VOTING INFORMATION

CONFIRM YOUR ELECTORAL DISTRICT! Yours might have changed since they were redrawn recently. 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/vote.

WHEN TO VOTE
Polling locations are open Tuesday, Nov. 4, 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.

GET MORE INFO
Have questions? Want to help campaign for our endorsed candidates? Email our Political Director Mike Berkowitz at mike.berkowitz@sierraclub.org.

TAKE IT WITH YOU
Please take this election guide with you to the polls on Election Day, or use it to help fill out your absentee ballot if you are voting in advance.

Sierra Club Guide to Michigan Candidates

Do Your Duty: Vote for the Environment

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DISTRICT 9 / COLLEEN CROSSLEY (D)
DISTRICT 10 / DAVID BOWMAN (D)
DISTRICT 11 / MARTHA BLACK (D)
DISTRICT 12 / MIKE LEWIS (D)
DISTRICT 13 / MARCIA GERSENSON (D)
DISTRICT 15 / MADINE HARVEY (D)
DISTRICT 16 / PHYLLIS NODA (D)
DISTRICT 18 / HELAINE ZACK (D)
DISTRICT 19 / DAVID WOODWARD (D)
DISTRICT 20 / GARY McGUIRIVRAY (D)

Wayne County Commission
DISTRICT 14/RAY BASHAM (D)
DISTRICT 17/TIM KILLEN (D)
DISTRICT 4/ILONA VARGA (D)

Macomb County Commission
DISTRICT 1/BILL BARNWELL (D)
DISTRICT 9/FRED MILLER (D)

Ingham County Commission
DISTRICT 1/VIC CLEMENTI (D)
DISTRICT 2/REBECCA BAHAR COOK (D)
DISTRICT 7/KARA HOPE (D)
DISTRICT 8/PENELope TSERNOGLU (D)
DISTRICT 9/Carol KOENIG (D)
DISTRICT 10/BRIAN MCGRAIN (D)
DISTRICT 11/TERRI BANAS (D)
DISTRICT 12/DEBORAH NOLAN (D)
DISTRICT 13/HANDY SCHAFFER (R)

Jackson County Commission
DISTRICT 3/VAL COCHRAN TOPPS (D)
DISTRICT 4/JOHN POLACYK (D)

Kalamazoo County Commission
DISTRICT 3/JOULIE RODGERS (D)

Genesee County Commission
DISTRICT 1/BRYANT MOLGEN (D)
DISTRICT 9/PEGGE ADAMS (D)

Eaton County Commission
DISTRICT 5/TERRANCE AUGUSTINE (D)
DISTRICT 6/JACK FINN (D)
DISTRICT 6/JANE WHITACRE (D)

Clintondale County Commission
DISTRICT 4/RICHARD HAWKINS (D)

Ann Arbor City Council
WARD 1/SUMI KALAISAPATHY (D)
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Gary Peters for U.S Senate

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Peters faces Terri Lynn Land (R), the former Secretary of State and Kent County Clerk. Land does not have a voting record on environmental issues, but she does not believe in clean energy solutions to climate change, supports construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, and is supported by the fossil fuel industry. When Peters was in the Michigan Senate, he helped pass a ban on drilling for gas and oil in the Great Lakes, and he most recently led the fight against petroleum coke waste storage along the Detroit River.

Mark Totten for Attorney General

Serra Club endorsed Mark Totten (D) for Michigan Attorney General because of his dedication to protecting the environment. Totten has worked to protect rainforests and stop illegal logging in Indonesia. He also worked on environmental policy as a staffer for former U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman and developed a report on the abuse of science by the George W. Bush administration. Mark Totten is running for the position currently held by Bill Schuette (R). Schuette has led the charge against the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to keep our air, water and land clean and has been silent on fracking issues. Bill Schuette has shown a disregard for the impacts of climate disruption, consistently taking the side of industry. In contrast, Mark Totten encourages the expansion of Michigan’s renewable energy, energy efficiency, green manufacturing and maintenance jobs. He is committed to defending our natural resources and prosecuting those who criminally pollute our air, water and land.

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HD 14 / GEORGE DARANY (D) Dearborn / (313) 980-7700 / georgezarary.com
HD 18 / SARAH ROBERTS (D) St. Clair Shores / (313) 909-6820 / 018.housedems.com
HD 21 / KRISTY PAGAN (D) Canton / (734) 224-8923 / kristypagan.com
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HD 23 / DAVID HAENER (D) New Boston / (734) 252-8252 / davidhaener.com
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Find Your Endorsed Candidates

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BALLOT INITIATIVES

VOTE NO: PUBLIC ACT 20, PROPOSAL 14-1
Listing Great Lakes as a game species
VOTE NO: PUBLIC ACT 21, PROPOSAL 14-2
Giving Natural Resource Commission authority to designate game species

US SENATE

GARY PETERS (D)

US CONGRESS

CD 1 / JERRY CANNON (D)
Traverse City / 231-620-2837 / www.jerrycannon.com
CD 5 / DANIEL KILDEE (D)
Flint / www.dankildee.com
CD 6 / PAUL CLEMENTS (D)
Kalamazoo / 616-392-6777 / www.clementsforcongress.com
CD 7 / PAM BYRNES (D)
Detroit / 313-275-2324 / www.pambyrnesforcongress.com
CD 8 / ERIC SCHERTZING
East Lansing / 517-383-7233 / www.ericrcongress.com
CD 9 / SANDER LEVIN (D)
CD 11 / BOBBY MCKENZIE
Canton / 734-224-0560 / www.bobbymckenzie.com
CD 13 / JOHN CONYERS (D)
Washington DC / (202) 225-5126 / www.johnconyers.com

MI STATEWIDE

Governor

MARK SCHAUER (D)
Bartle Creek / (517) 575-5976 / www.markschauer.com

Attorney General

MARK TOTTEN (D)
Kalamazoo / 269-203-3520 / www.marktotten.com

Michigan Senate

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SD 2 / BERT JOHNSON (D)
Hillpark / (313) 549-8243 / www.johnson.senatedems.com
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SD 4 / VIRGIL SMITH (D)
Detroit / (313) 308-5392 / www.virgilsmith2014.com
SD 5 / DAVID KNEZEK (D)
Dearborn Heights / (313) 451-4596 / www.votedame.com
SD 7 / DIAN SLAVENS (D)
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SD 8 / HOON-YUNG HOPEGOOD (D)
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SD 9 / STEVEN BIEDA (D)
Warren / (586) 979-5887 / www.bieda.senatedems.com
SD 11 / VINCENT GREGORY
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Davison / (810) 658-1957 / www.watsonforcongress.com
SD 16 / KEVIN COMMET (D)
Jackson / (517) 745-5133 / www.commetcampaign.com
SD 18 / REBEKAH WARREN (D)
Ann Arbor / 734-622-0628 / www.rebekahwarren.com
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Kalamazoo / (269) 287-4963 / www.seanmccann.com
SD 22 / SHARI POLLESCH (D)
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Pigeon / (587) 899-1662 / 064.senatedems.com
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SD 29 / LANCE PENNY (D)
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SD 30 / SARAH HOWARD (D)
Grand Haven / (616) 901-9140 / www.sarahforcongress.com
SD 31 / JOHN MINDWOODS (D)
Bay City / (989) 326-3460 / www.mindyforcongress.com
SD 32 / STACY ERWIN-OAKES (D)
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SD 33 / FRED SPRAGUE (D)
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SD 34 / CATHY FORBES (D)
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