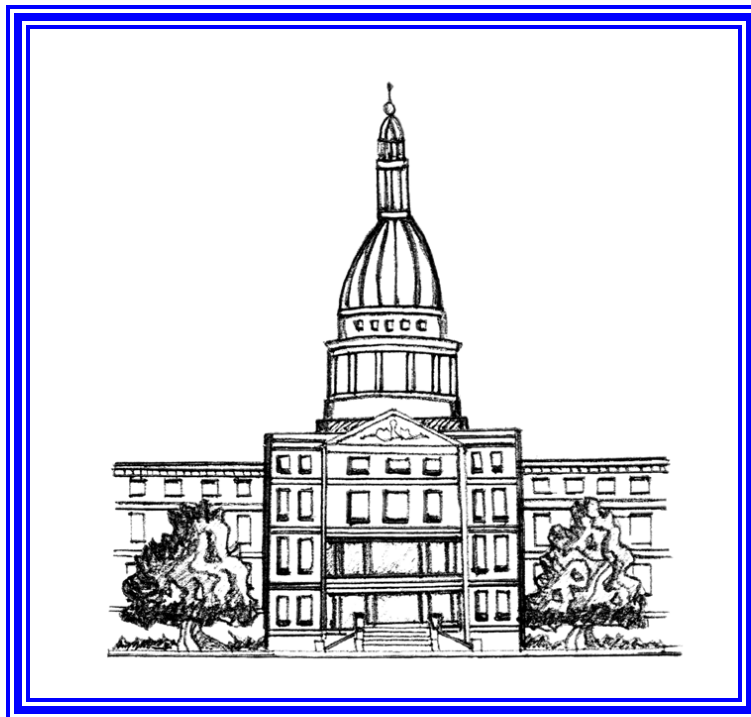




# League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Voter Guide



**FALL GENERAL ELECTION  
November 4, 2008**

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE FALL GENERAL ELECTION

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This guide was prepared with the help of League members, students and members of the community interested in the issues. The personal statement is limited to forty-five (45) words or fewer. The response to each question is limited to thirty-five (35) words. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceed the stated word limitations. If the candidate does not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Did not reply in time for publication" appear by the candidate's name. When a candidate exceeds the word limit the answer ends with an ellipse (...). They respond in alphabetical order by Party. The Michigan Secretary of State's Party will always appear first on the ballot. **All candidate responses are in bold.**

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Ingham and Eaton County are holding a General Election on November 4, 2008. Candidates have been gracious enough to draft responses for this Voter's Guide. **All candidate responses are in bold.** The following races are covered in this Voter Guide.

- State Representative 67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> District – 2 year term – Vote for 1 candidate
- Judges of the 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – 6 year term – Vote for 3 candidates
- 55 District Court - 6 year term - Vote for 1 candidates

Kathy Esselman  
President  
League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area

# State Representative

**Election assigned to this office:** General Election 11/04/2008

**Office Description:** Michigan's State Representatives serve in the lower house of the legislature. They must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a registered voter in the district they represent, and never have been convicted of a felony. They cannot have any employment with either the United States, state or local governments and dual office holding is prohibited. State Representatives are limited to three 2-year terms.

**Salary:** \$79,650 plus expenses up to \$20,000

**Term of Office:** 2 years

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for 1**

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 67<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**MIKE HERTER Republican (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I have over 20 years of business experience in the automotive industry. Managing manufacturing plants and implementing budget's in excess of \$300 million annually. For more detailed information on myself and my family please visit [www.voteherter.com](http://www.voteherter.com)**

1. Should the state help business and individuals weather the current economic downturn? If so, give three examples of ways the state could help businesses, particularly small businesses, or individuals?

**Yes, the state should help businesses and individuals in our economic downturn.**

- **Repeal the 22% Michigan Business Tax of 2007**
- **Repeal the 12% income tax hike of 2007**
- **Reduce government spending.**

2. In Ingham County 88.02% of farms are operated by a family or individual with an average income of \$50,438 for crops and agricultural products. What can be done to preserve farmland and support agriculture?

**Change the current property tax structure for agriculture to a value based tax. Value the land on how much income it can produce as opposed to other property values in the area.**

3. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**Public funding for election of judges is an option that should be explored but we must understand the cost of these elections. This could mean an increase in taxes, which I would not support.**

## **BARB BYRUM Democrat (D) (Incumbent)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I supported legislation to protect women and children, and expand educational opportunities. I have worked to pass bipartisan legislation that will attract jobs to Ingham County and Michigan. As a small-business owner, I understand what we need to do to move our economy forward.**

1. Should the state help business and individuals weather the current economic downturn? If so, give three examples of ways the state could help businesses, particularly small businesses, or individuals?

**Michigan small businesses employ 90-plus percent of Michigan workers. The state can work to build a fair, broad-based tax structure, make affordable energy and adopt healthcare reforms to help local businesses succeed and grow.**

2. In Ingham County 88.02% of farms are operated by a family or individual with an average income of \$50, 438 for crops and agriculture products. What can be done to preserve farmland and support agriculture?

**Making agriculture profitable is the best way to preserve farmland. Emerging opportunities in the bio-economy can strengthen agriculture. Partnerships among agriculture, manufacturing, research and business, plus property development rights, will preserve farmland and grow agriculture.**

3. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**Michigan's court system requires reforms, including full financial disclosures by all judges so our courts are more transparent and open to the public. In these tough times, Michigan must use our scarce resources wisely.**

## **VINCE DRAGONETTI (LIB)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**Business owner with strong financial background personally who wants the job he doesn't need. Two parties are image busy. Each has strong points. We need to stabilize goals we can agree on as a team.**

1. Should the state help business and individuals weather the current economic downturn? If so, give three examples of ways the state could help businesses, particularly small businesses, or individuals?

**Take the lead to encourage and get out of the way. Streamline laws, and procedures including licensing in liquor control. Improve time planning to help school budgets. Get out of micromanaging us.**

2. In Ingham County 88.02% of farms are operated by a family or individual with an average income of \$50, 438 for crops and agricultural products. What can be done to preserve farmland and support agriculture?

**Legislation does little or we'd still sell buggies. The state needs tighter controls on what we import. The poor quality recently proves we're not doing our job. This hurts farming income 100%**

3. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**No, the system is broken. Controlled by interest groups, many out state. Begging for money guarantees pay back. I'll vote on the needs of those in my area.**

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 68<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

**DAVID C. IRONS (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**Lansing needs help. Property values are plummeting. Foreclosures are at an all time high. To raise property taxes under these circumstances is fraud. Incompetence and corruption is costing taxpayers dearly. Decisive action is needed. Michigan can and should become a model for fair honest government.**

1. How can the state strengthen growing local businesses, like Demmer Corporation, which bring jobs and capital to Lansing?

**The proven method of creating a favorable business environment is to lower taxes. The State of Tennessee has no income tax and look at where the auto manufacturing jobs are going.**

2 Lansing provides security and fire protection to state buildings without full compensation. Should the state increase their local grant to cover costs?

**Of course the State should pay its fair share of taxes the same as any other business located in the City, no more no less.**

4. The Ingham Health Plan offers basic coverage to local residents, usually working adults, for a reasonable premium, but cannot offer major medical coverage. Even some small business owners find this their only affordable option. Could or should the state do anything to expand health coverage in Michigan?

**No. Socialized medicine has been an unmitigated disaster wherever it has been implemented. Soaring medical costs, nightmarish regulations, up to seventy percent going to administrative costs. The victims are the working poor and the taxpayers.**

**JOAN BAUER (D)** (Incumbent)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**It is my honor to serve as the 68<sup>th</sup> District State Representative. My experience as a teacher, healthcare manager, eleven year member of the Lansing City Council, director of the LCC Foundation, and State Representative help me be an effective voice in the Michigan Legislature.**

1. How can the state strengthen growing local businesses, like Demmer Corporation, which bring jobs and capital to Lansing?

**The state needs to provide tools for local governments to use such as brownfield programs, tax incentives, and business tax credits. We must also provide a skilled and educated workforce.**

2 Lansing provides security and fire protection to state buildings without full compensation. Should the state increase their local grant to cover costs?

**Yes. This is particularly important for Lansing because of the number of state owned buildings for which we must provide fire protection and for which the city is not fully reimbursed.**

3. The Ingham Health Plan offers basic coverage to local residents, usually working adults, for a reasonable premium, but cannot offer major medical coverage. Even some small business owners find this their only affordable option. Could or should the state do anything to expand health coverage in Michigan?

**Healthcare must be accessible and affordable for everyone and must be addressed at the federal, state, and local levels. The Ingham Health Plan is very effective and could be used as a model.**

## **DELRAE FINNERTY (UST)**

**Thank you for reading this. My goal is to be a tool for the people to use to stand ground, move forward and enjoy life. Give me your input.**

1. How can the state strengthen growing local businesses, like Demmer Corporation, which bring jobs and capital to Lansing?

**Allow support for those initial, grounding months and, allow options for backup.**

2. Lansing provides security and fire protection to state buildings without full compensation. Should the state increase their local grant to cover costs?

**How did this come about? Were backups build in? Are security and fire wanting for monies related to this?**

3. The Ingham Health Plan offers basic coverage to local residents, usually working adults, for a reasonable premium, but cannot offer major medical coverage. Even some small business owners find this their only affordable option. Could or should the state do anything to expand health coverage in Michigan?

**In theory, health coverage should be personal. On disability, I have a taste of others needs. We must find alternatives.**

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 69<sup>th</sup> District**

**FRANK LAMBERT (R)** (Did not respond in time for publication)

**MARK MEADOWS (D)** (Incumbent)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I make the same promise to you that I made in the last election: If you send me to Lansing as your Representative, I will work hard for you and work hard to accomplish the objectives you outlined for me at your door as I campaigned.**

1. What would be your three priorities for the next legislative year? How would you suggest the legislature approach these issues?

**My top three are job creation, education funding and continuing to protect the environment. We (the legislature) have bills pending and passed that address these issues and will put more money in classrooms and put people to work.**

2. A state task force recently estimated that \$6.1 billion was required to provide basic upgrades to Michigan roads and bridges. However current annual spending on state road maintenance is \$3.2 billion. According to the task force the state would have to spend \$12.6 billion to improve roads and bridges. What can be done to preserve and improve infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, not only in the 69<sup>th</sup> District, but throughout the state?

**The task force is also recommending funding changes. I want us to look at turning our interstates into toll roads. Some other ideas are to shift funding from "road" taxes to sales taxes.**

3. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**I fully support public funding of judicial races.**

## Judge of the 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

**Election assigned to this office:** General Election 11/04/08

**Office Description:** There are three (3) seats open on the 30th Circuit Court for a six-year term in the Fall General Election. The Non-Incumbent position is being contested. This is a non-partisan position. Circuit Court judges have jurisdiction over civil cases seeking more than \$25,000 in damages and all criminal cases where the defendant could be sent to prison. The family division of circuit court handles all divorce, paternity, family support, juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, personal protection, emancipation, name changes, safe delivery of newborn, adoption, and parental waiver cases. In addition, the circuit court hears cases appealed from another court or by an administrative agency. (<http://courts.michigan.gov>.) Michigan's Canon of Judicial Ethics forbids judges to comment on specific cases and issues which might come before the Court. Therefore, a judge cannot express personal or political opinion which might bear upon the outcome of cases. For example, they cannot promise to go easy on someone's brother-in-law or comment on abortion.

**Salary:** \$139,919 a year

**Term of Office:** six (6) years

**Non Partisan**

**Vote for THREE (3) Candidates.**

## **ROSEMARIE ELIZABETH AQUILINA**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**I believe courts belong to the public and there should be timely access and speedy justice, with civility at all times. Court proceedings should be open to the public, and the press, to ensure clean hands and a fair process in accordance with the constitution.**

1. What special qualifications do you bring to this office? What do you want to accomplish as judge?

**Having 24 years of judicial and law experience I have handled each type of case that will come before me. I hope to begin Sobriety and Mental Health Courts which will promote a safer community.**

2. Could or should problem solving courts be put in place to help deal with the challenges of mental health, alcohol and spouse abuse?

**Yes! I am the 55<sup>th</sup> District Sobriety Court Judge. With 130 graduates and 5 repeat offenders, we are beating national averages. Rehabilitation through intense probation is a win-win-win, for taxpayers, offenders, and, the community.**

3. The Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters, including divorce, custody support, child protective proceedings and guardianships. How should the court protect the rights of military personnel, who may be overseas, in these proceedings?

**Soldiers should return to the same rights they had prior to deployment. Only necessary temporary orders should be in place, and, upon return, hearings should be scheduled as a priority matter to avoid further delay.**

## **HUGH B. CLARKE JR.**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**I believe in hard work and doing my best at each task. The court has the responsibility to treat all persons with dignity. I will hold each person responsible for their actions and seek to protect the rights of all who come before the bench.**

1. What special qualifications do you bring to this office? What do you want to accomplish as judge?

**For almost 30 years I have practiced law, representing people in all of the courts in Ingham County. I know the necessity of having hard working, knowledgeable, dedicated judges. I will be that kind of judge.**

2. Could or should problem solving courts be put in place to help deal with the challenges of mental health, alcohol and spouse abuse?

**Yes. We already have drug/alcohol court as well as domestic assault courts at the district court level. A division of this with a mental health component would be a natural addition to the family court.**

3. The Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters, including divorce, custody support, child protective proceedings and guardianships. How should the court protect the rights of military personnel, who may be overseas, in these proceedings?

**Temporary orders that stay the proceedings can be put in place until the military person can return and defend his or her rights.**

## **WILLIAM EDWARD COLLETTE (Incumbent)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I am chief Judge of the circuit court and have been on the bench for thirty years. My family has lived in Ingham County 53 years. I graduated from MSU and received my law degree from the University of Michigan. I am married with children.**

1. What special qualifications do you bring to this office? What do you want to accomplish as judge?

**My years of experience as judge and my ties to this community give me the ability to understand the needs of our citizens. I want to continue the programs I have helped implement.**

2. Could or should problem solving courts be put in place to help deal with the challenges of mental health, alcohol and spouse abuse?

**Yes, I have already helped create several of these important programs in Ingham County. These are without question having a positive impact on these serious problems . Many success stories have been seen already.**

3. The Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters, including divorce, custody support, child protective proceedings and guardianships. How should the court protect the rights of military personnel, who may be overseas, in these proceedings?

**Electronic media should be provided to obtain direct input from soldiers on family court matters. I have installed this equipment in our court. Soldiers should have equal opportunity to obtain custody.**

## **JANELLE A. LAWLESS (Incumbent)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I am completing my first term as a circuit court judge. I am hard working and dedicated to serving the families and children in our community. I have lived in the Lansing area for thirty years. I am married and have 2 teenage daughters.**

1. What special qualifications do you bring to this office? What do you want to accomplish as judge?

**I am currently the Presiding Judge of the Family Division. I have worked hard to improve programs for the youth and families that come before the Court. I would like to continue this work.**

2. Could or should problem solving courts be put in place to help deal with the challenges of mental health, alcohol and spouse abuse?

**I support problem solving courts. Last year, my court began a drug court that focuses on intensive substance abuse treatment for parents of children in child neglect and abuse matters. This court benefits the children.**

3. The Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters, including divorce, custody support, child protective proceedings and guardianships. How should the court protect the rights of military personnel, who may be overseas, in these proceedings?

**The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act provides protection of the rights of military personnel in family matters and sets forth the procedure the Court must follow in those cases, to insure service members' rights are protected.**

**BEVERLY NETTLES-NICKERSON** (Did not respond in time for publication)

**FRANK HARRISON REYNOLDS**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I bring 30 years experience in Circuit Court. We need judges with integrity and responsibility. As a former public school teacher, I am familiar with our community. The Ingham County Bar Association gave me their highest rating: "Exceptionally Well Qualified" for Circuit Judge.**  
[www.frankharrisonreynolds.com](http://www.frankharrisonreynolds.com)

1. What special qualifications do you bring to this office? What do you want to accomplish as judge?

**Practicing trial attorney in Ingham County and throughout Michigan. Trained judges through the Federal Judicial Center for six years and the Michigan Judicial Institute. I will restore people's confidence with my experience and integrity.**

2. Could or should problem solving courts be put in place to help deal with the challenges of mental health, alcohol and spouse abuse?

**Yes. I support the programs designed to address these challenges. I helped form a foundation to raise money for individuals who would not ordinarily have the transportation or financial resources to participate in these programs.**

3. The Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all family matters, including divorce, custody support, child protective proceedings and guardianships. How should the court protect the rights of military personnel, who may be overseas, in these proceedings?

It is important that as a Bar Association, in conjunction with our local law schools, that we provide assistance and representation for those serving our country to insure that their family law rights are well-protected.

## Judge of the 55th District Court

**Election assigned to this office:** General Election 11/4/2008

**Office Description:** Citizens have more contact with the district court than any other court in the state. District court has exclusive jurisdiction of all civil litigation up to \$25,000 including landlord-tenant proceedings, land contract forfeitures, small claims, and other summary proceedings. In the criminal field, district court handles all misdemeanors where punishment does not exceed one year, including the arraignment, setting and acceptance of bail, trial and sentencing. The district court also conducts preliminary examinations in felony cases.

A small claims division for civil cases up to \$3,000 is provided in district court. In these cases litigants agree to waive their right to a jury, rules of evidence, representation by a lawyer, and the right to appeal from the district judge's decision. If either party objects, the case will be heard by the general civil division of the district court. <http://courts.michigan.gov>.

The judges of this court have jurisdiction in Ingham County outside Lansing and East Lansing. (Ingham County website)

**Salary:** Statutory State Salary: \$138,272 Ingham County Local Supplement: \$45,724

**Term of Office** – six (6) years

**Non Partisan Election**

**Vote for one (1) candidate**

**55 DISTRICT COURT – MASON – 6 YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE**

**THOMAS P. BOYD** (Incumbent)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I work hard everyday to hold criminals accountable and resolve civil disputes. My daily goal is to treat people, as I would like to be treated. My accomplishments have been acknowledged by the Michigan Supreme Court naming me Chief Judge. More information at [www.ReelectJudgeBoyd.com](http://www.ReelectJudgeBoyd.com).

1. Since the 55th District Court serves all of Ingham County outside Lansing and East Lansing, what are the challenges and opportunities offered by serving such a diverse area?

**Ingham County's diverse and educated population provides tremendous support for responding to and preventing crimes like domestic violence. The lack of community resources in southern Ingham County often presents obstacles to success on probation.**

2. The District Court has exclusive jurisdiction up to civil cases up to \$25, 000. What are the most common types of civil suits brought in the 55th District? How do you approach civil cases?

**Landlord tenant disputes are our most common civil case. Civil disputes are either about contracts or people (without contracts) disputing verbal agreements. My approach is to read the documents and listen to the people.**

3. How would you handle the situation, if you felt a defendant had not retained competent legal counsel?

**I have stopped court to talk privately with the lawyers for both parties to assure that a client was being competently and zealously represented. It is a judges responsibility to assure competent representation.**

## **BILLIE JO O'BERRY**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**My pledge is to serve the people not special interests. I accept no PAC monies. My duty is to use judicial discretion to protect the public. Bonds and sentencing will be proportionate to seriousness and frequency of the violation.**

1. Since the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court serves all of Ingham County outside Lansing and East Lansing, what are the challenges and opportunities offered by serving such a diverse area?

**Access to justice in the most efficient manner and reducing recidivism are the challenges. Changes in scheduling can improve efficiency and use of specialty courts and diversion provide the opportunity to avoid repeat offenses.**

2. The District Court has exclusive jurisdiction up to civil cases up to \$25, 000. What are the most common types of civil suits brought in the 55<sup>th</sup> District? How do you approach civil cases?

**The economy has resulted in a rise in landord-tenant, breach of contract and collection cases. My goal is to help the parties resolve the issue as quickly as possible to reduce further loss**

3. How would you handle the situation, if you felt a defendant had not retained competent legal counsel?

**When a defendant is inadequately represented due to a language barrier or incompetent counsel, an adjournment would be granted to appoint an interpreter and/or obtain competent counsel by retaining or by appointment if indigent.**

**State Proposals**

**Proposal 08-1**

**A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

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**The proposed law would:**

- **Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.**
- **Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.**
- **Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.**
- **Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.**

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

**Yes**  
**No**

**Proposal 08-2**

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN**

**This proposed constitutional amendment would:**

- **Expand the use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos--**

**--are created for fertility purposes;**

**--are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;**

**--would be discarded unless used for research;**

**--were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.**

- **Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.**

- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes  
No

Ingham County Proposals

ESTABLISHING SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS  
FOR INGHAM COUNTY, THE TOWNSHIPS  
AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shall Separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Ingham and the townships and the intermediate school district within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 8.0 mills as follows:

	<u>Mills</u>
County of Ingham	6.8
Townships	1.0
Intermediate School District	<u>0.2</u>
Total	8.0

YES  
NO

MILLAGE PROPOSITION  
CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA)  
CITY OF LANSING, CITY OF EAST LANSING, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP  
LANSING TOWNSHIP AND DELHI TOWNSHIP

Shall the public transportation authority, the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), for continued service, as provided by Public Act 55 of 1963, as amended, levy additional taxes in an amount not to exceed 0.787 mill (that being \$0.787 per thousand dollars of taxable value) on real and personal property located within the City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Meridian Township, Lansing Township and Delhi Township for the years 2008 through 2012 inclusive? If approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$4,750,000.00 in 2008.

YES  
NO

**EAST LANSING CITY**

**PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF THE  
UNIVERSITY PARKING RAMP**

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Shall the City Council be authorized to sell the 249-space parking garage commonly known as the University Place Parking Ramp – Lot 12 located between Charles Street, Albert Avenue, and MAC Avenue which is owned by the City as Unit No. 1, University Place Condominium, under Master Deed recorded at Liber 1661, Page 551, of Ingham County Records, except the adjacent park plaza described as a limited common element to Unit No. 1, which shall be retained by the City?

**YES**  
**NO**

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**PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF THE CITY LAND LEASED  
TO THE UNIVERSITY PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

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Shall the City Council be authorized to sell the 1.57-acre parcel of land bounded by Charles Street, Albert Avenue, and MAC Avenue which is currently leased to the University Place Condominium Association for an initial term ending March 10, 2026 under Ground Lease recorded at Liber 1661, Page 221, of Ingham County Records, being Tax Parcel No. 33-20-02-18-150-014.

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**YES**  
**NO**

**OPERATING MILLAGE  
RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to maintain the number of mills required to be levied on all taxable property to enable the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews operating millage that will expire with the 2008 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.2597 mills (\$18.2597 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, and 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all principal residences, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, industrial personal property and commercial personal property in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2009 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes: the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from combined local property taxes authorized herein if the millages are approved and levied in 2009 is approximately,

**\$9,422,010 (this is a renewal of a portion of the previously authorized millage which expires in 2008 tax levy and will be levied only to the extent necessary to receive the per pupil foundation allowance)?**

**YES  
NO**

**MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL, BUILDING  
AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

**Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 1.286 mills (\$1.286 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of ten years, 2009 to 2018, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, acquisition of real estate, and all purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2009 is approximately \$1,465,267 (this is a renewal of a portion of the previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2008 tax levy)?**

**YES  
NO**

**Williamston Community Schools  
RECREATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

*This proposal would authorize the Williamston Community Schools to levy a tax to provide for the continued operation of a system of public recreation and playgrounds by the School District.*

**Shall the Williamston Community Schools, County of Ingham, Michigan, be authorized to levy .75 mills on taxable property in the School District to provide funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds, by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of five (5) years, being the years 2008 to 2012, inclusive? It is estimated that .75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 on taxable valuation) would raise approximately \$323,000 in the first year it is levied.**

**YES  
NO**

**Northwest Community Schools**

**BONDING PROPOSAL**

**Shall Northwest Community Schools, Jackson and Ingham Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$5,515,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:**

**acquiring and installing educational technology equipment and related infrastructure improvements, including electrical system upgrades.**

**The following is for information purposes only:**

**The estimated millage that will be levied for the purposed bonds in 2008 is .99 mills (\$0.99 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.) The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed twelve (12) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is .91 mill (\$0.91 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).**

**(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)**

**YES**

**NO**



*Please join us and make a difference!*

The total annual dues for 2008-2009 are \$59.00. This includes \$28.00 for LWV-US, \$21.00 for LWV-MI, and \$10.00 for LWV-LA. If another member resides in the same household, the dues for the second member are \$29.50. National and state dues are assessed to our local league based on the national membership list as of January 31, 2009.

If you wish to join or renew your membership, please complete this form and mail in the enclosed envelope to:

LWV-LA  
P.O. Box 971  
E. Lansing, MI 48826

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that we will keep your information confidential.

Amount enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$59.00 for one member

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$88.50 for two members in the same household

Additional donations:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for LWV-LA

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for League of Women Voters Education Fund (Please use separate check)



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