

2016 Elections

SIERRA CLUB CANDIDATE GUIDE



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Do Your Duty: Vote for the Environment

The state of Michigan and our nation face unprecedented threats to our air and water quality. Climate change imminently threatens our entire biosphere. Whether the danger is Asian Carp, fracking, oil spills, factory farm waste, or toxic emissions from coal-fired power plants, we need informed leaders in Congress and our Legislature to take sensible but aggressive action to protect our environment. Candidates who do not support environmental protection clearly endanger the health and welfare of our planet and our children.

In a perfect world, every voter would take the time to research and interview each candidate, but that doesn't always happen. Fortunately, the Sierra Club

has done this time-consuming work for you so you can quickly determine those candidates who are committed to the preservation of our irreplaceable natural resources.

Every Sierra Club member should consider actively supporting and voting for candidates that the Club has determined, on a non-partisan basis, to be environmentally responsible.

Please take this election guide with you to the polls on Election Day, or use it to help fill out your absentee ballot.



VOTING INFORMATION

HOW

To look up your district information, check your registration status, find your polling location, and see what your ballot will look like, visit webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote.

WHEN

Polling locations are open Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING

You can obtain an absentee ballot by contacting your township or city clerk's office any time before election day.

MORE INFO

Have questions? Want to know more about the candidates in this guide? Want to help campaign for our endorsed candidates? Email our Political Director Mike Berkowitz at mike.berkowitz@sierraclub.org.

TAKE IT WITH YOU

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Explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

Chapter Endorsements

Hilary Clinton for President

Sierra Club has endorsed Hillary Clinton (D) for President in 2016 because of her demonstrated commitment to a cleaner and healthier environment, through her time as Secretary of State and Senator from New York, in addition to her campaign's detailed plan to build on President Obama's environmental legacy. On the other hand, we have a reckless and misinformed candidate in Donald Trump who has called climate change a "hoax," a "con job," and a "concept created by the Chinese."

During her time in the US Senate, Hillary Clinton received a 90% environmental voting score. In her first term as president, she plans to install half a billion solar panels — enough to power every home in America. She would defend the Clean Power Plan, prohibit drilling in the waters of the Arctic and Atlantic, and ensure that low-income communities aren't left behind in the transition to clean energy.

Rather than subjecting our public lands and waters to more mining and drilling, she would make them an engine of our clean energy economy through a 10-fold increase in renewable energy within 10 years. She publicly spoke against Governor Snyder and the Flint water crisis. She called on Congress to appropriate \$200 million to replace Flint's current water infrastructure and promised to take the time to fix this crisis.

In contrast, Donald Trump completely ignores the climate



crisis, says he will "cancel" the Paris agreement, and has threatened to eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency. He supports the Keystone XL Pipeline, opposes rules for regulating methane pollution from fracking, and opposes the Sierra Club's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030. If elected, Trump would stop our progress in its tracks and take America backwards.

This endorsement is by no means the end to our engagement, nor is it an endorsement of every Clinton policy and proposal. Just as we have for the past eight years with President Obama,

we will stand with Clinton on some issues, while pushing her to be stronger on others. When we do disagree, we will stand in principled opposition. But for the upcoming election, we encourage you to vote for Hillary Clinton as the next President of the United States.

HELP US REVAMP REDISTRICTING!

Elections should represent the will of the people, but Michigan officials have manipulated the voting maps to keep themselves in power in a process called redistricting.

Learn how you can help us begin to fix this system. Visit tinyurl.com/fixredistricting.



HELP US WIN IN 2016!

Please consider making a donation to our political program.

Every dollar you donate will be used to distribute this guide to more environmental voters, manage our nationally-renowned political intern program, train the next generation of environmental and political leaders, and elect environmental champions to the legislature.

You can donate via credit card at tinyurl.com/q42nfob.

Find Your Endorsed Candidates

The next few pages list endorsed candidates by general geographic area. To look up your district information, polling location, make sure you're registered, and see what your ballot will look like, visit webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote. You are welcome to take a physical copy of this list with you when you vote.

US CONGRESS

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Traverse City / (231) 735-0675
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CD 5 / DANIEL KILDEE (D)

Flint / (810) 238-8627
www.dankildee.com

CD 6 / PAUL CLEMENTS (D)

Kalamazoo / (269) 352-6577
www.clementsforcongress.com

CD 7 / GRETCHEN DRISKELL (D)

Saline / (734) 707-7150
www.votegretchen.com

CD 8 / SUZANNA SHKRELI (D)

Clarkston / (248) 534-0095
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CD 9 / SANDER LEVIN (D)

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CD 12 / DEBBIE DINGELL (D)

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CD 13 / JOHN CONYERS (D)

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CD 14 / BRENDA LAWRENCE (D)

Southfield / (248) 262-7502
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HD 4 / ROSE MARY ROBINSON (D)

Detroit / (313) 832-2675
004.housedems.com

HD 5 / FRED DURHAL (D)

Detroit / (313) 516-3797
www.durhal4rep.com

HD 6 / STEPHANIE CHANG (D)

Detroit / (313) 451-3597
www.stephaniechang.com

HD 10 / LESLIE LOVE (D)

Detroit / (313) 340-9596
www.repleslielove.com

HD 12 / ERIKA GEISS (D)

Taylor / (313) 782-3674
www.electgeiss.com

HD 15 / ABDULLAH HAMMOUD (D)

Dearborn / (313) 936-0318
www.votehammoud.com

HD 18 / KEVIN HERTEL (D)

St. Clair Shores / (586) 596-5411
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HD 21 / KRISTY PAGAN (D)

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HD 22 / JOHN CHIRKUN (D)

Roseville / (586) 943-8937
www.johnchirkun.com

HD 23 / DARRIN CAMILLERI (D)

Trenton / (734) 818-5516
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HD 24 / DANA CAMPHOUS-PETERSON (D)

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HD 25 / HENRY YANEZ (D)

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HD 26 / JIM ELLISON (D)

Royal Oak / (248) 830-4876
www.jim4mi.com

HD 27 / ROBERT WITTENBERG (D)

Oak Park / (248) 770-7088
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HD 30 / MIKE NOTTE (D)

Shelby Township / (586) 854-3649
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HD 31 / BILL SOWERBY (D)

Clinton Township / (586) 286-9762
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HD 34 / SHELDON NEELEY (D)

Flint / (810) 423-0863
034.housedems.com

HD 35 / JEREMY MOSS (D)

Southfield / (248) 819-1802
www.jeremyforsouthfield.com

HD 37 / CHRISTINE GREIG (D)

Farmington / (248) 238-3969
www.ChristineGreig4Rep.com

HD 38 / AMY MCCUSKER (D)

New Hudson / (248) 421-6045
www.voteamymccusker.com

HD 39 / MICHAEL STACK (D)

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HD 40 / NICOLE BEDI (D)

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Clio / (810) 444-2833
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HD 49 / PHIL PHELPS (D)

Flint / (810) 238-8680
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HD 50 / TIM SNELLER (D)

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HD 53 / YOUSEF RABHI (D)

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Tecumseh / (517) 424-8683
www.harveyschmidt.com

HD 59 / CAROL HIGGINS (D)
Mendon / (269) 496-7711
www.facebook.com/HigginsForMI

HD 60 / JON HOADLEY (D)
Kalamazoo / (269) 447-1175
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Portage / (269) 327-3277
VoteJohnFisher.com

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www.voteforannie.com

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Mason / (517) 202-1382
www.votetomcochran.com

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HD 75 / DAVID LAGRANDE (D)
Grand Rapids / (616) 356-1771
www.davidlagrand.com

HD 76 / WINNIE BRINKS (D)
Grand Rapids / (616) 821-1836
www.winniebrinks.com

HD 84 / JAMES L. WENCEL (D)
Bad Axe / (989) 385-1001
www.jimwencel.com

HD 86 / LYNN MASON (D)
Belding / (616) 204-1246
www.lynnmasonworks.com

HD 91 / COLLENE LAMONTE (D)
Mantague / (231) 893-3840
collenelamonte.com

HD 92 / TERRY SABO (D)
Muskegon / (231) 740-2724
www.votesabo.com

HD 95 / VANESSA GUERRA (D)
Bridgeport / (989) 574-0039
www.vanessaguerra.com

HD 98 / GEOFF MALICOAT (D)
Midland / (989) 708-1530
malicoatforhouse.com

HD 99 / BRYAN MIELKE (D)
Mount Pleasant / (989) 817-6130
www.BryanMielke.com

HD 101 / DAN SCRIPPS (D)
Northport / (231) 386-7000
Danscripps.com

HD 103 / JORDAN STANCIL (D)
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HD 104 / BETSY COFFIA (D)
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HD 106 / ROBERT KENNEDY (D)
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LOCAL RACES

Ballot Initiative

VOTE YES: REGIONAL TRANSIT MILLAGE FOR WAYNE, OAKLAND, MACOMB AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES

Oakland County Commission

DISTRICT 4 / PHIL REID (D)
DISTRICT 5 / JULIE PULVER (D)
DISTRICT 9 / COLLEEN CROSSEY (D)
DISTRICT 10 / DAVID BOWMAN (D)
DISTRICT 11 / MARTHA BLACK (D)
DISTRICT 12 / CHARLES GABA (D)
DISTRICT 13 / MARCIA GERSHER (D)
DISTRICT 16 / CHARLES SELGAT (D)
DISTRICT 18 / HELAINE ZACK (D)
DISTRICT 19 / DAVID WOODWARD (D)

OAKLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER / JIM NASH

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE / VICKI BARNETT

Wayne County Commission

DISTRICT 1 / TIM KILLEEN (D)
DISTRICT 3 / MARTHA SCOTT (D)
DISTRICT 4 / ILONA VARGA (D)
DISTRICT 9 / PATRICK CRANDELL (D)
DISTRICT 12 / GLENN ANDERSON (D)
DISTRICT 15 / PATRICIA HARTING (D)

Calhoun County Commission

THIRD WARD / JAKE W. SMITH (D)

Kalamazoo County Commission

DISTRICT 5 / JULIE RODGERS (D)
KALAMAZOO COUNTY CLERK / JOHN TAYLOR (D)

Kent County Commission

DISTRICT 12 / HAROLD MAST (R)
DISTRICT 14 / CAROL HENNESSY (D)
DISTRICT 15 / JIM TALEN (D)
DISTRICT 19 / PHI SKAGGS (D)
KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER / RACHEL HOOD (D)

Genesee County Commission

DISTRICT 6 / PETE PONZETTI (D)
DISTRICT 9 / PEGGE ADAMS (D)

Ann Arbor City Council

WARD 1 / SUMI KALAIAPATHY (D)

River Rouge School Board

VICKI DOBBINS

