

DETROIT ACTION

2022 VOTER GUIDE



Your Vote Counts!

Every year, important state and local races are decided by razor-thin margins in Michigan

The Problems: Facts about the races are not clear, especially how the elected offices will affect your lives, and young people are not told about the election or steps to vote.

That's why we put together this nonpartisan voter guide for this November's election.

Find out who's on the ballot, what the candidates would do if elected, and the kind of power local government has to shape our lives, our city, and our future.

Year round, Detroit Action works to hold elected officials accountable and secure real wins for our community. In May, we won Detroit's "Right To Counsel" ordinance, which allows for free legal representation for low-income tenants in eviction cases. We worked with our partners across MI to prevent DTE energy from raising rates or spending their profits on voter suppression policies and candidates they control. In 2020 and 2021, we came together with our community to elect candidates who have fought for our communities.

KEY DATES:

**Voter Registration
Deadline:
October 24th**

**Last Day to Request
Absentee Ballot:
November 4th**

**Election Day:
November 8th**

Together, we can do much more



By voting our values and electing leadership that will champion causes to improve the lives of working-class Black and Brown Detroiters, we are protecting our communities and the future of Detroit. The November 2022 election will be huge: in addition to voting for the Governor, there are three key ballot initiatives on the line that will determine abortion access, voting rights, and how we hold elected officials accountable. We're here to share our Detroit Action 2022 Voter Guide to give you a quick rundown on how to register to vote, all the ways to cast a ballot, who is on the ballot, and why these elected officials make a huge difference in our lives.

While polling places throughout the state will be open for in-person voting on Nov. 8, you can vote now by absentee ballot, at your local Clerk's office, or at many satellite voting locations. Whether you plan to vote in person or by mail, this guide will provide you with everything you need to know to make sure your vote is counted on Election Day.



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What else can I do?

Detroit Action is a grassroots member-led, community-based organization fighting for political power and racial and economic justice for working-class Detroiters. Relunched with the support of the Center for Popular Democracy and the Alliance For Youth Action in 2019, Detroit Action seeks to be a union for Black and Brown Michiganders to build power and defend our communities. We believe that in order to create power for our members and our communities, our organizing must engage with the state, against the state, and within the state.

Detroit Action believes voting is a critical tool for building power, especially for working-class Black and Brown Detroiters. **We know that voter suppression has always been a tool for white supremacy.** So, we're here to break it down for you and make sure that you have all the tools for you and your community to cast a vote in the upcoming elections. Let's take back our power!



Voting 101

To register in Michigan, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 years old by the next election
- Be a resident of Michigan and at least a 30-day resident of your city or township by Election Day

Anyone can register to vote in Michigan—even if they have a felony, are on probation or parole. As long as you are not currently behind bars and serving a sentence, you can register and vote.

VERIFY YOUR REGISTRATION:

- Go to: <https://detroitaction.org/be-a-voter/>
Or use your phone camera and scan this QR code:
- Click on “Verify Am I Registered”?
- Fill out your personal information



HOW TO REGISTER

If you're not registered, or if you are registered at an old address, you'll be directed to https://register.vote.org/choose_form

- Select how you'd like to continue filling out your registration
- If you select “I have what I need to register online,” you will be directed to the Michigan Voter Information Center
- If you select “I will submit my own form,” you'll be prompted to print out your registration form and have it mailed

If you need to register to vote or change your address, you can also do that through our Be A Voter webpage.

Online and By Mail Voter Registration Deadline: October 24th

You can register in person at your city/township clerk's office through Election Day

HOW TO VERIFY AND REGISTER TO VOTE

Same-Day Registration

You can register to vote before Election Day in Michigan online, in person with a community organization, or by mail until October 24. After October 24, you have to go to your City or County Clerk's office and register to vote in person. You can also register on Election Day at your Clerk's office or a Satellite Clerk's office.

Vote Early

Michigan voters can vote early by voting by mail or at their local clerk's office from Wednesday, September 28, 2022, through Election Day to Monday, November 7, 2022. On Election Day, if you still have a ballot, you may drop it off at the Clerk's office.



HOW TO VERIFY AND REGISTER TO VOTE

How do I request my absentee ballot?

Request your absentee ballot today!

- Go to: detroitaction.org/be-a-voter/

**Or use your phone camera
and scan this QR code:**

- Click on **"Click For Absentee Info"**
- Fill out your personal information
- Select whether you'd like to request your ballot online or submit your own request form
- If you select the online option, you'll be redirected to the Michigan Voter Information Center
- You can also request an absentee ballot in person at the Clerk's office or by mailing a request form to your Clerk



How do I cast my ballot?

You can request an absentee ballot up until November 4, 2022.

- Before November 4:** send your absentee ballot back in the mail or drop it off at your Clerk's office or drop box
- After November 4:** return your absentee ballot to your clerk's office, Satellite Clerk's office, or drop box

HOW DO I CAST MY BALLOT?

Vote in person:

- Absentee: by requesting and filling out an absentee ballot at the same time at your Clerk's office or Satellite Clerk's office
- In person at your polling place on November 8 starting at 7 A.M.

You will be asked to show a current photo ID to vote in Michigan.

Who do I call if I have problems on Election Day?

*If you experience any problems on Election Day, please call:
1-866-OUR-VOTE
(1-866-687-8683)*

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID card,
- current (non-expired) driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state,
- federal or state government-issued photo ID,
- US passport,
- military ID card with a photo,
- tribal ID card with a photo,
- or a student ID with a photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.

Voters without ID: If you are unable to provide ID, you can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

You do not need to sign a "provisional ballot."

MICHIGAN'S 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- SEPTEMBER 24** ● ABSENTEE BALLOTS GO OUT
- SEPTEMBER 28** ● IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS
- OCTOBER 24** ● LAST DAY MI RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER TO VOTE (W/ A STATE ID) ONLINE
- NOVEMBER 4** ● LAST DAY MI RESIDENTS CAN SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT REQUEST
- NOVEMBER 4** ● LAST DAY MI RESIDENTS W/ DISABILITIES CAN SUBMIT AN ACCESSIBLE ELECTRONIC ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION
- NOVEMBER 8** ● ELECTION DAY, POLLS ARE OPEN 7 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 8** ● MI RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER TO VOTE UNTIL 8 P.M. AT CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
- NOVEMBER 8** ● IF AT THE POLLS AND IN LINE BY 8 P.M., STAY HERE

WHERE TO GO VOTE:

In addition to your polling place and voting in person on the day of, Oakland County voters can vote early or on Election Day at the following locations:

Oakland County Early Voting Locations:

1. Ferndale Clerk's Office:

300 E. 9 Mile Road
Ferndale, MI 48220

2. Hazel Park Clerk's Office:

111 E. Nine Mile Road
Hazel Park, MI 48030

3. Madison Heights Clerk's Office:

300 W. 13 Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

4. Oak Park Clerk's Office:

14000 Oak Park Blvd
Oak Park, MI 48237

5. Royal Oak Clerk's Office:

203 South Troy Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

6. Royal Oak Township Clerk's Office:

21131 Gardenlane, 2nd Fl
Ferndale, MI 48220



What's on your ballot?

This election is NOT just about the Governor. The federal and state elections are held only in even-numbered years, but this year in Michigan we do not have a race for U.S. Senate or President. This is our first election under the new maps created by our Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission after the 2020 Census. These maps created new districts for state and federal districts.

On the November 8 ballot, you will see races for U.S. Representative, as well as candidates for state lawmakers, school boards, County Commissioners, and judges.

You're now able to see the candidates for federal, state, and local races. For more information, go to DETROITACTION.ORG/Be-A-Voter/ or use your phone camera and scan this QR code:



STATEWIDE

Governor 4-YEAR TERM

The Governor of the State of Michigan is an elected constitutional officer, the head of the executive branch, and the highest state office in Michigan. The governor is popularly elected every four years by a plurality and is limited to two four-year terms.

DEM GRETCHEN WHITMER

GR KEVIN HOGAN

NLS DARYL SIMPSON

REP TUDOR DIXON

LIB MARY BUZUMA

UTP DONNA BRANDENBURG

Attorney General 4-YEAR TERM

The Attorney General of Michigan is an elected constitutional officer in the executive branch of the Michigan state government. The attorney general oversees the Office of the Attorney General, which is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan. In Michigan, the attorney general is popularly elected in midterm election years and serves terms lasting four years.

DEM DANA NESSEL

LIB JOE McHUGH

REP MATTHEW DePERNO

UTP GERALD T. VAN SICKLE

SECRETARY OF STATE 4-YEAR TERM

In Michigan, the Secretary of State is not only responsible for elections, but also oversees vehicle registration and the licensing of automobile drivers, similar to a motor vehicles regulator in other states. The officeholder also oversees and regulates notaries public and is the keeper of the Great Seal of Michigan.

DEM JOCELYN BENSON*

GR LARRY HUTCHINSON JR

UTP CHRISTINE SCHWARTZ

REP KRISTINA KARAMO

LIB GREGORY STEMPFLE

STATEWIDE

JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT 8-YEAR TERM (2) POSITIONS

In Michigan, we also get to vote for members of our state's Supreme Court. These are nonpartisan positions, but political parties nominate and endorse their respective choices for Supreme Court Justice.

RICHARD BERNSTEIN*

KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN*

KERRY LEE MORGAN

BRIAN ZAHRA

PAUL HUDSON

**Detroit Action endorsed candidate*



FEDERAL

Federal positions like Representative and U.S. Senator enact national laws that influence the daily lives of all Americans through funding. They're responsible for funding government and programs, holding information hearings, and oversight of the executive branch.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

11TH DISTRICT - 2 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION

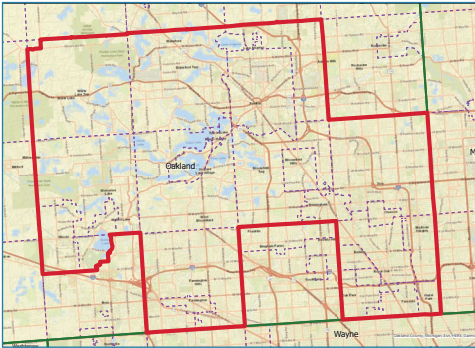


DEM HALEY STEVENS



REP MARK AMBROSE

Congressional District 11



STATEWIDE: These are decision makers who are elected from all across Michigan and make decisions for our community in the state capital of Lansing. Detroit Action has endorsed State Senator Stephanie Chang (SD-3), State Representative Helena Scott (HD-7), and Donovan McKinney (HD-14). There are a number of different leaders whom we choose from for our State House of Representatives and our State Senate based on where we live in the state. To find out who else is on your ballot, go to detroitaction.org/be-a-voter.

BALLOT INITIATIVES

Ballot initiative is a means by which citizens may propose to create, amend, or repeal a state law or constitutional provision through collecting petition signatures from a certain minimum number of registered voters. Three statewide ballot measures were certified for the ballot in Michigan for the election:

Proposal 1 would change term limits for state legislators from three 2-year terms (6 years) in the State House and two 4-year terms (8 years) in the State Senate to 12 combined years in the Legislature, and create a requirement for elected officials to disclose income, assets, liabilities, and gifts from lobbyists.

Proposal 2 would expand voting rights for all Michiganders, including providing voters with the right to vote without harassment, interference, or intimidation; guaranteeing that military and overseas ballots postmarked by Election Day are counted; allowing for a signed affidavit as an alternative to the existing photo ID requirement to vote; authorizing voters to drop off absentee ballots at drop boxes; allowing for nine days of early voting; requiring public disclosure of donations from private entities that were used to pay for elections or audits.

Proposal 3 would provide for the constitutional right to reproductive freedom, or “the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care.”

Circuit and District Court Races

Circuit Court judges serve six-year terms and must retire when they reach age 70. They are chosen in nonpartisan elections and must face re-election if they wish to continue serving. The Circuit Court is the trial court with the broadest powers in Michigan. The courts handle:

- Civil litigation under \$25,000, excluding equity and small claims under \$3,000
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentences less than one year
- Preliminary trials on felony charges
- Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings
- Jury trials

There are a number of different district courts throughout our community. To learn more about the judges running for office, go to DETROITACTION.ORG/Be-A-Voter/

Local Races and Issues

The County Commission functions as the county's primary legislative and policy-making body. These folks are the key decision makers in property tax foreclosure, the creation of the County Jail and how our local courts operate. County commissioners are tasked with approving an annual budget, enacting ordinances, approving county contracts, and making appointments to public offices.

Detroit Action has endorsed County Commissioner Charlie Cavell (CC-19), but there are a number of different leaders whom we choose from for our Commission based on where we live in the county. To find out who else is on your ballot, go to detroitaction.org/be-a-voter.

SMART Transit Mileage

This November, voters in Oakland, Macomb, and parts of Wayne County will decide whether to continue to invest in the public transit services provided by SMART and other local transit agencies throughout the metro area. Costing the average homeowner less than \$10 a month, the proposal will maintain the mobility services SMART provides in Macomb and Wayne Counties and expand transit services across all of Oakland County.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

HOW DO I BECOME A POLL WORKER?

As a poll worker, you will be on the front lines, ensuring Michigan has a voting system that works for all. Poll workers are the people who make our democracy run. Poll workers are the staff who open and close polling locations, process voters, and process ballots. Unfortunately, most communities struggle to recruit enough poll workers to make Election Day run smoothly. Without enough poll workers, voters can wait in long lines and even be disenfranchised. Poll workers are trained and paid for their work. Registered voters and 16 and 17-year-olds can serve as poll workers. In order to become a poll worker on Election Day, you'll have to fill out an election inspector application as well as take a test at the Detroit Department of Elections.

Additional information can be found at:
<http://bit.ly/DAPollWorker>

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Detroit Action campaigns.**

When Detroiters come together, we win.
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detroitaction.org/join

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