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MICHIGAN

NONPARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

Un-PAC is mobilizing young people to fix our broken democracy so that we can solve urgent problems impacting our generation.

In order to be **"With Us"** a candidate must address the needs of young people and ensure our voices are heard in our democracy.



With Us



Against Us

U.S. PRESIDENT

Represents the nation's values. Is responsible for enforcing laws passed by Congress, directing U.S. foreign policy, shaping the economy, and has authority over the military.

Kamala Harris (D)
Age: 59

- **Action Taken:**
 - As Vice President, supported the *Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act*, a comprehensive voting rights bill.
- **Commitments:**
 - Supports legislation to block rent price fixing by corporate landlords and stop large investment banks from buying homes in bulk and marking up prices.
 - Supports raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour.
 - Supports legislation restoring reproductive rights at the federal level.
- **Work/ Electoral Background:**
 - Current Vice President - first woman as well as first Asian American and first African American to assume the role.
 - Former Senator in CA from 2017 to 2021.
 - Former DA/City Attorney in San Francisco, CA.
 - Graduate of Howard University.
- **Campaign Site:** kamalaharris.com

Donald Trump (R)
Age: 78

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Rejected and attempted to overturn the 2020 election.
 - Appointed three U.S. Supreme Court Justices in order to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, removing a decades-long federal protection for abortion.
- **Commitments:**
 - Seeks to carry out the largest deportation of migrants in U.S. history.
 - Plans to remove Title XI expansions that protected victims of sexual abuse and expanded protections for LGBTQ+ and pregnant students on college campuses.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Only former president with no previous legal/government work.
 - Convicted felon.
 - Former NY Realtor and Reality TV Host.
- **Campaign Site:** donaldjtrump.com

U.S. SENATE

Decides what laws get passed in the country such as climate policy, gun laws, and reproductive care. A Senator can block critical legislation and stall change we care about.

Elissa Slotkin (D)
Age: 47

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Has refused to accept corporate PAC donations through her entire political career.
 - As U.S. Representative for MI-7. Voted for and supported the *Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act*, a major voting rights and campaign finance reform bill, as well as reforming the filibuster to pass the bill.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current U.S. Representative for MI-7
 - Former CIA Analyst, State Department, National Security Council, and Department of Defense
- **Campaign Site:** elissaslotkin.org

Mike Rogers (R)
Age: 61

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As U.S. Representative for MI-8, in 2007 voted against increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15/hour.
 - In 2010 voted against a new campaign finance transparency law.
 - After retiring from Congress in 2014, began working on behalf of large corporations and made over \$1.6 million from tech and cybersecurity firms in 2022 and 2023.
- **Commitment:**
 - Writes on his campaign site, "The border must be closed. Period."
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former U.S. Representative for MI-8 (2001-2015)
 - Former FBI Agent
- **Campaign Site:** rogersforsenate.com

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MI SUPREME COURT

State courts are our last area of defense when our rights are under attack at any level.

**Kyra Harris Bolden
(Incumbent), Age: 35**

- **Action Taken:**
 - As State Representative in 2019, cosponsored legislation to remove misdemeanor marijuana convictions from criminal records.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current Supreme Court Justice, Appointed 2023
 - Former MI State Representative for District 35 (2019-2023)
 - Former Trial and Civil Litigation Attorney
 - AKA member, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Graduate
- **Campaign Site:**
boldenforjustice.com

**Kimberly Ann Thomas
Age: Unknown**

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Leads the University of Michigan Juvenile Justice Clinic, providing legal representation to people who cannot afford lawyers.
 - Served on Michigan's Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Professor at University of Michigan Law School since 2003
 - Harvard Law School Graduate
- **Campaign Site:**
electkimberlythomas.com

**Patrick W. O'Grady
Age: 54**

- **Commitment:**
 - Opposes the recent Michigan Supreme Court decision reinstating paid sick leave and increasing the minimum wage.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - 15th Circuit Court Judge since 2008
 - Former Michigan State Trooper
 - Former U.S. Army Reserve
 - Western Michigan University and Cooley Law School Graduate
- **Campaign Site:**
judgeograd4supremecourt.com

**Andrew Fink
Age: 38**

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative in 2023, sponsored a bill to ban abortion after fetal viability.
 - Attended the January 6, 2021 "Stop the Steal" protest at Michigan's state Capitol to deny President Biden's certification as President.
- **Commitment:**
 - Describes himself as a "constitutional conservative" and "originalist," referring to his belief that Judges should interpret the constitution only as it was originally written.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current MI State Representative for District 58 since 2020
 - Marine Corps Officer
 - Former lawyer at family's law firm
 - Federalist Society Member
- **Campaign Site:**
finkformichigan.com

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U.S. House of Representatives MI-10 District

Decides what laws get passed nationwide such as budget bills, climate policy, and gun control.

Carl Marlinga (D) Age: 74

- **Action Taken:**
 - As Macomb County Prosecutor, established the SANE program to ensure victims of sexual assault receive prompt support.
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports passing legislation to protect abortion at the federal level, restoring Roe v. Wade.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Macomb County Prosecutor
 - Assistant U.S. Attorney
 - 16th Judicial Circuit Court Judge
- **Campaign Site:**
marlinga4congress.com

John James (R- Incumbent), Age: 43

- **Action Taken:**
 - As U.S. Representative in 2023, supported and voted for H.R.4368, a budget bill that would have restricted pharmacies from dispensing mifepristone, the most common abortion medication in the U.S.
- **Commitment:**
 - During his 2018 U.S. Senate campaign, he ran on a staunchly '100% pro-life' platform, declaring, 'We will not stop fighting until abortion is ended.'
- **Work/Electoral Background**
 - Current U.S. Representative for MI-10, elected 2022
 - Former Army Officer
- **Campaign Site:** johnjamesmi.com

U.S. House of Representatives MI-11 District

Decides what laws get passed nationwide such as budget bills, climate policy, and gun control.

Haley Stevens (D- Incumbent), Age: 41

- **Action Taken:**
 - As U.S. Representative, cosponsored and supported the *Raise the Wage Act* of 2019 and 2021 to raise the \$7.25 federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour over 5 years.
- **Commitments:**
 - Supports the creation of a "public option" to expand health insurance access.
 - Supports common sense gun reform to close loopholes to avoid background checks.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current MI-11 U.S. Representative, Elected 2018
 - Former campaign staffer for President Barack Obama and Secretary Hillary Clinton
- **Campaign Site:**
haleystevensforcongress.com

Nicholas Somberg (R) Age: 34

- **Action Taken:**
 - Not enough information or action taken on policy
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports the overturning of Roe V. Wade, a decades-long federal protection for abortion. Believes abortion is a "sin against god."
 - Supports completing President Donald Trump's border wall and doubling the number of border patrol agents.
 - Opposes red-flag laws that prevent domestic abusers from purchasing guns.
- **Work/Electoral Background**
 - Oakland and Western Michigan University alumnus
 - Operates his own law firm, Somberg Law
- **Campaign Site:** nicksomberg.com

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State Representative MI-55 District

Introduce and vote on proposed legislation that affects a wide range of issues.

Trevis Harrold (D) Age: 31

- **Action Taken:**
 - Oversaw the distribution of millions of dollars of humanitarian aid to Jamaicans through healthcare from the U.S. Navy.
- **Commitments:**
 - Supports protecting and expanding reproductive rights as well as affordable healthcare.
 - Supports legislation to bar domestic abusers from buying guns.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former U.S. Diplomat in Jamaica, Mexico, Thailand, and Kosovo
 - U.S. Army Reserve Officer
- **Campaign Site:**
harroldformichigan.com

Mark Tisdell (R- Incumbent), Age: 68

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative, voted against HB4949 which protects the right to an abortion in Michigan.
 - As State Representative, voted against HB4127 which prohibits open carrying firearms at polling places.
 - As State Representative, voted against SB614 which required more financial disclosure from candidates for public office in Michigan.
- **Commitment:**
 - Opposes federal price controls to limit the prices of food and other basic necessities at grocery stores.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - State Representative for District 55 since 2023
 - Former State Representative for District 43 (2021-2023)
 - Former insurance agent
 - Principal at Backus Payne & Associates
- **Campaign Site:** marktisdell.com

State Representative MI-54 District

Introduce and vote on proposed legislation that affects a wide range of issues.

Shadia Martini (D) Age: 58

- **Commitments:**
 - Supports protecting automatic voter registration, same day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting.
 - Supports protecting access to reproductive healthcare including abortion, IVF, and abortion medications.
 - Opposes efforts to ban books and reduce funding for Michigan public schools.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - MBA from the University of Michigan
 - Owns a real estate brokerage, construction company, and medical spa
- **Campaign Site:** votemartini.com

Donni Steele (R- Incumbent), Age: 60

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative, voted against HB4949 which protects the right to an abortion in Michigan.
 - As State Representative, voted against HB4127 which prohibits open carrying firearms at polling places.
 - As State Representative, voted against SB614 which required more financial disclosure from candidates for public office in Michigan.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current MI-54 State Representative since 2023
 - Small business experience
 - Orion Township Trustee (2012-2016)
 - Orion Township Treasurer (2016-2022)
- **Campaign Site:** donnisteele.com

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U.S. House of Representatives MI-07 District

Decides what laws get passed nationwide such as budget bills, climate policy, and gun control.

Curtis Hertel (D) Age: 46

- **Action Taken:**
 - As State Senator, led efforts to repeal Michigan's 1931 abortion ban.
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports the *John Lewis Voting Rights Act*, a comprehensive voting rights bill that would combat voter suppression.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former State Senator for MI-23 (2015-2023)
 - Michigan State University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:**
hertelformichigan.com

Tom Barrett (R) Age: 43

- **Action Taken:**
 - As State Senator, sponsored multiple voter suppression bills that aimed to make it harder for Michiganders to vote.
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports "cutting government spending and lowering taxes."
- **Work/Electoral Background**
 - Former State Senator for MI-24 (2019-2023)
 - Former State Representative for MI-24 (2015-2019)
 - Former US Army Officer
- **Campaign Site:**
tombarrettforcongress.com

State Representative MI-73 District

Introduce and vote on proposed legislation that affects a wide range of issues.

Julie Brixie (D- Incumbent), Age: 58

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative in 2023, voted for and supported HB4949, establishing the right to reproductive healthcare in Michigan.
 - As State Representative, consistently supported pro-worker bills that empower labor unions and individual workers to advocate for themselves at work.
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports and introduced bills to close tax loopholes allowing big box stores to avoid paying billions in state taxes.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - State Representative for MI-69 (2019-2022) and 73 (2023-present)
 - Former Meridian Township Board for 18 years
 - Former Environmental Toxicologist
 - Michigan State University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** juliebrixie.com

Joshua Rockey (R), Age: 42

- **Commitment:**
 - Supports "Citizens for Local Choice," a group that opposes plans allowing the state government to expand renewal energy infrastructure across Michigan.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Small business owner
- **Campaign Site:** rocky4rep.com

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**State Representative
MI-75 District**

Introduce and vote on proposed legislation that affects a wide range of issues.

**Penelope Tsernoglou
(D- Incumbent), Age: 45**

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative in 2023, voted for and supported HB4949, establishing the right to reproductive healthcare in Michigan.
 - As State Representative, cosponsored and supported bills to allow Michiganders to pre-register to vote at 16 or 17 and request a mail-in ballot online.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Ingham County Commissioner
 - Former attorney representing juveniles and defendants unable to afford legal representation.
 - Michigan State University College of Law Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** votepenelope.com

**Frank Lambert (R),
Age: Unknown**

- **No Information Available**

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U.S. House of Representatives MI-06 District

Decides what laws get passed nationwide such as budget bills, climate policy, and gun control.

Debbie Dingell (D- Incumbent), Age: 70

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As U.S. Representative in 2022, voted for the *Freedom To Vote: John R Lewis Act*.
 - Action Taken: As U.S. Representative in 2022, cosponsored and supported the *Ensuring Access to Abortion Act* to protect those who seek abortions outside of their home state due to state-level bans.
 - Action: As U.S. Representative in 2021, voted to pass the *Equality Act*, prohibiting discrimination based on sex and sexuality by the federal government.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current MI-6 Representative (Elected 2022)
 - Former representative for MI-12 (2015-2023)
 - Former Democratic staffer, General Motors Foundation
 - Former Wayne State University Board of Governors
- **Campaign Site:**
debbiedingellforcongress.com

Heather Smiley (R) Age:

- **Commitments:**
 - Supports a federal bill to require voters to submit extra documentation proving their citizenship when registering to vote.
 - Commitment: Supports “protecting life [in the] womb.”
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Data Insights, Customer Service, and Product Development at Ford Motor Company
 - Central Michigan University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:**
smileyforcongress.com

State Representative MI-23 District

Introduce and vote on proposed legislation that affects a wide range of issues.

Jason Morgan (D- Incumbent), Age: 34

- **Actions Taken:**
 - As State Representative in 2023, voted for and supported HB4949, establishing the right to reproductive healthcare in Michigan.
 - As State Representative, consistently supported pro-worker bills that empower labor unions and individual workers to advocate for themselves at work.
- **Commitment:**
 - Supports free community college for Michiganders as well as a public option to expand health insurance access.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current MI-23 State Representative (Elected 2022)
 - Former Washtenaw County Commissioner (2017-2023)
 - Former Staffer for Congresswomen Haley Stevens, Elissa Slotkin, and Debbie Dingell
- **Campaign Site:**
votejasonmorgan.com

David Stamp (R) Age: Unkown

- **No Information Available**