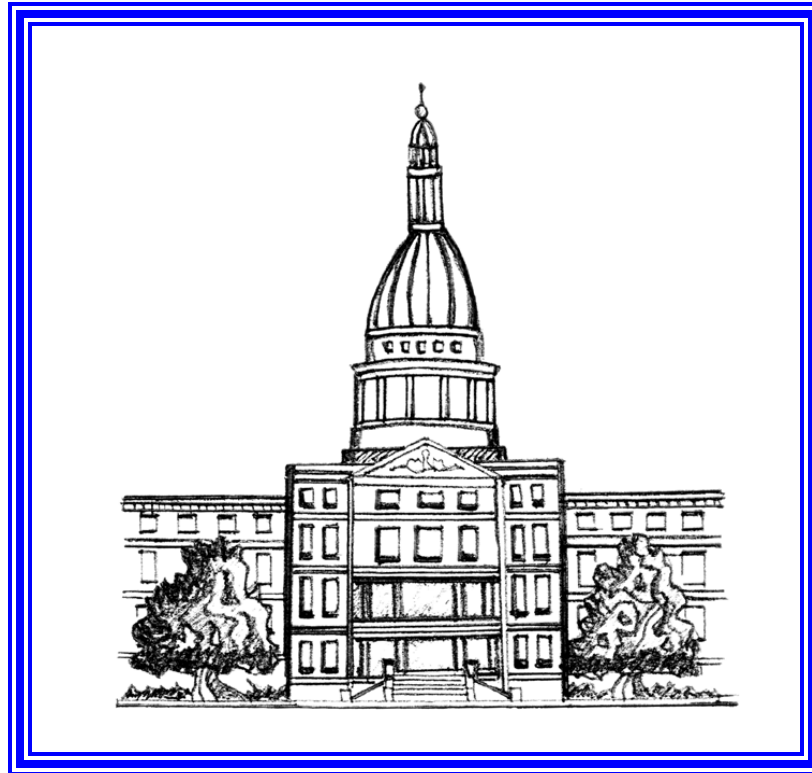




# League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Voter Guide



## MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP GENERAL ELECTION November 4, 2008

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP GENERAL ELECTION

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Ingham County is 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.

Meridian Township Supervisor - 4 year term – Vote for 1 Candidate

Meridian Township Treasurer – 4 year term – Vote for 1 candidate

Meridian Township Trustee - 4 year term – Vote for 4 candidates

Meridian Township Park Commissioner – 4 year term – Vote for 5 candidates

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# Meridian Township Supervisor

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

**Office Description:** The Township Board consists of seven members who serve as the legislative and policy making body of Township government. Two of its members, the Clerk and Treasurer, are also full-Time Officers, whose duties are set forth by statute. The Supervisor is the chief elected official of the Board and chairs its meetings.

**Salary:** \$ 28,202

**Term of office:** four years

**Vote for 1**

## **SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY Republican (R) (Incumbent)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I have served at all levels of township government, the past 8 years as Supervisor. I have forged good working relationships with other regional leaders and believe in working together. Creator of the Meridian bi-partisan leadership. I enjoy working for you. See website: [susanmcgillicuddy.com](http://susanmcgillicuddy.com).**

1. What are the Meridian Supervisor's responsibilities and how will your background help you manage those responsibilities?

**Head elected official, representative of the community and agent for transacting all legal business. Duties determined by state statute. Person many people contact when having problems. Position part-time. Eight years experience serving as Supervisor.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**Abundant lots available for home construction as well as existing homes on the market. Focus on filling existing commercial and office spaces. Work regionally toward amenities: new transportation center, regional media center, regional community channel.**

3. What are the two main challenges facing Meridian Township at this time, and how would you address them?

**Work with Ingham County Road Commission to find maintenance options for aging local road system. Maintain excellent public services (police, fire, water, and sewer) while balancing budget with fewer revenues. Work regionally for greater efficiencies.**

## **GANESH REDDY Democrat (D)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**During my 17 years of Public Service, I have served as a Meridian Township Planning Commissioner. I serve as a Oakland University Trustee and small business owner. I have**

**Ph.D. in Biotechnology with unique experience ranging from academics, research, business to government. Please visit [www.ReddyForMeridian.com](http://www.ReddyForMeridian.com).**

1. What are the Meridian Supervisor's responsibilities and how will your background help you manage those responsibilities?

**Personal Statement above speaks for my qualifications. Supervisor is the first official of the Township, agent for transacting all legal business including appointment of Planning Commission members and any other business delegated by the Board.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**Smart and Innovative growth like mixed used development; flourishing small businesses; quality schools, libraries; less intrusive regulations; responsive public safety systems; enjoyable parks and green spaces; pathways for walkers and cyclists.**

3. What are the two main challenges facing Meridian Township at this time, and how would you address them?

**Challenges: Declining revenue and maintaining quality of life. I will address by being honest and truthful to the residents, provide effective leadership, cut wasteful spending, create a long term strategic plan to curb fixed costs.**

## Meridian Township Treasurer

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

**Office Description:** The role of the elected Township Treasurer is to serve the dual role of Department Head and voting member of the Meridian Township policymaking board. The Treasurer's responsibilities include: serving as the township tax collector, bill payer, investor and supervisor of his/her department. (Meridian Charter Township website)

**Salary:** \$74,932.00 effective January 1, 2009

**Term of office:** 4 years

**Vote for 1**

### **TOM KLUNZINGER (R)**

#### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**My prior experience as Treasurer qualifies me as the best person for this open position, as well as over 30 years as a Township resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Also, I'm active with Friends of Historic Meridian, Riverwalk Theatre and the Parkwood YMCA.**

1. How can Meridian Township deal with a probable shortfall in revenue from taxes, and a reduction in revenue sharing and grants from the state and county?

**Don't count on outside money. Examine staff levels to determine the most cost-effective public-service levels. Utilize dedicated funds in creative ways. Like the schools and CATA, the Township should request a Headlee override.**

2. How would you educate members of the community about the fiscal realities facing Meridian Township now and in the immediate future?

**Board members can be Ambassadors of Knowledge, explaining the fiscal situation to the media and civic groups. Also, our award-winning HOMTV can prepare, then repeat, programs which explain the situation with clear, adequate detail.**

3. If someone is concerned about their ability to pay property taxes now or in the immediate future, what should he/she do?

**Talk to us. Existing deferment programs may apply. We may be able to suggest financing solutions, although we don't give legal or financial-planning advice. We must use compassion and creativity in these tough times.**

## **JULIE BRIXIE (D)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**Given the current economic conditions, I plan to make changes in the Treasurer's office that will save taxpayer dollars. I intend to continue the fiscally sound collection and investment policies our board has put in place. I am committed to the success of Meridian Township.**

1. How can Meridian Township deal with a probable shortfall in revenue from taxes, and a reduction in revenue sharing and grants from the state and county?

**Fiscal prudence is an absolute necessity. Our 2009 budget reflects a conservative approach: reduced staffing through attrition, reduced motor pool, continued staff restructuring to gain efficiencies while delivering the high quality services our residents expect.**

2. How would you educate members of the community about the fiscal realities facing Meridian Township now and in the immediate future?

**Meridian is fiscally in good shape. Revenue projections are flat for 2009 and reduced for 2010. Our balanced budget reflects this and still establishes a post-retirement healthcare trust fund to address new accounting standards.**

3. If someone is concerned about their ability to pay property taxes now or in the immediate future, what should he/she do?

**Immediately contact the Treasurer's office 853-4140 to discuss payment options. There are several options available including monthly installments and deferred payments. Also, if there is a foreclosure concern, there are programs available for assistance.**

# MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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

**Office Description:** The trustees approve the budget, enact ordinances for the health, safety and welfare of the community and oversee Township Government

**Salary:** \$10,615 effective January 1, 2009

**Term:** four year term

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for FOUR (4) Candidates.**

**ANGELA J. BOLDREY (R) Did not respond in time for publication**

**SAM FRANGIE (R) Did not respond in time for publication**

**LORENE K. LECHLER (R)**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**It is an honor to run for Trustee! I look forward to working with the Board in Meridian Township and listening to all of the constituents. We have a lean budget, serious problems, but I know our community is very bright and we are doers.**

1. What qualifications do you have for Meridian Township Trustee?

**As a Trustee my duties include attending meetings, voting, and to protect the resources of the community. The funds of the township need to be spent very wisely!**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**We need to focus on redevelopment, older sites need to be utilized as soon as possible. Next, lets work on congested areas for living and daily quality of life.**

3. What are the two most important issues facing Meridian Township, and how would you address them?

**We are losing our commercial tax base, let's get those properties filled and I want to listen to everyone who takes the time to come in, writes a letter and really cares!**

**ANDY SUCH (R) (Incumbent) Did not respond in time for publication**

## **BRETT DREYFUS (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**Quality-of-life issues such as excessive development, noise, traffic, flooding and sewer backups, and efficient delivery of township services are extremely important to residents. I highly value citizen input, adhering to our Township Master Plan, and "doing things differently to get different results."**

1. What qualifications do you have for Meridian Township Trustee?

**Served as Vice-Chair, Meridian Township Planning Commissioner (1999-2004) and assisted in the development of the Township Master Plan. Served on Meridian Township Zoning Board (2000 – 2001). Profession: Communications Specialist. Education: Political Science degree, MSU.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**Growth can be best managed by actively listening to citizens through public hearings; using the Master Plan to guide development decisions; prioritizing "smart growth" and mixed land-use policies; and encouraging innovative & "green" business zones.**

3. What are the two most important issues facing Meridian Township, and how would you address them?

**One issue is the Township budget: fiscal responsibility comes from cutting expenses, reducing energy costs through alternative sources, and attracting new businesses here. Another key issue is balancing growth with environmental protection ... see response above.**

## **ELIZABETH ANN LeGOFF (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**We moved to Meridian Township because it has excellent schools, a variety of housing options, parks and variety of businesses. The current economic downturn is eroding the quality of life in the Township and I want to have an voice in addressing the problems.**

1. What qualifications do you have for Meridian Township Trustee?

**As a Planning Commission member, I learn of building and rezoning issues in the Township, as well as community concerns through letters and public remarks. Currently, I am studying the 2009 budget.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**Growth and economic development have slowed. The population has declined since 2000. Some citizens face foreclosure and many businesses have closed. Property taxes must adjusted. The Downtown Development Authority may improve the economic climate.**

3. What are the two most important issues facing Meridian Township, and how would you address them?

Two important issues are declining home values and population. Initially, adjusting property taxes and cutting more services from the budget would be necessary. Next, outsourcing some services to the private sector.

## **LYNN OCHBERG (D)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I've given public service in Meridian Township for 29 years as an art teacher, Planning Commissioner, Zoning Board of Appeals member, Township Board Trustee, Artisans Market Manager, and maple syrup vendor at Meridian's Farmers Market. I've addressed the concerns of residents and local businesses.**

1. What qualifications do you have for Meridian Township Trustee?

**Long public service, a law degree and decades of experience in successful businesses prepare me to address Meridian's needs today. I initiated Meridian's recycling program, wetland protection and artisans market to enrich our local culture.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

**Infill in our commercial core and redevelopment of failed sites with pedestrian friendly designs will enhance our economic vitality. I've worked for this goal on the ZBA and in drafting our Master Plan.**

3. What are the two most important issues facing Meridian Township, and how would you address them?

**Street maintenance might force us to become a city to gain an extra million a year for roads. Reduced income will require staff reduction by attrition and delivery of services by fewer more efficient personnel.**

## **JOHN R. VEENSTRA (D) (Incumbent)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I advocate protecting our environment, increasing energy efficiency, expanding recycling, keeping our streets repaired, and improving our parks and libraries. Accomplishing these goals with declining revenue and millions of dollars of new expenses will be extremely difficult and will require both wisdom and great frugality.**

1. What qualifications do you have for Meridian Township Trustee?

**Experience--I have served as a Meridian Township Trustee for 4 years.  
Knowledge—I know about township government and the problems that need fixing.  
Willingness—to listen and to work to improve Meridian Township.**

2. What is your perspective on growth and economic development in Meridian Township?

Since 2000, Meridian's population has declined by over a 1,000 people. Our property values are declining. Our challenge is to achieve a healthy economy while keeping Meridian Township a nice place to live.

3. What are the two most important issues facing Meridian Township, and how would you address them?

**Meridian must maintain the township government services that protect our quality of life. Budgeting to do this will hard enough. We must not waste money on excessive, unreasonable regulations that invade people's rights.**

## Meridian Township Park Commissioner

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

**Office Description:** The Meridian Township Park Commission is responsible for managing the acquisition, development and maintenance of park facilities. There are currently 29 parks /904-acres of parkland under their direction.

Meridian Township also has a Land Preservation Advisory Board that is appointed by the Township Board to advise the Board on acquisitions of environmentally valuable lands. Funding is obtained through a Land Preservation Millage. The Park Commission does not have authority or responsibility for the Land Preservation program (although one member of the Park Commission has a seat on the Land Preservation Advisory Board.)

**Salary: \$40.00 stipend per meeting, maximum of 24 meetings a year**

**Term: four year term**

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for FIVE (5) Candidates.**

**ECKHART DERSCH (R)** (Incumbent)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**Incumbent Eckhart Dersch, is a 40 year resident of Meridian Township, a Park Commissioner over 25 years, politically independent, and a MSU retiree after 35 years in the natural resources management field. He believes that quality parks enhance a community's quality of life.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**Yes. It will preserve in perpetuity a beautiful and ecologically rich natural area for the enjoyment and education of residents of all ages. It complements Meridian Township's existing system of local parks.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**Expansion and facility improvement are high priorities. The ongoing Central Park master planning process will identify options and lead to securing grant assistance and to construction in the most appropriate location.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**Assist by becoming a "Friend-Of-The-Park," being our "eyes and ears," attending Park Commission meetings, participating in park and recreation programs and in Harris Nature Center events, and volunteering your thoughts, ideas and expertise.**

**JEAN E. KORDENBROCK (R) Did not respond in time for publication**

**SUSAN K. LONG (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**My name is Susan Long, and I've lived in Okemos with my husband and our three children, for the past ten years. I have a BS in Education and have worked as a regular and long-term substitute teacher for the past six years.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**I support this effort and would encourage the public to show their support of this issue by raising the funds necessary to purchase the 120 acres. I believe this acreage enhances our current park system.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**I would like to see the Farmer's Market expanded to at least three days a week, and perhaps offer it at different hours, so that citizens working later could still purchase items after work.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**All township communities can work together to increase our volunteer base and improve every Meridian Township park. When people take ownership in all of our parks, the possibilities of what can be achieved are endless.**

## **DEBRA LEE PIPER (R)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**Walking in the woods is my hobby. I was inspired to be a candidate for Park Commissioner during a walk down a winding nature trail. These rapidly changing times demand energetic leadership and cooperative partnerships to protect and preserve the parks for future generations.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**The preservation of Lake Lansing Park North has my full support. I applaud the community for their outreach efforts and the generous individual contributions made to protect 120 acres of land from housing development.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**As a dairy farmer's daughter I have experienced the value of agriculture in Michigan. We can generate market expansion by inviting State sponsors to educate and motivate consumers interested in nutrition, health and fresh produce.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**We can harness the energy of members in the community through a comprehensive community stewardship program. Volunteers and community groups are assigned to help preserve and improve individual parks as park stewards.**

## **JOHN STRICKLER (R)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**Ultimately I'd like to promote a culture of motion. To accomplish this we need to have something for everyone, along with more parent/child activities and community wide activities. We also need to have collaboration between active and passive users.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**Absolutely! 1) Don't want to lose an enjoyable piece of land. 2) More people, less space. Not good. 3) I'm concerned about the traffic on Lake Dr. which in itself is a major recreational space.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**Listen and act!!! When I don't have an opinion on something, I must listen to those that do and I must do my best to facilitate action and see that ideas don't die.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**Use them, critique them, suggest and take action. The current commission says we lack funds. I say we lack function. There are many things we can do with little to no money.**

## **MARILYN ARONOFF (D)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I came to mid-Michigan as a young adult, living in East Lansing and Meridian Township. I raised my children here and worked as a community and environmental sociologist at MSU. I have been actively involved in community affairs and consider local political participation a key element of our society.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**Support. If purchase conditions are met, area enjoyed by many will become permanently accessible for public outdoor activity. Such decisions involve trade offs, e.g. potential residential development loss, but sustains a highly desirable local environmental resource.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**Enthusiasm for locally grown produce and a welcoming setting fills the Market at present. Immediate response might add parking in nearby Mall lots, along with safe access for a drive-up parcel pick-up area adjacent to the shed.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**Continue to use park facilities and activities with care and good stewardship and contribute ideas and suggestions. Participate as individuals, families and local organizations in opportunities for volunteers throughout the year.**

## **TERI BANAS (D) (Incumbent)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I am seeking my second, four-year term on the commission and presently serve as chairperson. I have worked for more neighborhood parks and athletic fields here. I am totally committed to public service and enjoy working on behalf of Meridian Township residents.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**I have personally and financially supported this worthy community effort. Market forces no longer justify an extension of the Trails neighborhood. Instead, this exquisite natural area has a higher value for public enjoyment and appreciation.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**The facility needs an upgrade – new utilities, public washrooms, and aesthetics. Where to locate it in/near Central Park to improve public flow, how changes should be funded along with other public desires, are the issues.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**Get involved as a “Friend of the Park,” our stewardship program. Volunteer at public events. Community groups can check out our “Parks Wish List” for fundraising ideas. Attend commission meetings and make suggestions. 😊**

**MARK STEPHENS (D) (Incumbent) Did not respond in time for publication**

**TODD D. WILSON (D)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**Though a resident of the Township for a mere 5 years, I have been involved in its youth recreational activities for many more. Since calling Haslett home, I've come to realize what an incredible community surrounds my family, and love living in Meridian Township.**

1. Do you support the effort to Preserve Lake Lansing Trails, which seeks to preserve Lake Lansing Park North by protecting 120 acres from development? If you support or oppose it, please explain why?

**Yes. Acquiring this property would secure access to a fantastic resource in our community, and would preserve the natural affects of these lands on the Lake Lansing watershed.**

2. Agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan with diverse crops. The Meridian Farmer's Market not only provides fresh produce but supports this industry. What can be done to improve or expand this market?

**Possibilities might be to have the Market open an additional day, or to utilize other park locations throughout our parks system to bring the Market closer to Township residents.**

3. What can members of the community do to help preserve and improve Meridian Townships parks?

**Participate and become active outdoors. There is so much to enjoy and take advantage of in our Township that will serve both your physical and mental health.**

**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**

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**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**

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**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:

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

**YES**  
**NO**

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**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**

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