★★★★★ 12th District ★★★★★

Randell J. Shafer, Republican

I am 40 years old, Married, 3 children, I am a proud and devoted family man, we live in St Clair Shores. I am a retired Army officer and my religion is Lutheran. I have an Associates degree in Management. I like to go fishing and hunting. I play baseball/softball, and I like to read non-fiction/history.

Let me first say "I support the Patriot Act". Our law enforcement agencies are doing a great job securing our nation, we were attacked by forces that could have been detected with the help provided in the Patriot Act, I know of no civil liberty violations committed using the Patriot Act. It's being used properly and we are safer because of it. I'll be the first to denounce any violations of any civil rights, anywhere!

President Bush has pledged not to allow the diversion of any water from our Great Lakes to any other region in the country. I support this pledge. If need be, I would introduce the needed legislation to protect our greatest natural resource here in Michigan. God has blessed us with the stewardship of these waters. I fish and I hunt and I'll stand up in Congress to protect our Great Lakes.

The federal government's role in ensuring affordable housing should be to keep interest rates low, this allows people with the desire to become homeowners, access to loans. We live in the greatest country in world, we have the freedom to choose where we want to live.

Sander Levin, Democrat

Born in Detroit, Levin is married with 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Elected to Congress in 1982, he serves on the influential House Ways and Means Committee where he focuses on trade, social security, health care, child support and tax issues. Local projects include actively working with community anti-drug coalitions.

Congress has given the Bush Administration extensive new tools and resources to detect and combat terrorism, but fundamental constitutional principles must not be sacrificed. Congress included a provision in the 2001 Patriot Act that requires major provisions of the Act to sunset in 2005 in order to allow Congress to fine-tune the law. As Congress does so, it should place increased emphasis on the need to subject the government's actions to meaningful judicial review.

Our Great Lakes water is not for sale and must be protected from diversion. The Great Lakes states and the Federal Government must work together to block diversions or bulk water sales. We must also work together to restore the environmental health of the Lakes. I am an original cosponsor of the Great Lakes Restoration Financing Act which authorizes $4 billion over five years to deal with the environmental challenges facing the Great Lakes.

The lack of affordable housing is a serious problem for the 5.4 million Americans who pay more than 50% of their limited incomes on housing or live in severely substandard housing. I am a cosponsor of the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act, which would begin to address this crisis by creating a fund dedicated to the creation and renovation of 1.5 million units of affordable housing across the county over the next ten years.

Dick Gach, Libertarian

I am a WWII Navy volunteer, vehemently opposing our current belligerent foreign policy, especially invading Iraq without United Nations support. Home builder since 1953, the year Bernice and I married. We have three children, five grandchildren. BS in Physics, U of M. Libertarian candidate since 1994, proposing smaller, Constitutionally limited federal government, recognizing personal responsibility. Member, Optimists International, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Realtors, Toastmasters International. I have never held elective office.

If we don't preserve our civil liberties, the terrorists will have won. It is imperative that we improve our intelligence gathering, removing it from presidential political control. Privacy of communications shouldn't be compromised without court orders. Border patrols should primarily guard against terrorist infiltration, not narcotics. Illegal aliens are more likely ambitious workers than terrorists. Withdrawal from Iraq would reduce terrorism more than the Patriot Act. Saudis destroyed the World Trade Center, not Iraqis.

The Constitution gives Congress jurisdiction over interstate commerce and waterways, and over foreign relations. I would leave decisions to the bordering states and Canada, entering into negotiations only if the parties involved could not agree or if a treaty is required. States not bordering the lakes have no ownership; to purchase Great Lakes water, they should negotiate with the bordering States and Canada. Washington must never require redistribution of our water.

Lower housing costs by reducing governmental interference with land use, construction regulations, and building codes. Although much is State, County, and Local, outside of federal jurisdiction, federal OSHA, DNR, and Wetland designation all needlessly increase costs. Housing costs are also increased by protectionist tariffs on Canadian lumber. Programs like FHA and VA mortgage insurance reduce down payments and interest cost, and have gone a long way toward providing affordable housing through private enterprise.

United States Representative – 2 Year Term – *Vote for One (1)*

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Cynthia Cassell, Republican Cynthia Cassell is an investigative journalist for broadcast television news and a small business owner. During the last three years Miss Cassell has concentrated on tracking terrorist activities and funding in the United States and documenting the sale of Blood Diamonds from Africa to fund Al Queda. Her long term assignments have also included Organized Crime, Serial Killers and Political Corruption. She was educated at the University of Michigan and is a strong supporter of education…	The Patriot Act and Homeland Security have been instituted to protect our freedoms and rights while defending us against the most important issue of the 21st Century, terrorism.	The Great Lakes water belongs to the states who have the Great Lakes in their borders. It's up to the states to decide. With the current low water tables in the Great Lakes, it's important to keep the water in the lakes and not export it into the deserts. Housing and development need to take into consideration the natural resources of their own area and not depend on water resources from thousands of miles away.	Housing and Urban Development is the part of the federal government that helps Americans to gain access to affordable housing. It is more important to encourage home ownership, and the United States is now realizing the highest minority home ownership in history.
Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Democrat Now in her fourth term serving Michigan's 13th Congressional District, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick's hard work and thoughtful political style have earned her the confidence and respect of her peers, who have appointed her to the powerful House Appropriations Committee. She is the only Michigan Democrat on this important committee, which authorizes spending for all levels of the federal government. As a member of the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Committee, and the Foreign Operations…	Terrorism can only exist where there is freedom. Americans have to decide if they want to have closed borders by becoming isolationist or be global with open borders. If we decide to be globalists, then we have to shape both our foreign and economic policies in ways that are fair to the countries with which we choose to trade.	The only role the federal government should play is to demand that local governments adopt land-use policies that do not contribute to their pollution.	Remove "new housing starts" as an "economic indicator." A national survey employing all housing agencies to identify existing housing stock; creating standards of habitability, value, location. A special local level census to determine the numbers of housing needed and by what income groups. Identify the ability of an area to sustain itself economically assuring that investment in housing can be maintained. Assist in the financing of services and resources needed to support home improvement activities.
Thomas Lavigne, Green Born: Detroit, Michigan, the 7th son, 8th child. Married to Andrea Lavigne, Green Party candidate for Michigan Representative, District 1; and have 3 children. Lawyer, licensed in Hawaii, North Carolina and Michigan; and decision-support facilitator. BA Liberal Arts English, Mathematics & Dance Wayne State University, JD Michigan State University College of Law, also attended: East China Institute of Politics and Law and Maharishi International University.	Stop treating the world and especially the poor so terribly, as we have for all too long. Stop supporting oppressive regimes, starting with the racist regime of Ariel Sharon, in Israel. Stop announcing, as Bush did, just before the 9-11 attack, that "Ariel Sharon is a man of peace!" There is no excuse for the enactment of the Patriot Act. Civil rights must be maintained.	Enact strict environmental protection laws, which should also address the diversion of Great Lakes water to other states. More importantly, we must not allow the privatization of our public water systems, as they are trying in Highland Park, where the poor have been denied this basic need to water as well as heat in the winter.	It is all in how you divide the pie. End corporate welfare. Just a fraction of the money directed to the military industrial complex, could solve the housing issue alone. It is a matter of priorities as a people.
Eric Gordon, Libertarian I am 34, married with 3 children, BA History, BA English Western Michigan University, employed as Finance Analyst.	The Civil Liberties of individuals cannot be made subservient to the need for security, I would approach any proposal with this as the guiding principle.	*Did not respond to question.*	The question supposes that the government "should" actively do something to ensure affordable housing. The best the government can do is get out of the way of the market and allow the unfettered market to provide. It can do this by reducing \ eliminating regulations that drive up the cost of housing. It can also reduce the tax burden allowing individuals to keep more of their own money thereby making housing more affordable.

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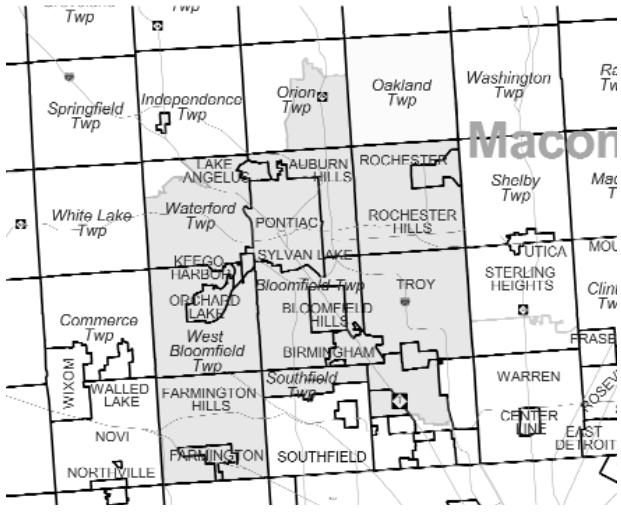

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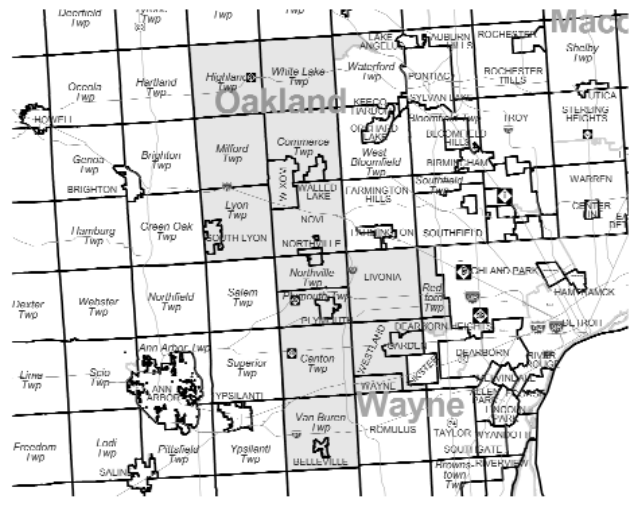

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Veronica Pedraza, Republican – *Did not respond in time for publication.*

John Conyers, Jr., Democrat – *Did not respond in time for publication.*

Lisa Weltman, Green

Born April 2, 1964 into a poor working class household. Began working at 10 years old. Worked various jobs, including in an illegal sweatshop, as a childcare aid, a casual longshore laborer, a punch press operator, a cab driver, and an office worker. After being disabled on the job, returned to school; AA Henry Ford CC, BA UM-Dearborn, MA University of Windsor. Longtime grassroots activist, union organizer, and fighter against racism, sexism, homophobia, and war.

The fight against terrorism is a political battle, not a military one. The U.S. has contributed to the problem by creating desperate situations for innocent people through economic and military aggression. We need a commitment to building genuine equality and solidarity among all peoples, which robs terrorists of a potential membership base. I stand for immediate repeal of the USA-PATRIOT Act, and an end to wars that benefit only the wealthy, which breeds terrorism.

Our natural resources are not for sale. Great Lakes water should not be another commodity, sold to corporations like Ice Mountain. I support federal legislation banning the diversion of Great Lakes water to corporations or other interests outside the region. I also support legislation to severely punish polluters and clean up the Great Lakes at corporate expense. Finally, I support legislation to end the practice of water shutoffs for those who cannot afford to pay.

The human right to quality, affordable housing should be in the Constitution. I would sponsor legislation offering grants, low and no interest loans, and microcredits for low income people regardless of credit history. I would also sponsor legislation to create a massive public works program to build new housing, repair old buildings, and revitalize neighborhoods, while ending unemployment. The cost would be offset by massive reductions in the military budget and ending corporate welfare.

Wilbert Sears, US Taxpayers

Currently an independent business owner developing distribution networks in communications, health, and consumer (products and services) areas as well as teaching driver education to teenagers. Has sold real estate as an agent for 20 years. Member in good standing of a non-denominational Christian church. Is 55 years old, married 25 years with 5 children. Has attended college and dozens of sales, management, and business seminars.

The recent random searches of citizens in Boston due to terrorist concerns by authorities to secure a political convention is a dangerous step in the wrong direction. Not a single basic civil liberty may be infringed upon, war or no war. Our borders along Canada and Mexico must be secured to stop illegal crossings. Immigration must be slowed, even if only temporarily to allow for proper assimilation of these new Americans.

By engaging residents and businesses near the water to look for polluters and report them taking pictures of the violation when possible the EPA can cover more territory. Rigorous prosecution and penalties to violators should follow which should include them cleaning up their violation and paying any court/government costs incurred. Ship violators should be penalized when caught in the same way.

Provide an environment wherein the private sector can thrive. First, eliminate the income tax which was never lawfully passed by Congress. Also, eliminate the IRS and our tax code. Next, close the Department of Education and return this responsibility to the States and the people. Eliminate laws that burden and restrict small business and entrepreneurship. Now balance the budget by dramatically cutting spending.

Michael L. Donahue, Libertarian

BA, Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., 1965. Juris Doctor, UofD Mercy School of Law, 1965. Captain, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 1966-68, Bronze Star. Married 38 years. Three children. Roman Catholic. Commissioner, State Bar of Michigan. President, Detroit Bar Association. Director of Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services and African Heritage Cultural Center. Experience in private practice of law and trust banking, 36 years. Previous candidacies: District Court, MI Supreme Court, State House, State Senate.

Threats to our national security are virtually nonexistent. They're isolated to a few terrorist acts which seldom happen and if our government's departments and agencies were more prepared to cooperate with one another instead of jealously guarding their turf, the security of our nation would be substantially improved. You can virtually never protect the citizenry by taking away their right to privacy and their individual liberty. When that is done society at large always suffers.

The only threat to Great Lakes water within the purview of the Federal Government is Canada. Federal Government could take action against Canada if it was found to be diverting water to other parts of our continent. Otherwise, people of each state contiguous to a Great Lake can always take legal action against their state officials if it's found the State was diverting the water. As for pollution of the waters the same distinction applies.

Federal Government should do nothing to insure every American has access to affordable housing because this is not within the purview of what the Government is authorized to do under the Constitution. Housing, like food, clothing, health care and every personal need satisfied by a person's financial wherewithal is an individual's responsibility. Once government starts to provide material wealth to the citizens, the individual's personal liberty disappears and he/she becomes a servant of the state.

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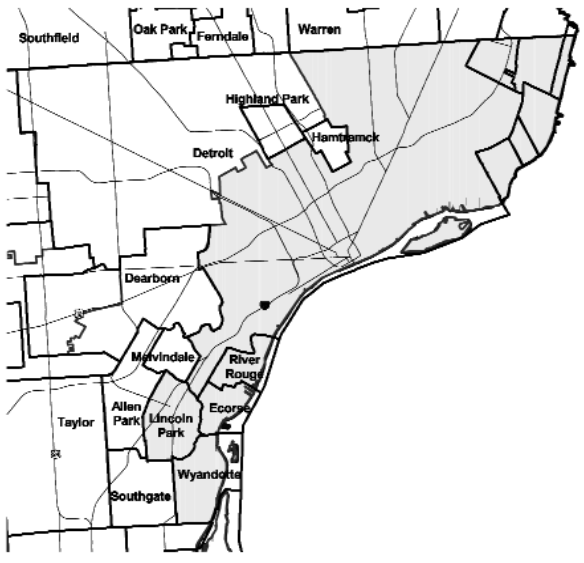

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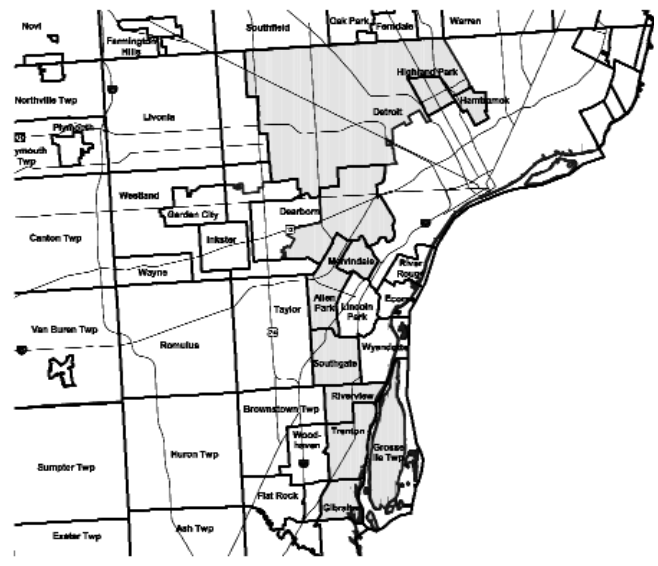

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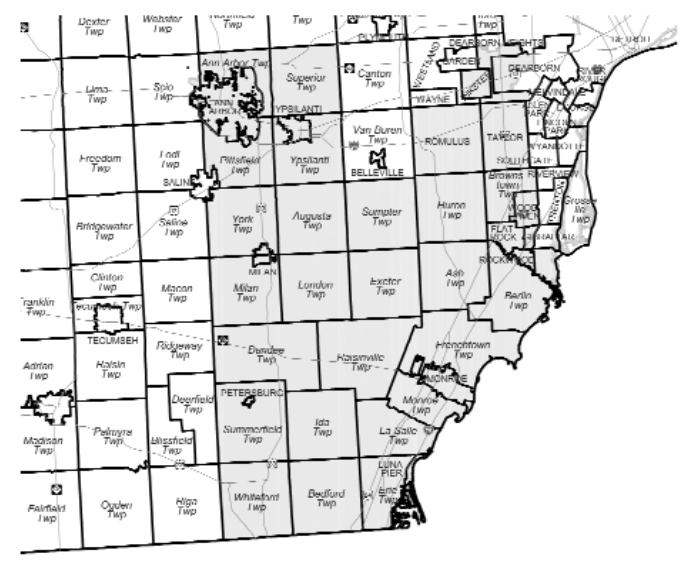

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Dawn Anne Reamer, Republican Current Occupation: Staff Attorney. LLM, WSU expected May 2006. JD, WSU May 2000. BS, Criminal Justice, EMU May 1997	I plan to allow legislation that only allows the privacy violations where there is reason to believe that the person being investigated has ties to terrorism. We also need to strengthen immigration laws and enforcement so that the United States knows who is entering the country and who is in the country.	Legislation can be proposed at the federal level that regulates the sale or privatization of water before it is taken. The federal government should also work toward an agreement with Canada regarding protection of Great Lakes water.	The federal government should help American citizens with mortgage down payments, should encourage redevelopment of blighted areas, and build new affordable rental housing.
John D. Dingell, Democrat Congressman John D. Dingell has made a career of fighting the fights that matter to the working families of Southeast Michigan. Known as the 'Dean of the House of Representatives', Dingell continues to make his mark as a champion for the workers who keep America's factories strong, a crusader for America's natural heritage, and the leading voice in Congress for making health care affordable.	I do not believe in and refuse to support any legislation that curtails basic constitutional rights without proper congressional deliberation in general and House deliberation in particular. While I support President Bush's efforts in combating terrorism, I do not believe hasty legislation should be implemented that can be used to persecute innocent people.	The Great Lakes are Michigan's greatest resource. I'm a cosponsor of H.R. 2720, Great Lakes Restoration Financing Act, which establishes an Advisory panel to develop a comprehensive management plan and authorizes the necessary funding to clean and protect the Lakes. An important issue on the Great Lakes is the need to control invasive species. I'm a cosponsor of H.R. 1080, National Aquatic Invasive Species Act, which would establish and fund aquatic invasive species prevention programs.	Make sure that all Americans have good, well-paying jobs. We need to stop the tax breaks to companies that shift jobs overseas. In the past 4 years, we have lost 2.8 good manufacturing jobs. Lastly, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1102. This legislation would promote the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable and safe low-income housing through grants to states and local communities.
Mike Eller, US Taxpayers – *Did not respond in time for publication.*			
Gregory Scott Stempfle, Libertarian I am a life-long resident of Southeast Michigan and now reside in Dearborn Heights with my wife. I grew up in Dearborn and earned a degree from Wayne State in Biology. I have been active in politics since college both with the Libertarian Party and my local city government. Currently I am work at the University of Michigan as a researcher in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and am studying Molecular Biology.	There is no conflict between individual freedoms and national security. In fact, infringing upon individual rights compromises national security by diverting law enforcement away from serious issues. Laws against victimless crimes such as drug use, prostitution, and gambling need to repealed so that police can focus on real threats. The FBI should be spending their resources investigating terrorist threats, not arresting medical marijuana patients. Better communication between federal agencies is essential for effective counterterrorism efforts.	Decisions about the Great Lakes should return to the states and provinces that border them. The states must ensure that companies who pollute be required to pay for the necessary cleanup costs and not be passed on to taxpayers. Governments must also abide by the same environmental standards as those imposed on the private sector. The emptying of ballast water from ocean liners must be enforced to prevent the introduction of foreign species.	Housing is not a nationwide problem. If housing shortages exist, they should be handled at a state or local level through tax incentives or the easing of restrictive building ordinances. Local communities address such issues more effectively. Funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development should be eliminated as it is wasteful and unnecessary. Instead of being diverted to other programs, this money should be sent back to the states and to the taxpayers.
Jerome S. White, No Party Affiliation Jerry White, 45, has been a member of the socialist movement for 25 years, joining in New York City where he was a worker at UPS and a City University of New York student. During the 1980s and 1990s he was active in the struggle of the working class against corporate union-busting and the betrayals of the AFL-CIO bureaucracy. In 1996 he was the Socialist Equality Party candidate for US president.	The "war on terrorism" has been used by the Bush administration and the Democrats to carry out long-standing plans to seize oil in the Middle East and Central Asia, and undermine democratic rights at home. Genuine democracy is incompatible with the levels of social inequality that plague American society and an imperialist foreign policy. The Patriot Act and the Department of Homeland Security should be abolished and fraternal relations established with working people internationally.	Only a socialist economic program can assure the rational development of the earth's finite resources and protect the Great Lakes and the earth's environment as a whole. The subordination of all human activity to the drive for profit and the accumulation of personal wealth threaten to unleash an ecological disaster.	Launch a multi-billion dollar construction program to create comfortable and affordable housing for all who need it. This should be paid for by ending the war in Iraq, repealing the tax cuts for the rich, restoring direct taxes on wealth and abolishing loopholes that allow most large corporations to pay only a tiny fraction of tax on their profits. Taxes should be reduced for the majority of people and sharply increased for the wealthy.

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State Board of Education Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Nancy Danhof, Republican Graduated East Lansing High School and MSU BA with a teacher's certificate, married with two children, active on statewide non-profit boards and community activities. Eight years on the East Lansing School Board; seven years as policy chair. Director of the Michigan Foundation for Education Leadership for six years, planner for the Governor's Education Summit. Collaborated with education associations, colleges and universities. I will bring education perspective, problem solving and public policy development abilities.	No. Accountability is vital to improving our children's education. The MEAP and other tests that reflect high standards provide accountability, however, closing the achievement gap between high and low scoring students and working to bring all students up to their full potential must remain a focus. Highly qualified teachers who understand student assessment and early intervention so that all students are prepared to succeed is a necessary measure of accountability and performance as well.	The State Board must insist that all federal funds be used to help local districts maintain or improve their current level of services. This means becoming facilitators for local districts in how to navigate and meet the Federal requirements so that the scarce resources and funds available are not left unused and under utilized.	The quality of data collected in all schools must be constantly examined to ensure that it is of the highest possible quality. Charter schools have a special need to provide accurate and current information as they should be on the front lines of innovation. Not just the Legislature, but parents and students should have access to data of the highest quality possible so that they can make the most advantageous decision for their children.
Robert M. Smart, Republican Resident of Grand Rapids. Graduate Walled Lake Consolidated Schools (1965), and the UofM (BA, Economics, 1970). Graduate work in Finance, MSU. Staff Member Michigan House of Representatives 1971-1975. President and Founder, Smart Planning Company (Financial Consulting) 1987-present. Republican Nominee for State Representative, Lansing 1972. Past President, Kentwood Rotary Club. Member of the Vestry, St. Marks Episcopal Church. Past board member, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County. Married to Martha Smart. Director, Kent District Library.	The Education Yes A-D, Alert and Unaccredited grading standards adopted by the State Board were designed to provide evaluation criteria that encompass more than test scores. Opinion is divided as to whether the ACT test should be substituted for 11th graders. I want to defer action on this step. I believe in accountability measures for schools as embodied in No Child Left Behind.	The "unfunded mandate" argument is often a partisan attempt to discount the value of the legislation or pre-excuse the failure to perform. There is usually a difference between the amount Congressional committees authorized and the amount finally appropriated. Title I federal spending for education has increased 42.5% from 2001-2005. Overall Department of Education appropriations have increased 142%. On average states have $35 million of unspent funds from prior appropriations.	I believe in accountability for all education delivery systems. I believe in expanding choice to provide students an immediate alternative to failing schools and increase parental involvement. Existing studies have shown that competition results in greater productivity in both Charter and traditional public schools. This is the reason to lift the cap on charter schools.
Marianne Yared McGuire, Democrat Born and raised in Grand Rapids. BA in Education from Aquinas College, BFA in Journalism from WSU, post grad courses in Education. Elementary school teacher for 10 years in GR and Detroit. Elected to the State Board in 1996 running on a platform to preserve and enhance public education for all children. Have two grown children; daughter a banker and son a public school Physics teacher. Work part-time at Borders Books and do free-lance writing.	No, and to take the stress off the MEAPs as the only indication of how a school or district is achieving, the State Board established Education Yes! Using a base score of 100, Ed Yes! Calculates MEAP scores for 67% with other factors such as art, social studies, parental participation, and school progress counting for the remaining 33%. The total presents a more rounded picture of school performance.	NCLB has sapped the Department of Education's staff and fiscal resources. Undaunted, the Department, along with MSU has created and trained a coterie of coaches to personally assist individual schools not meeting AYP. It's clear that a financial plan such as proposal A does not fill school needs when sales tax revenues are down. It's time to talk about tweaking.	The legislature has repeatedly shown it doesn't care about data showing that charter schools aren't meeting their promises. Furthermore, if the legislature wanted to meet the spirit of the law which limits the number of charters to 125 it would close the loophole allowing Bay Mills College to charter an unlimited amount of schools. We now have 220 charter schools in Michigan.
Herbert S. Moyer, Democrat Herbert Moyer-teacher, school administrator, superintendent. Lifelong Michigan resident, born Buchanan, MI. Married, father and grandfather. BA-WMU; MA-Columbia; Ed.D-WSU. Served on following: Monroe Child and Family Council; Michigan PTA Education Commission Chairman, Health and Family Chair; Member Rotary and Lions; Monroe County Chamber; Monroe Co. Democratic Party Executive Committee; United Way Campaign Chair; VP 02-04 State Board. 1994 Michigan Superintendent of Year, 1998 Michigan Education Hall of Fame inductee.	No! PA 25 gives specifics for grading of schools, however, initially it did not include other measures such as physical facilities, attendance and parental involvement. This was not implemented until 2001—during Moyer's term.	The unfunded part is very unfortunate. The State Education department funding and staffing has been severely cut. With these limitations our capable staff is working collaboratively through ISDs, universities and the education community to implement many plans to work with schools at risk and to maintain our current levels.	Yes. Our legislature has received much data and status information on our charter schools. Not one aspect of the McPherson study has been implemented and it seems charter schools in Michigan are not qualitative but quantitative with limited oversight.
Peter Ponzetti, Green Peter Ponzetti will graduate from WMU in Apr. 2005 with a BA in Secondary Education. Over the past three years, he has worked as a writing tutor, substitute teacher and student mentor. In 2002, Peter was a candidate for State Representative. He is a member of the MEA and ACLU, and has written extensively about education issues. Born in Royal Oak, MI in 1980, Peter holds two A.A. honors degrees from MCC, in Flint, MI.	Absolutely not. Standardized tests such as the MEAP do not measure school performance, they measure how much students can cram into their short-term memories to be able to answer multiple choice and short essay questions. MEAP shows if a student gets the correct answer, not how or why. In real life, employers, colleges and the military want to know not only the correct answer, but how one obtained it and why it is correct.	The long-term goal of "No Child Left Standing" is to shift education from being a public good to a "private-public" partnership. This means that corporations selling education services, like the Edison Project, will be able to make a profit at taxpayer expense. The State Board of Education should actively pressure the State Legislature to cut subsidies to private enterprise within Michigan and utilize that money to meet federal NCLB mandates.	No. Data collection and evaluation should be completed by a state agency and not contracted private sector firms, such as Public Sector Consultants, Inc. and MAXIMUS, Inc. Just as a Michigan public university must grant a charter in order for an individual, organization or corporation to open a charter school, it should be state oversight and not private sector oversight which determines raising, lowering or maintaining the cap.

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Gail M. Graeser, US Taxpayers I was born in Chicago, Illinois, but have lived in Fremont, Michigan for 32 years. I have an Associates Degree in Medical Secretary/ Transcription and have worked in that field for years. I have been involved as a volunteer in various areas over the years at the Christian school, public school, and church; I am currently a Coffeebreak Bible Study Leader and a secretary/counselor at Alpha Women's Center (crisis pregnancy center).	No. There is more to education than "teaching to the test" which happens when MEAP scores only are used as a measure of school performance.	Maybe by looking at the program itself and realizing it could be an impossible mandate to fulfill, which may mean getting more parents involved in their children's education by getting less government involvement. Parents are responsible for educating their children, not the government.	I have no idea what data is collected now, but why is the legislature making those decisions? What happened to parents making the decision on how and where to educate their children?

Stephanie Poortenga, US Taxpayers – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Scotty Boman, Libertarian – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Ernie Whiteside, Libertarian Graduate of Morley-Stanwood High School, Morley, MI, senior class president and honorary science student. Fourteen year, veteran of the United States Air Force, honorable discharge, Commendation Medal and National Defense Ribbon. Associates of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and Bachelor of Science in Business Management (Magna Cum Laude) from Park College, Parkville, MO. Software Account Executive and Medical Technologist. Home educator since year 2000.	No. The best judges of school performance are the parents and the local school board. Standardized comparative testing may be helpful, but can be very misleading. For example, in a population of 100 excellent schools, those ranking 99 and 100 (worst) are still excellent schools; in a population of 100 poor schools, those ranking 1 and 2 (best) are still poor schools. Trust the local school boards to set their own standard for excellence.	Just say, "No!" Federal mandates are a result of accepting federal funding. Federal funds make up less than 7% of the money needed to run public schools while costing schools far more to implement. Reinforce the superior role of the local school boards in managing public schools, limit the role of the state board and eliminate the role of the federal government. Don't accept ANY federal funds for education.	I do not support charter schools; I support private, parochial and home education programs as an alternative to traditional public schools. Parents are the best-qualified people to determine when a private school alternative is superior to public schools. Protecting private school alternatives from state regulation and offering only a no-frills, quality, basic public education program will ultimately make private school alternatives more attractive and result in a lower cost to the taxpayer.

Colette McLogan, Natural Law Party – *Did not respond in time for publication*

University of Michigan Regents Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Patrick Anderson, Republican Patrick Anderson is the founder of the consulting firm Anderson Economic Group, and a prize-winning author of over 90 published works. Patrick Anderson previously served as deputy budget director for the State of Michigan, where he helped implement "Proposal A," and as chief of staff for the Michigan Department of State. He also authored the Term Limit Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Patrick, his wife, and their three children live in mid-Michigan	The primary role of our universities is to provide a firm grounding in literature, history, mathematics, and science; knowledge of the world's culture and great religions; and an appreciation of the principles on which the United States of America was founded. The Board of Regents must be accountable to the citizens for a curriculum based on scholarship, which prepares students for both citizenship today and the knowledge-based jobs of tomorrow.	My background as an economist and former budget official for the State will help the University make the difficult management decisions to stretch dollars farther, and to avoid wasting money. In addition, I believe the elected Board of Regents should be willing to take a public position defending our higher education institutions—including Wayne State, Michigan State, the University of Michigan, and other colleges—and their importance to the State's economy and future.	Citizens should demand accountability from their elected university trustees. Republican candidate Carl Meyers and I have adopted an accountability agenda to ensure that the Board of Regents takes a public vote, after a public debate, on major issues. As part of that accountability agenda, I'll ensure that the board takes a public vote on the admissions policy, and will advocate for fair, open admissions based on merit. I'll also advocate for a stronger core curriculum.
Carl Meyers, Republican Carl Meyers is a 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in Business Administration. Carl has worked in the field of finance for over 22 years and is presently a Senior Vice President of Investments for the firm of Raymond James and Associates. In counseling families on personal finance he's seen the challenges Michigan families are facing in funding college education. Carl and his wife reside in Dearborn with their 3 children.	I believe that the academic mission of the University of Michigan is to prepare students to compete in a fiercely competitive global economy. The preparedness comes from experiences gained both inside and outside the classroom. The University should provide a dynamic learning environment where students learn and grow intellectually, academically, socially and emotionally. Upon graduation, they will be equipped to enter the workforce with the skills to excel and lead in their chosen fields.	Funding the academic mission presents the greatest challenge for UofM. It is imperative to protect the academic integrity of the University, while not placing a burden on families in the form of excessive tuition increases. As a public institution, the University has a responsibility to provide financial access to students from all walks of life. The University must exercise fiscal discipline, eliminate waste and look for innovative ways to fund the academic mission.	My extensive experience in finance gives me the skill-set necessary to address the University's financial challenges. I'll work to ensure financial access to the University for all citizens; in contrast to the Democratic incumbents, where we've seen tuition costs to increase by over 40% on their watch. I will pledge, along with fellow Republican nominee, Patrick Anderson, to be accountable to the citizens of Michigan for all policy and governance on the Board of Regents.

University of Michigan Regents (continued) Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Olivia P. Maynard, Democrat Olivia Maynard received her B.A. from George Washington University, her M.S.W. U. of Michigan. She serves as U of M Regent. Libby is President of the Michigan Prospect. Elected two terms as Chair of the Michigan Democrats, served as Director of the State Aging Office, taught at Michigan universities. She ran for Lt. Governor with Governor James Blanchard. Board service; C.S. Mott Foundation, Council of Michigan Foundations, Council on Foundations, Planned Parenthood, McLaren Medical Center.	Each university has its own unique mission whatever its specific goal-oriented programs offer. However, all students in higher education must be prepared for the job market in the 21st Century by developing intellectual and social skills within a diverse academic environment. The skills should include the ability to analyze critically, interpret and communicate the results of their studies, utilizing the latest technology to reach these objectives.	The University's 2.5 billion dollar capital campaign will be focused on raising funds for student financial support, endowing faculty positions as well as strengthening our infrastructure. The Life Sciences Institute, as it develops, will improve the academic climate. We are also committed to improving undergraduate education while continuing to support internationally recognized research. The recruitment of the finest faculty will continue.	The U of M is a dynamic research and teaching institution: a world class public institution. It takes a significant part of the first term of office to understand the intricacies and complexities of its operations. I believe I have reached this understanding about the University. My life experiences in the political world, in state government and my present service in the non-profit arena, give me a unique perspective on the realities of maintaining this remarkable university.
S. Martin Taylor, Democrat Taylor, 64, is executive VP of DTE Energy responsible for HR, communications, and government affairs. He has served as president of New Detroit, Inc., director of both the MDOL and MESC, Chairman of the Council of Michigan Foundations, The Arts League of Michigan, president of the Detroit Zoo, board member of MEDC, BCBS of Michigan and a Life Member of the NAACP. BS degree from WMU and a law degree from DCL.	Universities are an integral part of our education system for job seekers. The direct relationship between educational attainment and economic success are clear and direct. Universities also play a key role in research and technology transfer which create jobs. Universities must understand that it may be a great research center, but it must also prepare students for the world of work. The fundamentals of each discipline must remain a central core of their instructional curriculum.	It is critical to not allow the University to use cuts in state funding as an excuse for not maintaining academic standards. Regents must ensure that the U of M works diligently to reduce costs. We must keep service to our students first in budget priorities. We must be very active and vocal with our executive and legislative branches of state government regarding the critical need to maintain Michigan higher education system.	My diverse work experience and education uniquely qualifies me. I understand the complex governance role of the Board of Regents in setting policy, selecting the President and ensuring that the administration is responsive to the needs of its students and parents. Finally, I have been effective in insuring that the University operates with the highest degree of integrity and transparency which should always be the hallmark of a public institution.
Nathaniel Damren, Green I am 21 years old and beginning my fourth year at the University of Michigan, majoring in Honor's History and pursuing secondary teacher certification in History and French. I am currently employed as a dishwasher at the Alice Lloyd Hall cafeteria on campus.	In a world economy characterized by the globalization of production and the importance of communication and information technology, the comparative advantage of workers is increasingly derived from their education, from the knowledge and skills they possess. Universities can and should facilitate the preparation of students for the globalized job market by mandating computer literacy and encouraging the study of foreign languages. That being said, universities should not neglect the importance of a liberal arts education…	The current system of capping tuition increases at the rate of inflation artificially prices tuition well below its market value in an effort to ostensibly help low-income students. However, the result of this policy is a veritable subsidy for students from high-income families and a budget situation that forces the University to rely on its own resources to offer scholarships and financial aid. I propose that the University charge market rates for tuition while simultaneously…	I believe that I am the best candidate because I have experienced the administration of the University of Michigan from the perspective of both a student and an employee, and because through my own pursuit of teaching certification, I demonstrate my concern for and commitment to improving the quality of education in the state of Michigan.

Karen Adams, US Taxpayers – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Joe Sanger, US Taxpayers Married to Gloria J. (Whyde) Sanger for the past 44 years. Daughter, Sally Cangelosi, 2 grandchildren. BA University of Michigan, June 1958. MBA (with highest distinction) University of Michigan, December 1966. Self employed CPA for the past 34 years. Treasurer: Pro-Life Michigan; U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan; Constitution Party National Committee; Save Our Homes & Jobs, Tisch for Michigan Committee; Tisch Independent Citizens Party; TABOR 94, The Taxpayers Bill of Rights Committee	To provide an education at a reasonable price. In the fall of 1955 LSA in-state tuition was $100/semester. Fall 2004 tuition is $4007, an increase of 3907%. The price of a 1st class postage stamp has gone up from 3 cents to 37 cents an increase of only 1133%. Over 49 years the price of a University of Michigan education has increased at nearly 3 1/2 times the rate of inflation.	A. Operate on a full time basis with a full complement of students for 3 semesters/year. B. Require all faculty members to teach in the classroom at least 30 hours/week for 3 semesters/year. C. Implement the proposals set forth in my article, "Higher Education in America—Ripping Off the Kids for Fun & Profit". See my website "votejoesanger.com" open September 20th.	Politician control of the education industry has led inevitably to uncontrolled costs, unconscionable price increases and diminished educational quality. Many graduates have never read the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States, but most have been heavily indoctrinated in the collectivist ideology of the state sponsored pagan religion of "political correctness". I support the strict separation of school and state. I will sell the University of Michigan to the highest bidder.

Michael R. Corliss, Libertarian – *Did not respond in time for publication*

James Lewis Hudler, Libertarian A 52-year-old male, I was born in Jackson County and am a lifetime resident of Michigan. I hold an AS degree from Jackson Community College and a BS from the U of M, and I've done graduate work at the U of M and EMU. I'm a member of several U of M alumni organizations and I'm advisor to the U of M College Libertarians student organization. I'm employed as a clinical laboratory scientist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.	The University of Michigan has an essential role in preparing its students for the job market. To this purpose the University of Michigan must maintain high standards and strict admissions. I will work to end so-called "Affirmative Action," a racist, degrading system.	The University of Michigan should be privatized now. In place of accepting funds confiscated from taxpayers, the University should seek private donations and corporate funding.	The University of Michigan is the best university in the nation. Its reputation should not depend on the vagaries of State of Michigan tax funding. Rather, it should become a private institution.

Mary F. Debusschere, Natural Law Party – *Did not respond in time for publication*

Michigan State University Trustees Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Melanie Foster, Republican Raised in Flat Rock, MI. MSU Graduate with BS in Ornamental Horticulture. Took small family landscape business and developed into nation's largest female owned and controlled landscape contracting firm. Appointed to the MSU Board of Trustees in 1991, and served two years. Appointed to the CMU Board of Trustees in 1997, where I currently serve. Other board directorships include Charter National Bank, MSU Wharton Performing Arts Center, and Artrain. Married to John Foster, three children.	Students need a solid academic foundation in their discipline of study, along with practical knowledge that is applicable to routine situations in their chosen career path. Students should be provided the tools for developing effective communication skills. MSU's Study Abroad Program, which currently reaches 24% of the undergraduate population, should continue to expand. It provides students with global perspectives, and a keener appreciation for people of different races, cultures and customs.	Streamlining university administration in both academic and non-academic areas, with consultation from involved constituency groups. Eliminating majors that have minimal student participation. Raising tuition responsibly with a formula tied to the CPI. If the Governor truly supports her goal for a higher percentage of college graduates in MI, then she needs to provide adequate funding to meet this initiative. Recent higher education cuts have been deep and severe.	The duty of a trustee is to understand the purpose of the institution, and to approve the university vision, mission, key objectives and strategic plan. Hiring and supporting the president, and monitoring their performance is fundamental. There's a need for more statesmanship on the MSU board, and less intervention in institutional affairs. My experience at CMU includes chair of the Board, co-chair of successful presidential and provost searches. I'm a proven, engaged and experienced trustee.
Randall Pittman, Republican I have served on the MSU Board since 2002, where I currently serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. I am a graduate of MSU for my undergraduate and graduate degrees and currently serve as Chairman and CEO of a health care holding company. In addition, I serve on a number of not-for-profit boards. I am currently a member of the MSU Capital Campaign Committee. I am married and have one daughter.	The future of Michigan is dependent on new businesses and industries that can compete in a changing global economy. It is our responsibility as a university to educate our students not just to survive in that economy but to thrive. I believe that students are best prepared when they have an educational experience that is based on individual needs, not a cookie-cutter formula. This requires smaller class sizes for undergraduates and mentoring programs.	For years the answer was, obtain more funding from the state, but where are the funds going to come from? We must deliver a quality education efficiently and unnecessary costs must be cut. Also, innovation in finding new sources of funding is critical. As a result of investment return performance during my tenure as Finance Chair, $7 million of additional funds were available this year. Those funds reduce the need for additional cuts to programs.	In the past, Lansing insiders were the best board members because they had a greater ability to garner state funds for MSU. With shrinking state appropriations, we need a new kind of board member with different experiences and skill sets. The future jobs for our children will come from new technologies. My background in the health and biotech fields can help guide university decisions to position MSU for success both now and in the future.
Joel I. Ferguson, Democrat I'm a lifetime resident of Michigan. I seek reelection to a third term on the MSU Board. I'm a graduate of MSU (BA) and was honorably discharged from the USMC prior to entering business. I have been an Educator and Real Estate Developer. I have owned and operated two television stations in Lansing. I'm a long standing member of the DNC and in 1967 was the first African-American elected to the Lansing City Council.	As MSU enters sesquicentennial of its proud history we must keep our status as a pioneer land grant university firmly before us. That land grant role was pivotal in MSU growth, established by the US Congress. It must be pivotal to our future. MSU must continue to address the availability of higher ed to Michigan youngsters. And that must involve getting out around the world. "MSU to the World" is a job market focus.	In the face of funding cuts, the responsible Board role must be prioritizing and innovation. If and when cuts are presented the Board has the mission to make certain the administration has it right, and the cuts are those that have the least effect on direct education. In addition, the Board must continue to explore, well in advance, innovative ways to conserve fiscal resources.	As I am seeking reelection to the MSU Board for a third term, I think it is fair to say I have the learning experience. Yet I feel much is left to be done to keep my alma-mater pushing ever forward. I know Michigan as a lifelong resident and proudly my diploma is from MSU. I have high-gear energy and these next years are crucial to this land grant institution.
Phil Thompson, Democrat Phil Thompson, a 1971 graduate from MSU, is the Executive Vice-President of SEIU Local 517M, which represents 10,000 public employees throughout Michigan. Earlier this year he was elected to his second consecutive term on the SEIU International Executive Board, where he also serves on the Executive Board for the Department for Professional Employees. Phil is past chair of the Shiawassee County MSU Alumni Association and is currently a member of the MSU Labor Advisory Committee.	The colleges and Universities must offer "real life" career training courses as well as the academic approach. We still see too many college graduates who can read a book, but can't write a comprehensive sentence.	Policies that promote a balance between academia and life learning experiences. Also, work hard as a Trustee to assure adequate funding levels.	I am the only candidate with 23 years of experience working with and representing working families at the bargaining table and in the Michigan Legislature. We share the same values.
Benjamin Alan Burgis, Green – *Did not respond in time for publication*			
Crystal Van Sickle, US Taxpayers BA in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting from Siena Heights University.	In addition to educating students, this should also be a primary role.	Quality cannot always be measured in dollars. Maintaining current mission and goals should never be compromised.	My desire to see that students receive an education that includes not only knowledge, experience and equally important critical thinking abilities.
Bill Hall, Libertarian Partner and former Chair, Real Estate Services Group, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. General Counsel, Libertarian National Committee. Former Director, Michigan Legal Foundation, Heartland Institute, Taxpayers Association of Michigan, Libertarian National Committee. Graduate, Northwestern University School of Law, JD, cum laude, Order of the Coif, 1981; Wabash College, AB, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1978. Married the past 19 years, with two sons, ages 16 and 8. Boy Scout leader the past 10 years.	MSU's role should be to provide students with a solid education at a fair price. This means focusing resources on a limited number of educational niches where MSU and its students can excel. Teaching basic speaking, writing and technology skills. Making it possible to finish a 4-year degree in 4 years, without enormous debt. Not aggressively raising tuition and adding fees. Not wasting funds on too broad a curriculum or non-educational purposes.	Cutting MSU's costs for physical plant represent one of its best opportunities to divert funds to real education. Dorms and much of the physical plant should be sold. The private sector can provide a diversity of housing at a cheaper cost, and save MSU the labor and fixed costs, and administrative energy, of being one of the largest landowners and landlords in central Michigan. MSU can lease back facilities for teaching.	MSU's spending has skyrocketed out of control. The current Trustees' response has been to dramatically increase tuition and other fees and beg higher and higher subsidies from the State and Federal governments. With the economic downturn of the past few years, these pleas are falling on deaf ears. I have the business, legal, educational and nonprofit board experience, and enthusiasm, to bring fiscal sanity to the Board. Currently, it's sorely lacking.
Michael H. Miller, Libertarian – *Did not respond in time for publication*			
Katherine Dern, Natural Law Party Michigan native currently residing in Hartland Township, Katherine is 37 (born 9/27/66), married to Doug since October 2001, 3 sons - twins 15 yrs and a 5 yr. A Project Analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with political background related to project work at BCBS, secretary to Natural Law Party and supporter of Doug (NLP State Chairman, Candidate for Hartland Township Trustee and former Candidate for US Senator in 2002). Continuing education at OCC.	Universities are a key element to furthering or building the student's foundation to success. A school that excels in this empowers the student with the confidence he/she will need to establish themselves in the job market and in life. The student must have the opportunity to be academically well rounded. By providing this, the University has succeeded in helping to mold a successful future.	I would support fund raising initiatives, a review of programs/past practice that worked and change those that did not.	I bring to the board a fresh un-biased outlook. As an Analyst for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for over 18 years as a mother/wife/friend/leader, I understand the need to implement changes/support existing processes/make decisions and take all things into consideration while doing so. I would represent both the Universities interests and the students/families.

Wayne State Governors Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Susan Licata Haroutunian, Republican Lifelong Detroiter; BA and JD from WSU; Associate Attorney, U.S. Department/Labor; Vandeveer Doelle Law Firm in Detroit; Representative Assembly of State Bar of Michigan; Chair, Friend of Court Bureau Advisory Committee under Supreme Court Administrator's Office; past officer American Bar Association; officer, Northwest Civic Federation; alternate-Wayne County Board Canvassers; Republican Party activities local, state, National; private practice; counsel to law firm Haroutunian Licata Haroutunian, where husband Ed and daughter Krista practice.	The role of a University is to provide its students with the ability to perform well in their chosen field, while at the same time learning the critical thinking skills that will enable them to recognize and resolve the unexpected problems that arise in any work situation. The job of the University is to enable and energize its students to both think and work creatively. These are skills that any employer will highly value.	Universities must follow good business practices being creative with outside sources of funding and internal restructuring, if necessary, to make the University worthwhile to the student body. The University must tap into its vast alumni resources to allow the current students to benefit from the diverse creativeness of prior generations of students who have now become well known locally or nationally in numerous fields of endeavor. Enriching the learning experience at low cost is possible.	After many years spent as a student, lawyer, and parent, with school, community, business and political involvement I have a unique perspective on how WSU should fit into the education and community environment of 2004. It will take dedication and energy to see WSU through these fiscally difficult and educationally demanding times. I am prepared to give my knowledge and energy to WSU, which as a student prepared me so well for my future.
Paul C. Hillegonds, Republican 1997 to Present: President, Detroit Renaissance, an organization of Southeast Michigan business leaders focused on Detroit's economic revitalization. 1979-1996: Member, Michigan House of Representatives; was House Republican Leader, Co-Speaker and Speaker of the House. 1971-1978: Chief of Staff, U.S. Congressman Philip Ruppe. Cooley Law School (J.D., 1986) University of Michigan (B.A., 1971). Wayne State University Board of Governors. Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Kresge Foundation. Michigan Nature Conservancy.	In addition to specific skills taught in preparation for the workplace, universities offer a liberal arts foundation that inspires critical thinking, intellectual curiosity and openness to lifetime learning necessary to adapt to changing workplace requirements. The university campus is a community whose members reflect the growing diversity of cultures, races and ideas in our nation and global economy—thereby helping to prepare students for the world in which they will live and work.	As a WSU governor, I have supported reducing administrative overhead and encouraged strategic planning focused on building WSU centers of excellence, eliminating less essential programs, and collaborating with other universities in purchasing and delivering services. Given state cuts, I have supported tuition increases accompanied by more needs-based financial aid. I am a strong advocate for state government investing more in higher education, a key to keeping young people in Michigan and future economic prosperity.	As a 3-year member of the WSU board, President of Detroit Renaissance and former legislative leader, I have the experience to strongly advocate for Wayne State University in particular and higher education in general. My problem-solving approach to university governance has been non-partisan—placing the shared interests of the Wayne State University community, greater Detroit community and the State of Michigan first.
Tina Abbott, Democrat For over 27 years I have been an active participant within the labor movement, my activities included being a chief steward, administrative assistant to the president, served on the bargaining committee, as well as political action. My other activities include the NAACP, and serving as Vice Chair of the Michigan Democratic party and currently serving as Co-chairperson of the Michigan Democratic party.	Provide a well-rounded educational experience and to ensure students are prepared for the competitive job market in an ever changing society.	With the down turn in the economy WSU must maintain its core concepts quality education and research, therefore the university must look at more voluntary activities from the students.	I believe in higher education, I know what is it to struggle to make ends meet. I have been a community activist for over 30 years and will use my knowledge and diverse experience to ensure accessibility, affordability and accountability.
Annetta Miller, Democrat Born: Fort Wayne, Indiana; Professional Education: Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., R.N. W.S.U.: B.A. Cum Laude, Art History; U.S.Army Nurse Corps, E.T.O. WW II; Elected Michigan State Board of Education: 1970; 1978; 1986. Elected Wayne State University Board of Governors: 1996. Appointed: Education Commission of the States: 1984-1990. Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health Outstanding Achievement Award,1993. President's Award-M.F.T, Special Recognition Award-M.E.A.	W.S.U. is an Outstanding Research University preparing our students for professional work as doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, allied health fields as well as theater, music, art, social work journalism, engineering, business and other areas. Our outstanding undergraduate work prepares for graduate school. Most of our graduates stay in Michigan to help serve the community. Our diverse student body and faculty are a sparkplug to the revitalization of the metropolitan area.	I support the lowest possible tuition increases to keep education available to all. Financial aid is also available. But the quality of educational opportunities are also dependent upon the quality of the faculty, the research labs, and other components of a fine education. We're meeting that challenge by ardent fundraising, cutting corners, that should not impact quality, and urging the Federal Government to become once again a major factor of support for public education.	I have the experience of serving the students in Michigan for 32 years. My commitment to public education and to W.S.U. is to ensure that this Michigan Treasure remains one of the best Urban Universities in the country. I am a strong advocate for improved educational opportunities within the urban setting. Many of our students are first in their family to achieve a University Degree. Our country depends upon an educated electorate.
Margaret Guttshall, Green I'm a writer, translator and librarian, living a few blocks from WSU in Detroit. I want young people from working class families, women, and peoples of color to receive top quality education. Young people from the richest families get quality education, all expenses paid, four years on plush campuses. But young people from working class families have to join the armed forces, kill and be killed in Iraq, if they want education. This is unjust.	We must transform our universities into centers of struggle for: Money for jobs, schools, healthcare, not for war! Bring the troops home now! We must see that everyone has decent jobs, wages, quality education, healthcare, housing, a clean, safe environment. We need to encourage our best young minds to use them to develop public programs to provide jobs for all — cleaning up the environment; building a new economy based on safe, renewable energy sources.	We will improve the quality of Wayne State by encouraging faculty, staff, and students to build a movement against cuts in funding to public schools, not by catering to the owners of the transnational corporations who want to take over Wayne State. This movement itself will be an extraordinary school in every subject — especially the subject of human solidarity — like the World Social Forums in Porto Alegre, Brazil and Mumbai, India.	I am part of the worldwide movement for global economic and social justice. We are convinced that another world is possible, in which everyone has decent jobs, wages, education, healthcare, housing, and an opportunity to do something interesting and constructive with her/his life; we are working to make this happen. I bring with me this knowledge and confidence in our future and will use my position to build this movement!

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Philip A. Adams, US Taxpayers – *Did not respond in time for publication.*			
Jerry Jankiewicz, Libertarian 48 years old, resident of Michigan for 48 years. Born in Detroit, attended WSU from 1974 to 1979, 1981 to 1990. BS accounting and MS Computer Science. 3 children ages 19, 16, 11 . I have worked for the State of Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau, other Michigan Financial Institutions, Metropolitan Hospital, Art Centre Hospital, WGPR and WWCK. Currently with Daimler Chrysler.	The Role of the University is to pass information down to individuals and to expand the frontiers of knowledge. The large infrastructure the university provides for this role. Another role of the university is to screen out students who have reached certain levels of competence. The university needs to be ran like a business and cut costs for all.	With State funding cuts, the University needs to determine if administration is too big. Does the education process compete with the administration process for State funds? A cause of high tuition is the government has subsidized education and officials decided to increase costs. Are all the costs justified? Can officials justify maintaining NCAA athletics, while tuition costs are allowed to grow higher than any expected returns from an education?	I understand that during a recession, the cost of a college education keeps increasing. Since 1979, the cost of college has increased higher than the cost of living. Are all the administration costs necessary? Are taxpayers paying for more teachers to work less hours at the same high wages? I support the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. Taxpayers are not willing to keep spending to maintain quota systems. The current tax and spend system must go.
Thomas W. Jones, Libertarian Classified due to Donkey/ Elephant WARS on individual life, liberty and property rights due to having indirect minority rule gerrymanders in the U.S. Congress and the Michigan legislature.	There should be a total separation of education and the government. That is, NO public education – which is now a giant waste of taxpayer's money, time and effort. Private education will produce the people needed in the free market economy.	Selling the university to the highest private bidder to get competition in reducing costs at the university. Also, having university lotteries.	Because I have some common sense in this New Age of delusional gerrymander governments.
Kathleen Oakford, Natural Law Party My husband David and I have been married for over 20 years and have four children ages 16 to 10 years old. I have been a Labor and Delivery RN for 17 years and have a Naturopathic Doctorate (ND), a degree that focuses on creating health through natural methods. I currently work in a metro-Detroit hospital as an RN, teach nursing at Oakland Community College and spend time with my family.	The role of Universities is to provide professionals in the work place. The university helps to create well-rounded citizens who are willing and able to take responsibility for our future. Meeting others, making contacts and the yearning for knowledge makes these students star employees in the job market. They provide the preparation to advance the knowledge, ethics and practice of any career group. Universities create future leaders.	Create an atmosphere on the campus so that students are able to live, work and go to school at WSU. Expand opportunities for exceptional students to earn credits while mentoring with leaders in their field and earn credits for general education classes through self-taught methods. Be supportive of the student's need to support him/herself while attending school by expanding on-line, off-site and night/week-end classes. Provide students with on-campus jobs in exchange for tuition discounts.	As a recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship, I began my educational career at WSU. Both of my parents earned teaching degrees at WSU. Since then I have been educated at several different schools in many different ways, both full-time and part-time. I am self-motivated, honest, organized and have children who will be off to college soon. I understand the financial and educational challenges WSU's future students and their families will be facing.

State Supreme Court

Justice of the Supreme Court – Eight-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

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Marilyn Kelly Justice Marilyn Kelly served eight years on the Michigan Supreme Court, also eight years as a Court of Appeals Judge; seventeen years as a practicing attorney; earlier taught French in Grosse Pointe Schools, Albion College and EMU; served two terms on the Michigan State Board of Education, ultimately as its president. She has a B.A. from EMU; M.A. from Middlebury College, Vermont and La Sorbonne, Paris, France; and a J.D. with honors from WSU.	Yes. A major drawback to electing state judges is that it obliges candidates to raise money to run. Usually, those who contribute are affiliated with the legal profession. Sometimes, these people or organizations have litigation before the courts. Few members of the general public contribute money. Adequately funded public financing for judicial campaigns could eliminate the problem presented when judicial candidates take contributions from people and organizations that have lawsuits before them.	One obstacle is access to justice. The system has become too expensive for persons even of moderate means to get their day in court. A second obstacle is delay. "Justice delayed is justice denied" remains true today. A third obstacle is discrimination. Failure to equip courtrooms so people in wheelchairs can reach the witness stand is discriminatory. A fourth obstacle is inadequate funding. Government services are reduced in a recession. The courts are no exception.	I envision a judicial system (1) where the increased use of alternative dispute resolution and increased funding for legal services makes the courts available to all equally, (2) where better use of technology speeds court decisions, reducing delay, (3) where discrimination of all types is eliminated and (4) where judges apply the law accurately and render decisions fairly. I will continue to work to make the courts worthy of the public's trust and confidence.
Stephen J. Markman I have been a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court since 1999. Before that, I served as Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals for five years; as the United States Attorney (or federal prosecutor) in Michigan for four years; and as Assistant Attorney General of the United States for four years. I have also served as Chief Counsel of the US Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, and now teach constitutional law at Hillsdale College.	I do not support taxpayer financing of judicial campaigns. Although increasingly expensive campaigns threaten to undermine the appearance of integrity and fairness of the judicial process, the sounder approach to addressing this problem, in my judgment, is to move toward a system, already adopted by many states, in which there are 'retention' elections, in which the people vote whether to retain individual judges, rather than deciding among competing political party-nominated candidates.	The indispensable elements of any fair and even-handed system of appellate justice are judges who understand that their constitutional duty is to say what the law "is," rather than what they may think it "ought" to be. This principle defines the rule of law. Although they are elected, judges must never represent special interests, or engage in political decision-making, but must faithfully and consistently interpret the law and the Constitution.	My vision is of a legal system in which the law is stable and predictable, so that individuals and businesses can understand as clearly as possible their legal rights and responsibilities. It is of a system in which the legal process moves forward as quickly as reasonably possible, and in which criminal trials are focused as straightforwardedly as possible, consistent with the Constitution, upon determining the truth of a defendant's guilt or innocence.
Leonard Schwartz Born 1945 in Detroit. Mumford High School. U. of Chicago, BA, history & philosophy. Johns Hopkins U., MA, economics. Wayne State U. Law School, JD. Retired professor of law & economics. Author of many scholarly articles, listed at www.Schwartz45.com/bio.php.	Using taxes to pay for judicial or nonjudicial campaigns is immoral. Governments should not force citizens to finance campaigns. Candidates should raise campaign funds voluntarily. Elected officials should realize that taxes are paid involuntarily and that tax revenue is other people's money, which should be spent wisely for the public good.	(1) Asset forfeiture laws that allow confiscation of your property without even accusing you of committing a crime. See www.Schwartz45.com/asset.php. (2) Repetitive litigation. See www.Schwartz45.com/multi.php. (3) Unjustified claims and defenses. See www.Schwartz45.com/unjustifiable.php. (4) Abuse of traffic laws to raise revenue. See www.Schwartz45.com/unfair.php.	(1) Repeal immoral laws that allow confiscation of property from persons who haven't been convicted of a crime. (2) Reduce repetitive litigation, which is unfair and expensive. (3) Reduce unjustifiable claims & defenses by changing procedural rules. (4) Stop abusing traffic laws to raise revenue. (5) Repeal immoral laws that impose collective guilt. See www.Schwartz45.com/CollectiveGuilt.php. (6) Get government busybodies off your back. See www.Schwartz45.com/constitution.php.
Deborah Thomas Judge Deborah Thomas, currently serving her 10th year on Wayne County Circuit Court following sixteen years as attorney, is a graduate of Cass Tech. Her degrees include: B.A., WMU; M.A., U of D; J.D., Valparaiso University, and Fellowship, Howard University School of Law. Thomas' community activities include Elks, Black Women Lawyers, and Y.W.C.A board of trustees. She has been honored for outstanding service by American Bar Association, Michigan Women Foundation, and Michigan Bar Association.	I support public financing for judicial campaigns. Public financing provides each candidate with identical funding thus eliminates campaigns whereby wealthier candidates can purchase a victory. Currently judicial candidates are heavily dependent on personal wealth and donations of attorneys. While attorneys are most likely to know the skills and knowledge of judicial candidates better than members of the general public, their spending choices can be impacted by concern not to offend a particular candidate.	The greatest obstacle to justice is poverty. Those individuals lacking funding often cannot afford the cost of litigation. The number of attorneys working for free legal service organizations has been reduced by cuts in governmental financing of such programs. In addition, funding to the courts has been reduced to the point that administrators are pressuring courts to expedite the handing of cases. While justice delayed is justice denied, justice rushed is not justice at all.	The future of the judicial system rests in the hands of the voters. Citizens must take a personal interest in how appellate judges interpret the law for their decisions' impact the rights of every citizen, not just the litigants in a single case. Voters must learn to applaud the rulings of judges which are balanced, legal and fair although unpopular, with special interest groups. Understand the Governor can appoint judges under certain circumstances…
Brian Keith Zahra Born in Detroit, the child of Maltese immigrants, my parents taught me that America was the land of opportunity. I worked my way through WSU (1984) and U of D law (1987), and practiced law until becoming a Wayne County Circuit Judge in 1995. I have been a Judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals since 1999. I reside in Northville with my wife, Suzanne, and son, Kevin. We are expecting a daughter in November.	No. The amount of money needed to finance all judicial campaigns would be staggering and an undue burden on taxpayers. The state lacks the resources to adequately fund judicial campaigns. Any appearance of impropriety arising from the current fund raising system could be eliminated if we selected judges through a merit based appointment process. A Bar Commission could reduce the field of candidates, from which the Governor would appoint, subject to legislative confirmation.	Reducing the amount of time required to resolve litigation is the greatest obstacle in our justice system. Our justice system succeeds only because of the public's faith and confidence in it. However, confidence in the judicial system is eroded when litigants believe they have been denied a timely resolution of their case before an impartial arbitrator of law. All courts, trial and appellate, must exercise greater effort to reduce delay inherent in the litigation process.	I would like to see our judicial selection method change to a merit based appointment process. Unlike Legislators, judges do not represent the interests of their constituents. Rather, judges represent the interests of justice as dictated by the rule of law. At times, these interests fly in the face of popular opinion. Our judicial system is irreparably harmed whenever a judge is influenced by popular opinion rather than the rule of law.

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1st District Court of Appeals Incumbent – Six-Year Term ***Vote for Two (2)***			
Helene N. White Barnard College, Columbia Univ, Cum Laude; U of Penn Law School; Court of Appeals Judge, elected 1992, reelected 1998, Chair, Rules Committee; active participant in Delay Reduction Project; Wayne Circuit Judge, elected 1982, reelected 1988; Common Pleas/36th District Judge, elected 1980. Law clerk, Michigan Supreme Court. Co-author, *Toward Excellence in Caseflow Management*; Co-editor, *Torts: Michigan Law and Practice.* Board Member, COTS, (former board pres.), Det Inst. Arts, Michigan Legal Services.	I would support public financing of the Supreme Court campaigns, which are the only state wide elections and which are most targeted by special interest groups. Public financing of other judicial campaigns would impose an undue burden on the public since there are so many judicial campaigns across the state.	Michigan's judicial system achieves justice most of the time. When it fails, it could be due to a misguided jury or judge, the need to follow laws that are not themselves just, or a lack of resources to achieve justice. Some of these failures are intrinsic in the system; others can be alleviated by devoting more resources to Friend of the Court and legal services for persons who cannot afford to hire their own lawyer.	My vision for the future of our judicial system is that we will return to a climate and ethic where partisan politics plays a limited and appropriate role in the election and appointment of judges, and no role in the decision of cases. Diversity on the bench, including political diversity, should be valued and respected. In the end, all citizens, regardless of their personal views, are best served by an independent judiciary.
Kurtis T. Wilder Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1998-present; Judge, Washtenaw County Circuit Court, 1992-1998 (3 years Chief Judge); Law firm of Butzel Long (Detroit), 1989-1992; Law Firm of Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith (Lansing), 1984-1989; University of Michigan Law School, 1984; University of Michigan, A.B. Political Science, 1981; Past Chair, Michigan Judges Association; Past Chair, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan; Past Chair, State of Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board.	No. Without sufficient political support for such a system, particularly during tough economic times, the funding will be inadequate. There is no incentive for candidates of independent means or candidates able to raise funds greater than that provided through public financing to participate in a public financing system, and they will opt out of the system. Moreover, no restrictions on public funding would apply (such as to "perennial" candidates regularly rejected by the voters).	An informed and active citizenry ensures the fair application of justice by electing judges who consistently apply the rule of law without regard to their own personal views, and removing from office judges that consistently legislate from the bench or disregard the rule of law. This important role of the public is threatened when citizens cannot get information on either the proper role of the judiciary or the actual performance of sitting judges.	Beyond its traditional role of resolving legal disputes, the judicial system will continue to be asked to address society's social problems. The system must continue to adopt new and innovative ways to accomplish this broader role (e.g. Drug Courts, Family Courts), and while technology plays a larger role in court administration (legal filings, collaboration, information sharing with other agencies), more funding can be devoted to the human resources necessary to successful programming addressing societal concerns.
2nd District Court of Appeals Incumbent Six-Year Term – ***Vote for One (1)***			
Pat Donofrio Judge Donofrio currently serves as judge of the Court of Appeals and previously served as presiding judge of the civil/ criminal division of the Macomb County Circuit Court. He earned both his JD and BS degrees from Wayne State University in 1970 and 1967. He was president of Romain, Donofrio, Kuck & Egerer, P.C. He has served on the faculty of the National Judicial College, the Michigan Judicial Institute, and Institute for Continuing Legal Education.	No. I do not support public financing for judicial campaigns because I cannot envision a mechanism that would be neither flawed nor limiting to those candidates seeking office. I am not aware of evidence that the current system leads to impropriety or partiality. The current system affords access to all potential candidates.	Access to the court is the key to justice. Procedures, political pressures, or legislative limitations impinging on the province of the judiciary threaten independence. Just determinations that are not expedient deny personal justice to litigants.	I envision a judicial system that is responsive to the needs of the public in an independent and efficient fashion. Judicial officers must be responsible for their productivity as well as the justice they deliver. Chief judges must be accountable for the output of their courts and empowered to remedy those practices and procedures of colleagues that result in delay. I would require technological streamlining of court procedures to reduce both costs and delay.

Court of Appeals Districts by County

FIRST DISTRICT

Lenawee **Monroe** **Wayne**

SECOND DISRICT

Genesee **Macomb** **Oakland**
Shiawassee

THIRD DISTRICT

Allegan **Barry** **Berrien**
Branch **Calhoun** **Cass**
Hillsdale **Jackson** **Kalamazoo**
Kent **Livingston** **Muskegon**
Ottawa **St. Joseph** **Van Buren**
Washtenaw

FOURTH DISTRICT

Alcona **Alger** **Alpena**
Antrim **Arenac** **Baraga**
Bay **Benzie** **Charlevoix**

FOURTH DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

Cheboygan **Chippewa** **Clare**
Clinton **Crawford** **Delta**
Dickinson **Eaton** **Emmet**
Gladwin **Gogebic** **Grand Traverse**
Gratiot **Houghton** **Huron**
Ingham **Ionia** **Iosco**
Iron **Isabella** **Kalkaska**
Keweenaw **Lake** **Lapeer**
Leelanau **Luce** **Mackinac**
Manistee **Marquette** **Mason**
Mecosta **Menominee** **Midland**
Missaukee **Montcalm** **Montmorency**
Newaygo **Osceana** **Ogemaw**
Ontonagon **Osceola** **Oscoda**
Presque Isle **Roscommon** **Saginaw**
Sanilac **Schoolcraft** **St. Clair**
Tuscola **Wexford**

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3rd District Court of Appeals Incumbent Six-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

Joel P. Hoekstra – *Did not respond in time for publication*

David H. Sawyer – *Did not respond in time for publication*

4th District Court of Appeals Incumbent Six-Year Term – *Vote for Two (2)*

Michael J. Kelly Michael J. Kelly has had an active statewide practice since 1989 representing clients at both the trial and appellate level in state and federal courts in many areas of the law including negligence, probate, insurance and consumer's rights claims. He has been appointed a circuit court mediator/arbitrator, in a member of several bar associations, The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and currently serves as president of St. Matthew's Catholic Church Parish Council.	Yes. Any effort to diminish private financing would be beneficial to the public perception of the justice system.	The greatest obstacles to justice that I perceive are outside influences such as politics or special interests affecting the rights of the parties before the court. The law must be applied fairly to all and not used as an instrument to reach a political end or to appease a special interest group.	My vision of the future of the justice system is one that is more user-friendly and that can be used by people other than just the powerful. The system has to be changed to work quicker and to lessen the fear and intimidation that so many people experience as participants in the court system.
Donald S. Owens Judge Owens is 60 years old; married with 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Education: U of M: BA, MBA, JD. Over 30 years' experience as a judge: probate and juvenile court (1974-1999), circuit court (1998-1999), Michigan Court of Appeals (1999 – present). Named Michigan Judge of the Year (1999). Considered a leading authority on laws affecting children and families, he has taught juvenile and adoption law to judges, lawyers, police officers and social workers throughout Michigan.	I support public financing for judicial campaigns. The cost of judicial campaigns, especially for the Michigan Supreme Court, has risen astronomically in recent years. Raising such large amounts of money is very difficult for judicial candidates, unless they are personally wealthy and can fund their own campaigns. Public financing would eliminate the concern that a judge might favor a person or organization who made large contributions to the judge's campaign.	Major obstacles to justice include cost and delay. Litigation is costly. The affluent can afford lawyers; the poor have court-appointed (though inadequately paid) lawyers in criminal cases and Legal Aid in some civil cases; the vast middle class has an extremely difficult time affording competent legal representation (except for contingent-fee cases), as do the poor in most civil cases. Civil litigation and appeals can take years – far too long – especially in the larger metropolitan areas.	I see a just, accessible, and efficient system. As many legal disputes as possible would be resolved quickly and economically through alternative dispute resolution programs. That would free our courts to much more quickly try those cases which must go to trial. We should make legal assistance more available for all those who cannot afford it. We must preserve the right to a jury; it is vitally important to our system of justice.
William C. Whitbeck Judge of the Court of Appeals for seven years, the last three as Chief Judge. Previously, 20 years as a practicing attorney and 11 years as an attorney/administrator in state and federal government. Graduated from the University of Michigan Law School (1966) and Northwestern University (1963), with a McCormick scholarship in journalism. Lifelong Michigan resident, married, and lives in Lansing. For complete information, go to www.JudgeWhitbeck.org.	No. As I am engaged, through my campaign committee, in fundraising for my re-election campaign, I recognize how fraught with peril the process is. Nevertheless, I remain philosophically opposed to requiring taxpayers, through the vehicle of public financing, to contribute to the campaigns of candidates with whom they may not agree. Funding, like voting, is best left to the voters. I do favor complete, rapid disclosure of all campaign contributions.	Delay remains the greatest obstacle to justice in our court system. From the business owner who cannot make a sound planning decision to the child caught up in a custody fight, delay hurts everyone. It also significantly decreases the confidence of the public in the ability of the courts to make sound, prompt decisions. As Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, I am leading an aggressive effort to reduce delay at our Court.	Justice delayed is justice denied. Since I have been Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, we have cut processing time at the Court by 25%, but we have not yet met our goal of deciding all cases within 18 months of filing. Our first job is to get our opinions right. Our second job is to get them out. I will not be satisfied until we are doing *both* of these jobs.

4th District Court of Appeals Incumbent Partial Term Ending 1/1/07 – *Vote for One (1)*

Stephen L. Borrello Born, June 9, 1959, Saginaw, Michigan to Leopold and Audre Borrello. Married to Nancy Lee Bondar. Graduated from Albion College, B.A. 1981, Detroit College of Law, J.D. 1984. Attended Michigan State University pursuing M.A. in history, and graduate lecturer, 1986-1987. Former Assistant Prosecutor, Saginaw County, 1998-1990; Shareholder, Gilbert, Smith & Borrello, 1992-2003; appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, Fourth District by Governor Jennifer Granholm, June 9, 2003.	Yes. The greatest threat to democracy is the creation or even the perception of a justice system that has been "bought and paid for." Large contributions by special interest groups create the perception of judicial decisions in exchange for campaign contributions. Absent public financing, judicial candidates are forced to seek financial support from groups and individuals thereby undermining a truly independent judiciary.	The greatest obstacle to our justice system is denial of the constitutional right to a trial by a jury of your peers. The last true vestige of democracy in this country is the jury box, and continued assault on an individual's right to a jury trial benefits special interest groups over the constitutionally guaranteed rights of an individual.	The future of our judicial system hinges on the public developing an interest in the opinions that are issued by judges in this State. Given the immense power the judiciary wields over all of society, it is incumbent on all judges to educate the public about the impact that decisions have over their economic, social and personal interests. I would advocate greater awareness of judicial decisions by enabling greater access of opinions to the public.

Official Ballot Language Proposal 04-1

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes___ No___

YES Supporters of a YES vote believe the people should have the right to vote on major gambling expansions proposed by the State. There were public votes on the Lottery and Detroit casinos. But now, racetracks want nine new casinos and other gambling interests want casino gambling machines in restaurants, bars and other neighborhood locations – without any public vote. Proposal 1 requires such plans to be approved in a statewide election and by voters in affected communities. Indian casinos are controlled by federal law, not state law. So, Proposal 1 focuses on State-controlled gambling. It's not anti-gambling or pro-gambling. It's pro-voter.

Provided by: Let Voters Decide–YES!

NO Proposal 1 would create a constitutionally protected gambling monopoly for the Las Vegas-backed Detroit casinos and Michigan's Indian Tribal casinos. If passed, Proposal 1 could threaten the Michigan Lottery and the more than $586 million annual contribution it makes to the state School Aid Fund – that's enough funding for 70,000 students or 11,000 new teachers. Proposal 1 also would decimate Michigan's horse racing industry and the 40,000 jobs associated with it. Please, vote "NO" on Proposal 1.

Provided by: NO CasiNO MoNOpoly – Vote NO on Proposal 1

Official Ballot Language Proposal 04-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes___ No___

YES The definition of marriage has recently been called into question as state laws are challenged by activist judges around the country. A "Yes" vote on Proposal 2 puts into the Michigan constitution what is current state law and what we all know to be true: marriage is an institution for one man and one woman. It does not tell people how they can live their lives. It is not an issue of benefits. It merely settles the question once and for all of what marriage is for families and future generations.

Provided by: Citizens for the Protection of Marriage

NO This proposed amendment bans legal recognition of any union similar to marriage entered into by same-sex as well as opposite sex couples. The vague "for any purpose" language would permanently outlaw domestic partner benefits under which worker's families and children are protected. This amendment will, for generations to come, deny the possibility of legal recognition of civil unions and thereby deny many of our citizens the benefits, rights and responsibilities available to those who are legally able to marry. This amendment discriminates against a class of Michigan citizens. Our constitution has never been used as an instrument of discrimination.

Provided by: Michigan Equality