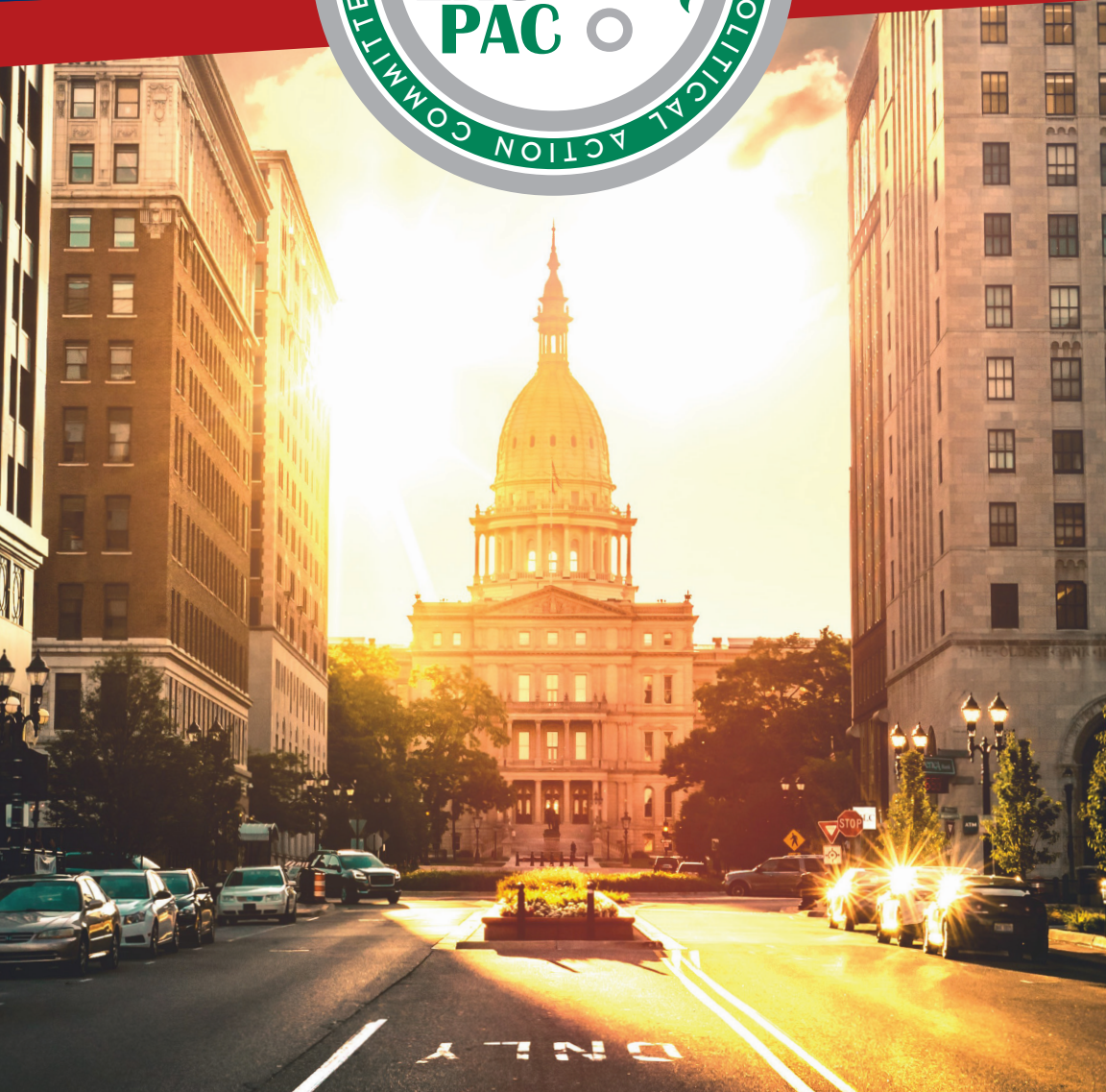


# LRC-PAC NEWSLETTER

Fourth Quarter — 2023



# WHAT IS THE LRC-PAC?

The Lansing Regional Chamber-Political Action Committee (LRC-PAC) is the bi-partisan political action committee of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC), organized to maintain a pro-business, pro-growth outlook among elected officials in the Greater Lansing region. The LRC-PAC is a separate entity from the LRCC. It has bylaws and is registered with the Michigan Secretary of State.



**What election races does the LRC-PAC contribute to?** The LRC-PAC stays involved in monitoring many election races, including races for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Gubernatorial, state House, state Senate, Ingham, Clinton and Eaton County Commissions, local township boards, Lansing City Council, Lansing Community College Board of Trustees, and local school boards.

## How are candidates chosen for endorsement by the LRC-PAC?

Each year, the LRC-PAC Board of Directors prepares a questionnaire on relevant business issues that is distributed to registered candidates. Based on candidate responses, a subset of board members conduct candidate interviews and review candidate backgrounds before making recommendations to the full LRC-PAC Board of Directors. A majority vote from the LRC-PAC Board of Directors is required for a candidate to receive an endorsement.

*As the region's only political action committee, we know how important it is that your voice is represented at every government level. To make that happen and continue our success, we need community investors like you to contribute to our efforts.*

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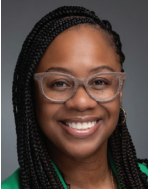
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# ELECTION 2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS



CARTER



PEHLIVANOGLU



KOST



HUSSAIN



EBERSOLE SINGH



MEADOWS

## Lansing City Council

**Tamera Carter** and **Trini Lopez-Pehlivanoglu** won the two spots for the at-large Cit Council seats! Both incumbents **Adam Hussain** and **Ryan Kost** won their ward seats.

## East Lansing City Council

**Kerry Ebersole Singh**, **Mark Meadows**, and Erik Altmann won the three spots for EL City Council

## Local Proposals

For those proposals that did pass, we will be working on putting together meetings for both the LRC-PAC and the Chamber's Policy Committee to review, educate, and if needed, act on any of the proposals, especially the City of Lansing Charter Commission proposal:

- The city of Lansing public charter commission **passed**: 51% - 48%
- The city of East Lansing had three proposals:
  - Altering the start of council members' terms **failed**: 39% - 61%
  - Changing the size of City Council **failed**: 48% - 52%
  - Ranked choice voting measure **passed**: 52% - 48%

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

**The LRC-PAC will be focused on the following races in the 2024 cycle:**

- U.S. Senate
- Congressional
- State House of Representatives
- Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham County Board of Commissioners
- Lansing City Charter Commission

## Lansing City Charter Revision

Lansing voters approved a ballot initiative, triggering a special election in 2024 to select members for a nine-person charter review commission. This ballot initiative passed 51.6% - 48.4% majority in the general election. It opens the door for potential changes to the city's governance structure. This is the first opportunity for revision in 40 years.

- EATON RESA special education millage **passed**: 51% – 49%
- Eagle Township Supervisor Patti Jo Schafer was recalled.

## LRC-PAC Endorsed Candidates

### Lansing City Council

#### *At-Large*

- Tamera Carter: 29% (8,663) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Trini Lopez Pehlivanoglu: 42% (8,423) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Jody Washington: 22% (5,090)
- Missy Lilje: 7% (1,617)

#### *1st Ward*

- Ryan Kost: 76% (2,463) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Michael VandeGuchte: 23% (744)

#### *3rd Ward*

- Adam Hussain: 74% (2,345) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- King Robertson: 25% (801)

### East Lansing City Council

- Kerry Ebersole Singh: 23% (3,376) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Mark Meadows: 16% (2,413) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Eric Altmann: 16% (2,325)
- Daniel Bollman: 16% (2,283)
- Noel Garcia, Jr.: 11% (1,536) **LRC-PAC endorsed**
- Joshua Ramirez-Roberts: 6% (948)
- Rebecca Kasen: 6% (903)
- Christopher Wardell: 6% (841)

Eligible candidates must be Lansing residents for a minimum of three years and cannot hold positions as city employees or elected officials. Over the following three years, the charter review commission will engage in in-depth research and community outreach to craft a new charter. The proposed draft will be subject to voter approval, with commissioners retaining the authority to propose an alternative revised charter in the event of a failed initial vote.

The Chamber will be active in both the election of candidates to the charter commission as well as working on reviewing the charter to look for ways, if any, to propose to the charter commission to consider from the business community.

If you are a Lansing resident and interested in serving, please contact LRCC SVP Steve Japinga at [sjapinga@lansingchamber.org](mailto:sjapinga@lansingchamber.org).

# The 100 Club

(formerly the Century Club)

The 100 Club are individuals who are committed to the political efforts of the LRCC and contribute \$100 or more to the LRC-PAC. We want to thank these individuals for supporting our mission.

## Interested in being part of The 100 Club?

Contact Steve Japinga, vice president of public affairs, LRCC at [sjapinga@lansingchamber.org](mailto:sjapinga@lansingchamber.org).



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# MESSAGE FROM LRC-PAC BOARD CHAIR

The unwavering support from our business community played a pivotal role in securing victories for both Lansing and East Lansing City Councils. Together, we stepped up, engaged, and emerged successful. This is a testament to the power of collaboration and civic participation, highlighting that when the business community unites, we can shape the future of our cities.

*Kevin Shaw, Wieland*



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