



Local 459 PAC

ELECTION UPDATE

OPEIU LOCAL 459 GREATER LANSING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
October 2018

Local 459 Members in Ingham County,

Our Greater Lansing Political Action Committee (PAC) has prepared the following information to help you vote this fall. I hope you find it helpful.

Many Unions endorse candidates. The Local 459 PAC has found it more productive to rate candidates. That way we do not have to choose when we have 2 or more good candidates. Straight party voting has been taken away by the legislature so you have to be sure and cast a ballot in every contested race. In order to make it easier we have left off races that are uncontested. (If State proposal 3 passes, the right to vote straight party will be restored.)

We have not rated candidates in Eaton County and Clinton County because there are not that many contested races in the general election in those counties.

Voting is a personal issue. You probably have many issues in addition to Union support that you use to decide how to vote. We hope though that you take into consideration these candidates history and position on issues important to working families.

Sharon

Sharon Taylor, President



PS – If you live outside of Ingham County and receive this flyer it is because you live in an area that overlaps the Ingham county post offices. You may still find the information on statewide races and ballot proposals interesting.

STATE WIDE RACES IN INGHAM COUNTY

The Local 459 PAC does not rate candidates for statewide races. Local 459 is a member of the Michigan AFL-CIO. Here are the candidates and the Michigan AFL-CIO's endorsements in those races.

GOVERNOR

Keith Butkovich / Raymond Warner (NLP)
Bill Gelineau / Thomas Chaiser (LIB)
Jennifer Kurland / Charin Davenport (GRN)
Todd Schleiger / Earl Lackie (UST)
Bill Schuette / Lisa Posthumus (Rep)
Gretchen Whitmer/Garlin Gilchrist (Dem) Endorsed by AFL CIO

SECRETARY OF STATE

Jocelyn Benson (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Robert Gale (UST)
Gregory Scott Stempfle (LIB)
Mary Treder Lang (Rep)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lisa Lane Gioia (LIB)
Chris Graveline (NPA)
Tom Leonard (Rep)
Dana Nessel (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Gerald Van Sickle (UST)

US SENATE

George Huffman III (UST)
James John (Rep)
Marcia Squier (GRN)
Debbie Stabenow (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
John H. Wilhelm (NLP)

US HOUSE 8th district (Ingham and counties east)

Mike Bishop (Rep)
Brian Ellison (LIB)
David Lillis (UST)
Elissa Slotkin (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO

MICHIGAN SENATE

23rd district (rest of Ingham)
Curtis Hertel Jr. (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Andrea Pollock (Rep)

24th district (Clinton, Eaton & NE Ingham)
Tom Barrett (Rep)
Katie Nepton (LIB)
Kelly Rossman-McKinney (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Matthew Shepard (UST)

MICHIGAN HOUSE

67th district (south Ingham County)
Leon Clark (Rep)
Kara Hope (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Zachery Moreau (Lib)

68th district (Lansing) Listed twice - Full term and Partial Term
Sarah Anthony (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Rosalinda Hernandez (Rep)
Robin Lea Laurain (GRN)

69th district (East Lansing/Haslett/Okemos)
Julie Brixie (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
George Nastas III (Rep)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote for 2)

Karen Adams (UST)
Scotty Boman (LIB)
Tami Carlone (Rep)
Mary Anne Hering (WC)
Douglas Levesque (UST)
Judith Pritchett (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Logan Smith (WC)
John J Tatar (Lib)
Tiffany Tilley (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Sherry Wells (GRN)
Richard Zeile (Rep)

MSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Vote for 2)

Bridgette Abraham-Guzman (NLP)
Bruce Campbell (LIB)
Dave Dutch (Rep)
Mike Miller (Rep)
Janet Sanger (UST)
John Paul Sanger (UST)
Brianna Scott (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Kelly Charron Tebay (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Tim Orzechowski (LIB)

REGENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MICH (Vote for 2)

Jordan Acker (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Paul Brown (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Kevin Graves (GRN)
James Hudler (LIB)
John Jascob (LIB)
Andrea Fischer Newman (Rep)
Marge Katchmark Sallows (NLP)
Andrew Richner (Rep)
Joe Sanger (UST)
Crystal Van Sickle (UST)

WAYNE STATE BD OF GOVERNORS (Vote for 2)

Bryan C. Barnhill (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Diane Dunaskiss (Rep)
Jon Elgas (Lib)
John T. Hargenrader (LIB)
Anil Kumar (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
David Nicholson (Rep)
Christine Schwartz (UST)
Marc Joseph Sosnowski (UST)

JUDICIAL

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT (Vote for 2)
Samuel Bagenstos (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Megan K. Cavanagh (Dem) Endorsed by Michigan AFL CIO
Justice Elizabeth Clement (Rep)
Doug Dern (NLP)
Kerry Lee Morgan (LIB)
Justice Kurtis Wilder (Rep)

Note: Ballot will not show party for Supreme Court candidates

CONTESTED INGHAM COUNTY RACES

A committee of OPEIU Local 459 members sent surveys to local candidates in Ingham County who are in contested races. The committee then developed a rating for each such candidate. It is based on the candidate's willingness to state support or opposition on issues of importance to working families and on their track record.

INGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ingham County Commissioner 1 (NW Lansing)
Victor Celentino (Dem) – Very Supportive
William Renfrew (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 2 (N Lansing)
Ryan Sebolt (Dem) – Very Supportive
Patricia Muscovalley (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 3 (N Eastside)
Derrell Slaughter (Dem) – Supportive
Beverly Hansen (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 4 (Downtown / West)
Bryan Crenshaw (Dem) – Very Supportive
Vicki Niklas (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 5 (SE Lansing)
Todd Tennis (Dem) – Very Supportive
William Douglas Ames (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 6 (SW Lansing)
Brandon Currin (Dem) – Failed to respond
Randy Maiville (Rep) – Supportive

Ingham County Commissioner 7 (Holt & S Lansing)
Chris Trubac (Dem) – Supportive
Alexa Krueger (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 8 (NW East Lansing)
Mark Grebner (Dem) – Supportive
Bernard Fedewa (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 9 (NE East Lans/W Merid)
Carol Koenig (Dem) – Very Supportive
Keith Jackson (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 10 (Lansing East)
Thomas Morgan (Dem) – Very Supportive
Kathleen Groff (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 11 (N Meridian)
Emily Stivers (Dem) – Very Supportive
Aaron Clark Beauchine (Rep) – Failed to respond

Ingham County Commissioner 12 (S Meridian)
Mark Polsdofer (Dem) – Failed to respond
Carol Van Drie (Rep) – Failed to respond

DISTRICT COURT 54A (City of Lansing)
Cynthia Ward – Supportive
Ayanna Neal - Supportive

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LCC)
(Vote for 2)
Samantha Wilbur – Very Supportive
Shaquila Myers – Supportive
Lawrence Hidalgo, Jr – Failed to respond

SOME INGHAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RACES ARE ALSO CONTESTED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN RATED BY THE LOCAL 459 PAC

Dem = Democratic Party
GRN = Green Party
LIB = Libertarian Party
NLP = Natural Law Party
NPA = No party affiliation
Rep = Republican Party
UST = US Taxpayers Party
WC = Working Class Party

**Vote Tuesday
November 6th**

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STATE PROPOSALS

There will be 3 state proposals on the ballot

- 18-1 Legalize marijuana. A yes vote means you are in favor of adding the laws that legalize marijuana.
- 18-2 Political District boundaries (Gerrymandering). A “yes” vote means you are in favor of amending the Michigan constitution to give an independent commission the authority to draw certain political boundaries. A “no” vote means you want to leave that power with the politicians themselves. **The Local 459 PAC recommends a YES vote.**
- 18-3 Voters Rights. A “yes” vote means you are in favor of amending the Michigan constitution to add a list of rights for voters. A “no” vote means you do not want to add those rights. **The Local 459 PAC recommends a YES vote.**

COUNTY PROPOSALS

There will be 2 county proposals on the Ingham ballot

- Farmland & Open Space millage
- 911 funding

CITY OF LANSING PROPOSAL

There will be 1 more proposal on the Lansing ballots

- Annex part of Delta Township to Lansing (10 acres west of Waverly Road and North of Jolly Road)