



2020

REGIONAL ELECTION GUIDE

This year has been especially challenging due to the global pandemic and the shutdown of our economy. As we all continue to navigate through the ever-changing environment, it is critical to have strong partners at every level of government. The tough decisions that will have to be made require elected officials who are willing to forget partisan labels and reach across the aisle with a spirit of collaboration to seek bold, innovative solutions to the fiscal challenges faced for our region, state, and nation.

Due to changes in Michigan's election law, you can vote from home, drop off your ballot at your clerk or in-person. In this newsletter, we wanted to provide you helpful state and local resources on voting. In addition, we have outlined the Lansing Regional Chamber Political Action Committee's (LRC-PAC) 2020 endorsed candidates and encourage you to learn more about each candidate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Japinga'.

Steve Japinga

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Important Election Dates

As it currently exists, Michigan law states the following as deadlines for this year's November general election:

OCT. 19

Last day to register in any manner, other than in-person, with the local clerk for the November general election.

OCT. 20 THROUGH 8 P.M. NOV. 3

In-person registration, with proof of residency, at the local clerk's office.

NOV. 3

Statewide general election.

Who is on the Ballot?

While the specific names of individuals — especially in the state House and local elections — vary by district, the following offices are up for election in 2020:

- U.S. President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator (1 seat)
- U.S. Representative in Congress (all 14 districts)
- State Representative (all 110 districts)
- State Board of Education (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats), Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats), and Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Court, the District Court and Probate Court, respectively
- County, township, city and village offices
- Specified school district positions



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Ways to complete your absent voter ballot application

BY MAIL

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced that all registered voters in Michigan will receive an application to vote by mail. By now, you should have received that application to vote absentee from either your local clerk or the Secretary of State. This form gives you the option to receive an absentee ballot in order to vote by mail. Once a voter signs their application, they can mail or email a photo of it to their local clerk, whose contact information is included on the application.

The application is also available for download at **Michigan.gov/Vote**, where you can register and join the permanent absent voter list, so you always have the option to vote from home if you so choose. Ways to complete your absent voter ballot application

ONLINE

On Friday, June 12, 2020, the Secretary of State's office announced a new, online absentee voter application platform.

By visiting **Michigan.gov/Vote**, you can:

- **Check your voter registration status.** All eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- **NEW!** Complete and return an absent voter ballot application online. You can now fill out and return your absent voter ballot application online at **Michigan.gov/Vote**. To use the online application, you need to be registered to vote in Michigan and have a valid Michigan driver's license or state ID.

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Find Your Polling Location

Not sure where your polling location is or who your city or county clerk are? **Michigan.gov/Vote*** can help you find that answer. Some jurisdictions provide a sample ballot so you can know who — and what — you're voting on before you head to the polls or complete your absentee ballot.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON MICHIGAN.GOV/VOTE

- Who/where your clerk is;
- Online voter registration;
- Online absent voter ballot application;
- Military and overseas voters;
- Working at the polls;
- Voting equipment;
- Statewide ballot proposals;
- Candidate information links;
- Acceptable voter identification at the polls* ; and,
- Registered voters by county.

* As the website also indicates, while it is strongly encouraged, you are not required to have identification when you go to the polls so long as you are prepared to sign a legally binding affidavit attesting to your identity.

2020 LRC-PAC Endorsed Candidates

The LRC-PAC has announced a bipartisan slate of election endorsements for the Nov. 3 general election ballot. The LRC-PAC is the non-partisan political action committee of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1,100 businesses in the tri-county region. The objective of LRC-PAC is to endorse candidates committed to the principles of free enterprise, economic growth, and a pro-business philosophy.

The LRC-PAC's endorsement process includes a review of a candidate's past performance, a written questionnaire, and, in some cases, an in-person interview. Only after this process is completed and a vote of the LRC-PAC Board is taken can a candidate be endorsed and be considered for financial support.

CONGRESS

- John Moolenaar (MI-04)
- Elissa Slotkin (MI-08)
- Tim Walberg (MI-07)

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 65th District: Sarah Lightner (R)
- 67th District: Kara Hope (D)
- 68th District: Sarah Anthony (D)
- 69th District: Julie Brixie (D)
- 71st District: Angela Witwer (D)
- 85th District: Ben Frederick (R)
- 93rd District: Graham Filler (R)

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- 1st District: Kam Washburn (R)
- 2nd District: David Pohl (R)
- 3rd District: Bruce DeLong (R)
- 4th District: Ken Mitchell (R)
- 5th District: Bob Showers (R)
- 6th District: Dwight Washington (D)
- 7th District: Adam Stacey (R)

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- 1st District: Rob Piercefield (D)
- 3rd District: Terrance Augustine (D)
- 13th District: Jim Mott (R)

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- 1st District: Vic Celentino (D)
- 3rd District: Derrell Slaughter (D)
- 4th District: Bryan Crenshaw (D)
- 9th District: Erin Graham (D)
- 12th District: Mark Polsdofer (D)
- 13th District: Randy Schafer (R)

DELHI TOWNSHIP:

- Supervisor: John Hayhoe (R)
- Trustee: Patrick Brown (D)
- Trustee: Stuart Goodrich (R)

DELTA TOWNSHIP:

- Supervisor: Ken Fletcher (D)
- Clerk: Mary Clark (D)
- Treasurer: Dennis Fedewa (D)
- Trustee: Fonda Brewer (D)
- Trustee: Andrea Cascarilla (D)
- Trustee: Karen Mojica (D)

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP:

- Supervisor: Ron Styka (D)
- Clerk: Deborah Guthrie (D)
- Treasurer: Phil Deschaine (D)
- Trustee: Patricia Herring Jackson (D)
- Trustee: Dan Opsommer (D)
- Trustee: Courtney Wisinski (D)



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Important Contacts

Michigan COVID-19 Hotline

1-888-535-6136 | Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

Lansing Regional Chamber COVID-19 Resources

LansingChamber.org/Resources

RELAUNCH Greater Lansing Task Force

LansingChamber.org/Relaunch

Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA)

1-866-500-0017 | Michigan.gov/UIA

Pure Michigan Talent Connect

1-888-522-0103 | MITalent.org

Michigan Works! Association

1-800-285-9675 | MichiganWorks.org

Michigan COVID-19

Mental Health Hotline

1-888-733-7753 | Michigan.gov/StayWell

Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA)

1-800-866-4674 | Michigan.gov/MIOSHA