



2024 REGIONAL ELECTION GUIDE

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 challenges faced for our region, state, and nation.

In this 2024 election guide, we want to provide you helpful state and local resources on voting, who's up for election, Lansing Regional Chamber-Political Action Committee endorsements, and ballot proposals.

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

Sincerely,

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Important Election Dates



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- ✓ **Election Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024
- ✓ **Absentee Ballots Available/Mailed:** Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024
- ✓ **Early Voting:** Feb. 17-25, 2024

LANSING CITY CHARTER COMMISSION SPECIAL ELECTION DATES

City Council Charter Commission Candidates (Filing Deadline Jan 23)

City Charter Candidate Filing and other Election Information

- ✓ **Election Date:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- ✓ **Absentee Ballots Available/Mailed:** Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024
- ✓ **Early Voting:** May 4-5, 2024

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- ✓ **Election Date:** Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024
- ✓ **Absentee Ballots Available/Mailed:** Thursday, June 27, 2024
- ✓ **Early Voting:** July 27-Aug. 4, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL/GENERAL ELECTION DATES

- ✓ **Election Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024
- ✓ **Absentee Ballots Available/Mailed:** Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024
- ✓ **Early Voting:** Oct. 26-Nov. 3, 2024

WHO IS ON THE BALLOT?

While the specific names of individuals – especially in state and local elections – vary by district, the following offices are up for election in 2024:

- ✓ U.S. President
- ✓ U.S. Senate
- ✓ U.S. Representative in Congress (all 13 districts)
- ✓ State Representative (all 110 districts)
- ✓ Michigan Supreme Court (2 seats)
- ✓ University of Michigan Board of Regents (2 seats), Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats), and Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- ✓ State Board of Education (2 seats)
- ✓ County, township, city, and village offices
- ✓ Specified school district positions

Register to Vote



The Michigan Voter Information Center provides a simple process to register to vote. You can register to vote through Election Day.

Register Here

Ways to apply for an absent voter ballot application

- ✓ Online – Registered voters can request an absentee ballot online through the ***absentee voter request form***
- ✓ Call your ***clerk's office*** and ask that an application be mailed to you
- ✓ Download an application to return by mail or in person to your local ***clerk's office***
- ✓ In person at your local city or township ***clerk's office***

WAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

Your completed absentee ballot should be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can submit by mail, or by hand-delivering the ballot to your clerk's office or their drop box. If you are returning your ballot within two weeks of election day, we recommend hand-delivering your ballot to avoid possible postal delays.

Begin the process early by mailing in your application for an absentee ballot as soon as possible. Applications can be submitted up to 75 days before an election.

All registered voters can track their ballot by looking up their information in the ***voter information section of this website.***

EARLY VOTING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan voters have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an early voting site before Election Day.

Early voting will be available beginning with the presidential primary in 2024 and every statewide and federal election thereafter. For November 2023, early voting will be offered in the following jurisdictions: ***Early voting schedule for Nov. 2023 election.***

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.

Ballot Proposals



This page will be updated as soon ballot proposals are submitted and approved.

LOCAL

FEBRUARY 27, 2024 RESULTS

- ✓ **Eaton County**
Lakewood Public Schools Operating Millage Proposal passed
- ✓ **Ingham County**
Perry Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal did not pass

MAY 7, 2024

- ✓ **Ingham and Eaton County – Holt Public Schools Bond Proposal**
- ✓ **Eaton, Ingham and Clinton County – Waverly Community Schools Proposal**
- ✓ **Ingham and Clinton County – East Lansing Public Schools Proposal**
- ✓ **Clinton County – St. John's School Bond Proposal**



2024 LRC-PAC Endorsed Candidates



The Lansing Regional Chamber-Political Action Committee (LRC-PAC) will announce a bipartisan slate of election endorsements for the Nov. 5 general election in May. The LRC-PAC is the political arm of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1,000 businesses in the tri-county region. The objective of LRC-PAC is to endorse candidates that support a favorable business climate throughout the region.

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.

Learn more about the LRC-PAC here: lansingchamber.org/lrc-pac

THE 2024 LRC-PAC ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Please continue to visit this page for updated endorsed candidates

- ✓ U.S. Senate
- ✓ Congress
- ✓ State House of Representatives
- ✓ Clinton County Board of Commissioners
- ✓ Eaton County Board of Commissioners
- ✓ Ingham County Board of Commissioners
- ✓ Lansing City Charter Commission
- ✓ Township Board of Trustees

SUPPORT THE LRC-PAC

As the only business political action committee focused on elections in the Greater Lansing region, your contribution is critical to ensure we get our endorsed candidates elected.

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Lansing Labor and Business Unite to Endorse Lansing City Charter Commission Slate



As the May 7th elections for the Lansing Charter Commission approach, the city's organized labor and business communities stand united behind a slate of candidates dedicated to ensuring a fair and prosperous future for Lansing. With the task of reviewing and potentially amending the city's Charter, often referred to as the city's Constitution, the importance of selecting the right candidates cannot be overstated.

Representing a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences, the endorsed slate of candidates has been carefully chosen to prioritize the interests of all Lansing residents. Spearheaded by the collaborative efforts of labor unions and business associations, these endorsements aim to promote candidates who will champion the rights of workers, foster economic growth, and advocate for a government that works for everyone.

THE ENDORSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES INCLUDES:

- ✓ **Stephen Purchase**, member of Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights
- ✓ **Ben Dowd**, Associate Director, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, Chair of Lansing Pride
- ✓ **Joan Bauer**, former member of the Lansing City Council and state representative
- ✓ **Muhammad Qawwee**, member UAW Local 2256
- ✓ **Elizabeth Driscoll Boyd**, former Communications Director for Governor Jennifer Granholm
- ✓ **Brian Jeffries**, former member of the Lansing City Council and Ingham County Commission
- ✓ **Miranda Swartz**, member of IBEW Local 665
- ✓ **Keith Williams**, former executive director, Michigan State University Alumni Office
- ✓ **Guillermo Lopez**, Board of Education Trustee for the Lansing School District

Together, these endorsements reflect a commitment to building a Charter Commission that will serve as a voice for all Lansing residents, protecting their rights and fostering an environment conducive to economic growth and prosperity.

Ensure Business Voices Are Heard: Support Lansing City Charter Commission Candidates through LRC-PAC



WHAT:

The Lansing City Charter Commission is tasked with reviewing and potentially revising the city's charter, a foundational document outlining its by-laws and operational guidelines.

WHY:

Following a November 2023 vote by residents to revise the charter for the first time since its 1978 inception, 36 candidates have stepped forward to participate in this crucial process. However, only nine will be elected during the upcoming May 7, 2024 special election.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY:

It is essential for the business community to be actively involved in this process. As one of the only business political action committee (PAC) focused on elections in the Greater Lansing region, the LRC-PAC's support is vital. Ensuring the election of candidates who align advocate for a government that works for everyone and ensures continued economic growth.

HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN:

Currently, the LRC-PAC is mobilizing efforts to raise funds aimed at supporting candidates endorsed by the PAC in the May 7, 2024 election. It's important to note that the LRC-PAC operates independently from the Chamber and does not utilize membership dues for political activities. All contributions to the PAC are voluntary and play a crucial role in advancing the interests of the business community in Lansing.

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