
MVC NONPARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

This Voter Guide is funded and published by Michigan for Vaccine Choice (MVC). It has been prepared to educate Michigan voters on candidate's views regarding vaccine choice and to encourage voter participation. To create this Voter Guide, MVC submitted a questionnaire to State and Federal candidates, then compiled their responses.

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2026 ELECTION DATES

AUG

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PRIMARY ELECTION

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GENERAL ELECTION

REGISTER & VOTE

Register to vote, verify your voter registration, request an absentee ballot, learn about early voting, find your polling place and more at: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>

Voter Registration Deadline

- **Online by**
Mon Jul 20, 2026
- **Post Received by**
Mon Jul 20, 2026
- **In-Person Request by**
Tue Aug 4, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

- **Request to Receive Blank Ballot by Mail Received by**
Fri Jul 31, 2026 5:00PM
- **In-Person Request by**
Mon Aug 3, 2026 4:00PM
- **Emergency Ballot Request by**
Tue Aug 4, 2026 4:00PM

Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

- **Received by**
Tue Aug 4, 2026 8:00PM

Early Voting Available

- **Early Voting**
From Mon Jul 6, 2026 to Sun Aug 2, 2026
- **In-person Absentee Voting**
From Thu Jun 25, 2026 to Mon Aug 3, 2026

Discover more information on deadlines at:

<https://www.usvotefoundation.org/michigan-election-dates-and-deadlines>

VIEW YOUR BALLOT

This page on the Secretary of State website will show you a sample ballot for any precinct in the State for the upcoming election: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

PARTY WEBSITES

MVC does not support or oppose political parties or candidates for office.

- Michigan Democratic Party
<https://michigandems.com>
- Michigan Green Party
<https://migreenparty.org>
- Michigan Libertarian Party
<https://michiganlp.org>
- Michigan Republican Party
<https://mi.gop>

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2026

The Michigan Primary election includes a wide range of partisan offices and some local non-partisan offices. To create this Voter Guide, MVC submitted a questionnaire to State and Federal candidates only, and then compiled their responses. MVC did not survey the Secretary of State, State Supreme Court, or various local offices.

- **Governor**
- **U.S. Senator**
- **U.S. House Representatives — All congressional districts**
- **State Senate — Multiple districts**
- **State House — All districts**

MVC VOTER GUIDE POLICY

- This Voter Guide is organized by office, and candidates are listed in order of the district the office will represent. The names of unopposed candidates are also listed.
- References to opponents or specific persons are not allowed.
- Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification.
- All questionnaires were identical, regardless of candidate's office.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Since 1978, Michigan statute allows parents to exempt their children from mandatory vaccinations based on medical, religious, or other reasons. Thousands of parents have expressed how grateful they are to live in a state where parents have the freedom to make vaccine decisions for their children. They know how precious health care rights are, and want to know whether candidates support the preservation of this legal right.

Do you support an individual's/parent's right to make vaccine decisions for themselves and their children in accordance with the existing Michigan statute?

Yes/No/Undecided

QUESTION 2

Michigan statute provides a clear, simple process for citizens to exercise their choice to exempt from vaccine mandates (Parent provides written statement to the school with no involvement of the health department). However, in 2015, the State Department of Health & Human Services exceeded the statute by issuing an administrative rule to require parents to meet personally with employees of county health departments before being 'granted' a vaccine waiver for their child to attend school or daycare – often requiring multiple meetings depending on number of children and grade level. MVC members find these mandated meetings to be a substantial burden, and many department employees to be demeaning of their vaccine decisions. Parents are forced to provide private health information about their child, without their consent, which also violates their privacy rights under federal privacy laws (HIPAA/FERPA). Parents support legislation that both protects the privacy of children's student health records and prohibits unelected government agencies from enforcing administrative rules that exceed the requirements of existing statutes.

Do you support requiring legislative approval before unelected state or local agencies can add additional burdens on parents or individuals seeking to exercise their right to make vaccine decisions?

Yes/No/Undecided

QUESTION 3

In recent years, employees in some industries have been faced with vaccination requirements as a condition of employment, such as annual flu shots for healthcare workers. Since the creation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) (through the passage of the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act), over \$5.3 billion in compensation has been paid by the federal government for injuries and deaths caused by vaccinations – with a good proportion injury from the flu shot. Given there are demonstrated risks from vaccinations, employees are understandably concerned when they are mandated to receive vaccinations or risk termination of employment (or other punitive actions).

Do you support an employee’s right to make their own medical decisions and therefore believe their acceptance of vaccinations should not be a condition of employment?

Yes/No/Undecided

QUESTION 4

Citizens and scientists alike are justifiably concerned that the COVID-19 genetic vaccines were fast-tracked and resulted in products that were not adequately tested for safety. As with any medication, any new vaccine also carries risks of harm to some individuals. The number of adverse events reported to the CDC/FDA Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System has exceeded 1.6 million events and over 37,000 deaths. There have been more adverse events reported for the COVID-19 genetic vaccines than those reported for ALL other vaccines for the past thirty-four years. Citizens are concerned that new vaccines, such as for COVID-19, will be mandated at the state or federal level in the near future, trampling an individual’s rights to bodily autonomy and religious freedom.

Do you support an individual’s right to choose whether to take the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes/No/Undecided

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE FORMAT

The remainder of this Voter Guide will provide candidate responses and comments to the questions in a table format. If a candidate does not appear in the table, that means they did not return the questionnaire or did not respond to the questionnaire. Feel free to reach out to any candidate yourself to learn about their views on vaccine choice.

If you do not know your Congressional district or State House District, you can look them up at the MVC Action Center: <https://votervoice.net/MVC/Address>

US REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS

U.S. House Representatives serve two-year terms and represent individual congressional districts. There are 435 voting members total, with each state's number based on population. Their duties include introducing legislation, offering amendments, and serving on committees. The current salary is \$174,000.

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Heather Smiley (R)	6	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: campaign@smileyforcongress.com Campaign Website: https://smileyforcongress.com
Tom Barrett (R)	7	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: campaign@tombarrettforcongress.com Campaign Website: https://tombarrettforcongress.com
James D. Hooper (R)	12	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: hooperforcongress@protonmail.com Campaign Website: https://jameshooperforcongress.com

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

The Michigan House of Representatives has 110 members, elected every two years in even-numbered years. The Legislature makes Michigan's laws, levies taxes, and allocates funding for state government. It can propose amendments to the Michigan Constitution (which voters must approve) and considers citizen-initiated legislation.

The House also oversees the executive branch through committees, audits, rule review, and the budget process. Lawmaking is its primary work, with thousands of bills considered each two-year session. The current annual salary for a Michigan Representative is \$71,685.

UND = UNDECIDED

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Charlie Gandy-Thompson (R)	6	YES	UND	NO	YES	
Mike Steger (R)	6	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Seema Ahmad (D)	7	YES	YES	YES	UND	Campaign Email: sahmad9@yahoo.com Campaign Website: https://www.voteseema.com
Tonya Wells (R)	8	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: twell256847@mail.wcccd.edu
Patricia Hurt (D)	9	YES	NO	YES	UND	Campaign Email: pwashingtonhurt@gmail.com
Eddie Kabacinski (R)	11	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: eddiekabacinskicommittee@hotmail.com Campaign Website: https://ekabacinskicommittee.wixsite.com/eddie
Ross Barranco (R)	21	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: ross_barranco@hotmail.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Chris Dobis (R)	26	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: chris@chrisdobis.com Campaign Website: https://www.chrisdobis.com
Jamie Thompson (R)	28	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: friendsofjamiethompson@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://friendsofjamiethompson.com
James Desana (R)	29	YES	NO	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@winwithjim.org Campaign Website: http://www.winwithjim.org
Laura Perry (R)	31	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: laura@votelauraperry.com Campaign Website: https://www.votauraperey.com
Mike Eller (R)	32	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: mikeeller@protonmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.ellerformichigan.com
Jennifer Wortz (R)	35	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: votejen@jenniferwortz.com Campaign Website: https://jenniferwortz.com
Steve Carra (R) Medical freedom is an essential element of liberty.	36	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: steve@stevecarra.com Campaign Website: https://stevecarra.com
Brad Paquette (R)	37	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: contact@bradpaquette.com Campaign Website: https://www.bradpaquette.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Matt Hall (R)	42	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@electmatthall.com Campaign Website: https://electmatthall.com
Justin Griffis (R)	47	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: griffisforstaterep@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://justin47.com
Jason Woolford (R)	50	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jason@jasonwoolford.com Campaign Website: https://jasonwoolford.com/endorsements
Tom Owensby (D)	52	NO	NO	NO	NO	Campaign Email: owensbyforstaterep@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://tomowensbyforstate representative.com
Alicia St. Germaine (R)	62	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: alicia@votestgermaine.com Campaign Website: https://aliciastgermaine.com
Jaime Greene (R)	65	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: voteforgreene@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://voteforgreene.com
Josh Schriver (R)	66	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Website: https://joshuaschriver.com
Philip Green (R)	67	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: philgreenforstaterep@gmail.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Sherri J. Cross (R)	67	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: sherrijcross@comcast.net Campaign Website: https://www.sherrijcross.org
Matt Schlinker (D)	68	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: mattschlinker4rep@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.mattschlinker4rep.com
Brandon Strong (R)	78	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: brandon@brandonformichigan.com Campaign Website: https://www.brandonformichigan.com
Terence Frewen (R)	78	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: terence.frewen78thdistrict@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.terryfrewen.com
Douglas Lee (R)	80	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: tarodoug@gmail.com
John C. O'Brien (R)	85	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: john.c.obrienforstaterep@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://johncobrienforstaterep.com
Joe Moss (R)	89	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: joe@joemoss.com Campaign Website: https://joemoss.com
Patrick Kapenga (R)	89	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@kapenga4michigan.com Campaign Website: https://kapenga4michigan.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Lynn Afendoulis (R)	90	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@lynnafendoulis.com Campaign Website: https://lynnafendoulis.com
Rachel Crowther (D)	90	UND	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@rachelcrowthermi.com Campaign Website: https://www.rachelcrowthermi.com
Susannah Watts (R)	90	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@susannahwatts.com Campaign Website: https://www.susannahwatts.com
Pat Outman (R)	91	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: patrickdoutman@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.patoutman.com
Jerry Neyer (R)	92	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jerry@voteneyer.com Campaign Website: https://voteneyer.com
Tim Kelly (R)	93	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Kandie Sherman (D)	97	YES	UND	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jken201201@aol.com
Gary Anderson (R)	101	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: gary@electgary.com Campaign Website: https://www.electgary.com
Luke Eising (R)	101	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: lukeformichigan@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.lukeformichigan.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Rich Vance (R)	101	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: vanceformichigan@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://vanceformichigan.com
Ken Borton (R)	105	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: ken@kenborton.com Campaign Website: https://www.kenborton.com
Larry Johnson (R)	108	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Karl Bohnak (R)	109	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Website: https://votebohnak.com

STATE SENATE

The Michigan State Senate has 38 members elected to four-year terms. The Senate helps make Michigan's laws, levies taxes, and approves the state budget. It can propose amendments to the Michigan Constitution (which voters must approve) and reviews citizen-initiated legislation.

The Senate oversees the executive branch through committees, audits, rule review, and the budget process, and it also provides advice and consent on gubernatorial appointments. Senators consider thousands of bills each four-year session. The current annual salary is \$71,685.

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Harry Sawicki (R)	2	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: harrysawicki4senate2@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557097952895
Michael Webber (R)	9	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: mjwebber@comcast.net Campaign Website: https://electwebber.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
Michelle Nard (R)	10	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: nardforsenator@usa.com Campaign Website: https://votenard.org
Joseph A. Backus (R)	12	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: ursamajorlmc703@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551663465937
Eileen Tesch (R)	12	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: tesch4senate@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://teschforsenate.com
Shaun Young (R)	19	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Website: https://www.shawn-for-state-senate.com
Kenny Clevenger (R)	20	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Website: https://countonkenny.com
Josh Burns (R)	21	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jdburnz@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://joshburns.me
Mike Murphy (R)	22	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: info@mikemurphyforsenate.com Campaign Website: mikemurphyforsenate.com
Donni Steele (R)	23	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: donnitsteele@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://donnisteele.com

CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CONTACT INFO
John W. Mahaney (R)	25	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jomhn@aol.com Campaign Website: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590894373984
Andrew Beeler (R)	25	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: abeeler@beelerformichigan.com Campaign Website: https://www.beelerformichigan.com
Jim Graham (R)	26	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: jmgrammasonry@gmail.com
Bill Bain (R)	27	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: billbainforsenate@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.billbain.com
Julie DeRose (R)	28	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: derose4mi@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.derose4mi.com
Brady Middleton (R)	29	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: vote@bradymiddleton.com Campaign Website: https://www.bradymiddleton.com
Mark Huizenga (R)	30	YES	NO	YES	YES	Campaign Email: mark@votehuizenga.com Campaign Website: https://votehuizenga.com
John Wetzel (R)	31	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: john@wetzel4michigan.com Campaign Website: https://wetzel4michigan.com

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Max Riekse (R)	32	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: maxriekse@gmail.com
Kim Cole (R)	32	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Joseph Fox (R)	33	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: foxforfff@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://votejosephfox.com
Gina Johnsen (R)	33	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: gina@ginaformichigan.com Campaign Website: https://ginaformichigan.com
Rhonda L. Lange (R)	34	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Website: rhondalangeformichigansenate.com
Chadwick Twillman (R)	35	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: chadwickformi@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://chadwicktwillman.us
Beau LaFave (R)	38	YES	YES	YES	YES	Campaign Email: lafavebeau@yahoo.com Campaign Website: https://beaulafave.com