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*2006*

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**General Election Guide**  
**Branch County**

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Dear Michigan Voter:

This 2006 Voter Guide is designed to help you make an informed decision when you vote on Tuesday, November 7th.

The guide is non-partisan and is not intended to endorse or oppose any candidate, either explicitly or implicitly. We have printed candidate responses exactly as we received them on signed questionnaires. Unfortunately, some candidates did not respond to our questionnaire. Each candidate was contacted at least four times by phone, fax or email.

Please consider sending a link or printing this Voter Guide and passing it along to friends, family and others in your community to increase its usefulness.

Thanks for being an informed voter. See you at the polls on November 7th!



Executive Director  
Michigan Family Forum

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**REMEMBER TO VOTE**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

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## VOTING SELECTIONS

For your convenience, write the names of the candidates you plan to vote for in the blanks below. You may then take it with you to the polls.

**GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN**

**U.S. SENATE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**MI SENATE**

**MI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**JUSTICES**

**MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT (2 positions open)**

**MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS (number varies by county)**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (2 POSITIONS OPEN)**

**UNIVERSITY REGENTS**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (2 positions open)**

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (2 positions open)**

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY (2 positions open)**

**PROPOSAL 1: YES / NO**

**PROPOSAL 4: YES / NO**

**PROPOSAL 2: YES / NO**

**PROPOSAL 5: YES / NO**

**PROPOSAL 3: YES / NO**

# GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

## DICK DEVOS



**PARTY:** Republican  
**EDUCATION:** Northwood University, BBA  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** President, Windquest Companies, 2002 - present; Former President, Alticor, 1993 - 2002; Michigan State Board of Education, 1991 - 1993  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 4 children  
**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Non-Denominational  
**AGE:** 50  
**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Education Freedom Fund; Author, Rediscovering American Values; Grand Action Committee, Grand Rapids  
**WEBSITE:** [www.devosforgovernor.com](http://www.devosforgovernor.com)

### ENDORSEMENTS:

Please refer to the last page for endorsement descriptions

	FOF	CTV	MARAL	RTL	CC	AFL	TRI
(R) Dick Devos	—	CTV	—	RTL	CC	—	—

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

#### Education

Excluding overall funding, what is your top priority for K-12 education?

#### Protecting Children

What poses the greatest threat to the general well-being of our children and what steps would you take to counteract that threat?

#### Elder Care

What is your top priority to improve our care for the elderly and how would you accomplish that goal?

#### Family Formation and Preservation

What are the primary causes of out-of-wedlock births and marital instability? What policies would you implement in order to address these causes?

#### Job Creation

Describe two of your top priorities to create jobs in Michigan.

# GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

## DICK DeVOS ESSAY ANSWERS

### Education

My first priority for K-12 education will be to ensure that our children are prepared to succeed in the 21st century. A critical part of this mission will be to focus educational funding into the classrooms of our public schools where it will benefit children. Currently only 57 cents of every dollar we spend on education makes it to the classroom. By increasing this amount to just 65 cents, we will provide an additional \$1.1 billion for children and their teachers. For many years, I have fought to provide more choices so that every child in Michigan has the opportunity to receive a high quality education. We must make certain that all parents have the opportunity to decide what educational environment is best for their kids, and at a minimum provide them with options within the school systems. Finally, I will support our excellent teachers who demand high standards, and I will work to integrate better technology into the classroom to help our children gain the skills they need to be successful.

### Protecting Children

One of my top priorities as governor will be to provide for the protection and safety of Michigan's children. Every day, our children are faced with a barrage of messages and ideas that amount to an assault on family values and their well-being. For example, while the internet provides an amazing educational resource, it is also a tool used by predators and a potential threat to our children's safety. I will encourage schools to respect the role of parents and integrate them into the educational process. Broken families also pose a threat to children, as actively engaged parents are critical to child development. We must work to encourage strong families for our children's sake. As governor, I will promote traditional family values and help provide Michigan with a healthy environment in which to raise our children.

### Elder Care

There are a number of steps Michigan must take to improve care and lay out a new direction that will better serve our senior citizen population. I will work to ensure that our seniors have a continuum of care. The current system is fragmented and can be confusing to new long-term care users and their families. As Michigan residents make decisions about adult care services, state government should do everything it can to explain options and provide necessary information. A DeVos administration will bring experts, adult care

providers and lawmakers together to develop policy that will promote dignity and respect for Michigan's senior citizens while meeting their health care needs.

### Family Formation and Preservation

I support policies that promote and strengthen families, and vigorously oppose those that weaken them. Without question, an acceptance of contemporary societal norms, a view that marriage is not a life-long commitment and a lack of values-based education have contributed to a growing trend of out-of-wedlock births and broken families. As governor, I will promote sex education that encourages marriage and abstinence, and I will work as a partner with faith-based family planning centers that provide resources and spiritual support to those in need. A DeVos administration will support programs that inform young people across Michigan about the responsibility of raising children in order to promote strong, healthy families.

I believe that traditional marriage is the foundation of the family, which is essential to stable, peaceful, and prosperous communities in Michigan. Family provides a safe haven in which we can nurture, teach and love our children, and a refuge in which to foster faith and hope. I believe Michigan's success is tied to the success of the family. For this reason, we must work to ensure that a greater number of Michigan children are raised within the structure of traditional marriages and stable family environments.

### Job Creation

Central to job creation is the improvement of Michigan's business climate. By eliminating or reducing the taxes that punish job providers and make Michigan uncompetitive with other states, we will encourage job growth and begin to pull Michigan out of its single-state recession.

But taxes are not the whole story. In order to enhance Michigan's business climate, we must also ensure that state government is working with job providers to help them grow their business. By cutting the red tape that frustrates business owners and reducing the overzealous, job-killing regulation of state departments such as the Department of Environmental Quality, we will turn state government into a friend of job providers rather than a foe. As governor, I will work to reduce taxes and make state government work with Michigan businesses to promote the job growth our state so desperately needs.

# GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

## JENNIFER GRANHOLM (Incumbent)



**Party:** Democrat

**Candidate chose not to respond.  
See contact log below.**

### ENDORSEMENTS:

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(D) Jennifer Granholm	FOP	—	MA-RAL	—	—	AFL	TRI

## CONTACT LOG

We were unable to get answers to these important questions, in spite of our numerous attempts. We encourage you, the voter, to contact Jennifer Granholm and ask her where she stands on these issues. We have provided contact information to help you do this.

### Contacts:

- 8-17 Mailed questionnaire to campaign address  
Faxed questionnaire to campaign fax number
- 8-18 Spoke to staff regarding questionnaire
- 8-25 Mailed reminder postcard
- 9-6 Called office, left message
- 9-8 Faxed 2nd questionnaire to campaign fax number
- 9-14 Called office, spoke to spokesperson
- 9-15 Called office, left message

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 www.granholmforgov.com

# UNITED STATES SENATE

## MICHAEL BOUCHARD



**PARTY:** Republican

**EDUCATION:** Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Center; Michigan State University, BA

**RECENT POSITIONS:** Oakland County Sheriff, 1999 - present; State Senator, 1992 - 1999; State Representative, 1991; Beverly Hills Town Council, 1986 - 1990

**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 3 children

**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Catholic

**AGE:** 50

**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence; Oakland County Crime Stoppers, Inc.; Birmingham Community House; Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Council

**WEBSITE:** [www.bouchardforussenate.com](http://www.bouchardforussenate.com)

## DEBBIE STABENOW (Incumbent)



**Party:** Democrat

**Candidate chose not to respond. See contact log below.**

We were unable to get answers to these important questions, in spite of our numerous attempts. We encourage you, the voter, to contact Senator Stabenow and ask her where she stands on these issues. Contact information is provided to help you do this.

### **Contacts:**

- 8-18 Mailed questionnaire to campaign address  
Faxed questionnaire to campaign fax number
- 8-25 Mailed reminder postcard
- 8-29 Called campaign office, left message
- 9-1 Called campaign office, left message
- 9-8 Called campaign office, left message; Faxed 2nd questionnaire to Washington, D.C., East Lansing and campaign offices
- 9-14 Called campaign phone, spoke to spokesperson
- 9-15 Called campaign office, left message

### **Campaign Contact Information:**

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[www.stabenowforsenate.com](http://www.stabenowforsenate.com)

# UNITED STATES SENATE

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	(R) Michael Bouchard, Birmingham	SO	SF	SO	SF	SF	SF	SF	SF	SF	SF		FOP	CTV	—	RTL	CC	—
(D) Debbie Stabenow, Lansing	Candidate chose not to respond											—	—	NOW	—	—	AFL	—

## MICHAEL BOUCHARD ESSAY ANSWERS

### Essay Questions

#### **Purpose of Government**

What is your general belief about the proper role of our national government and its current scope and size? Give specific examples of programs that should be created, eliminated, expanded or contracted.

#### **Foreign Policy**

What is the single most important foreign policy issue facing our nation and how do you propose we should address it?

#### **Course of Nation**

Looking at the social fabric of our nation, do you think we are generally headed in the right direction or are we off course? What do you believe the Senate should do to correct or maintain our current course?

#### **Budget Priorities**

Give specific examples of what action, if any, you would support in each category. 1) Eliminate or Decrease Program Funding 2) New or Increased Program Funding 3) Tax or Fee Cuts 4) Tax or Fee Increases

#### **Foreign Policy**

The battle that the U.S. and the rest of the world is waging against terrorists is the most important foreign policy issue facing our country. We are currently fighting to protect our freedoms and our way of life against those who wish to see our destruction. Winning the War on Terror and making sure that Iraq is safe and secure to prevent it from becoming a haven for terrorists is not something we can -- or should in my estimation -- put an arbitrary price on. In cooperation with our allies, we must continue to stand up to protect future generations against terrorists. We need a senator who will work to protect our families from the terrorists who have waged war on our way of life.

#### **Course of Nation**

One of the most critical roles the U.S. Senate has in helping to guide our society is confirming conservative judges that will uphold the Constitution. All too often, liberal judges are legislating from the bench and overturning the laws that are passed by our elected representatives. Our society has passed laws to protect the sanctity of marriage and to prevent the desecration of our flag, yet activist judges are overturning the will of the people and legislating from the bench. In order to protect the social fabric of our society and continue to create laws that protect our way of life, the Senate must confirm judges who will uphold the Constitution.

#### **Budget Priorities**

The first responsibility of the federal government is to protect and defend our country. I do not support increased or new funding for programs unless the funding is offset in another area. I do not support any increases in taxes or fees as the federal government's budget is already bloated. The government is not spending our hard earned tax dollars efficiently or effectively. There are rampant reports of wasteful and unnecessary spending in all departments, yet the government is running a deficit. The problem is not that the government lacks money; it is that it wastes the money it has. In addition, many of the programs supported by the government belong in the private sector. The private sector has demonstrated that it will support funding for many areas, including the arts and transportation. Yet the federal government continues to subsidize these and other programs. I believe that the federal government must reevaluate its spending priorities and support those programs where government intervention is required. In the Senate, I would work to make permanent the 2001 and 2003 tax relief packages, and eliminate the marriage penalty and death tax. The current tax system is too complex and is a burden for both businesses and individuals. We need to replace our outdated tax system with one that is equitable and encourages savings and investments.

#### **Purpose of Government**

I believe the federal government should be smaller and collect less of our hard earned tax dollars. The government is running a deficit, not because it doesn't have enough money, but because it spends too much. I believe that we need to reduce the size of the government and the amount of money it collects. Getting our economy back on track relies on keeping money out of the hands of Washington and putting it back in the hands of taxpayers. The difference between a good tax structure and a poor one has a real impact, not only on how much money we have in our pockets, but whether we have jobs to support our families. In the Senate, I would work to make permanent the 2001 and 2003 tax relief packages, and eliminate the marriage penalty and death tax. The current tax system is too complex and is a burden for both businesses and individuals.

# ATTORNEY GENERAL

## MICHAEL COX (Incumbent)



**PARTY:** Republican

**EDUCATION:** University of Michigan, JD; University of Michigan, BA

**RECENT POSITIONS:** Attorney General, 2003 - present; Director of Wayne County Prosecutor's Homicide Division, 2001-2002

**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 4 children

**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Roman Catholic

**AGE:** 44

**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Soccer coach; basketball coach; St. Edith's Parish Parishioner

**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:** Michigan Right to Life; Fraternal Order of Police; Michigan Chamber of Commerce

**WEBSITE:** [www.mikecox2006.com](http://www.mikecox2006.com)

### **Describe the most important issue facing the Attorney General's office today.**

One of the most important challenges facing the Attorney General's Office today is how to best protect our aging population. In fact, defending Michigan seniors is so important to me it is at the heart of my agenda for the second term.

### **What will you do about this issue if elected?**

I want my office to prepare for an aging Michigan. In 2 years, the first of some 78 million baby boomers hit 62 - the first rung of the Social Security eligibility.

These retiring baby boomers will impact every level of government. I intend to make sure that my office becomes the national model in fighting for seniors. That model includes working with the AARP and the Department of Community Health to expand the new drug cost website, continuing to fight for seniors and vulnerable adults through diligent prosecutions of abuse and neglect cases of those in residential care settings, and an even more aggressive fight against Medicaid fraud.

In a second term, my office will continue creating a thorough consumer protection program for seniors, which will provide tools that assist seniors as consumers.

Additionally, I will continue to do everything in my power to fight the identity theft of Michigan seniors. My office's pro-active approach in solving this national problem of identity theft includes educating and empowering seniors on everything from estate planning to durable power of attorney and other end-of-life issues.

## AMOS WILLIAMS



**Party:** Democrat

**Candidate chose not to respond.  
See contact log below.**

We were unable to get answers to these important questions, in spite of our numerous attempts. We encourage you, the voter, to contact Amos Williams and ask him where he stands on these issues. We have provided contact information to help you do this.

### **Contacts:**

- 8-29 Mailed questionnaire to candidate's campaign address and committee address
- 8-29 Faxed questionnaire to campaign
- 9-5 Called campaign office, left message
- 9-6 Faxed 2nd questionnaire to campaign at candidate's request
- 9-15 Faxed 3rd questionnaire to campaign

### **Campaign Contact Information:**

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# SECRETARY OF STATE

## TERRI LYNN LAND (Incumbent)



**PARTY:** Republican  
**EDUCATION:** Hope College, BA  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** Michigan Secretary of State, 2002 – present; Kent County Clerk, 1992-2000  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 2 children  
**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Christian Reformed  
**AGE:** 48  
**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Women’s Resource Center, Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, Grand Rapids Rotary  
**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:** Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Police Officers Association of Michigan; Michigan Right to Life  
**WEBSITE:** [www.terrilynnland.com](http://www.terrilynnland.com)

### What is the most important issue facing the Sec. of State’s Office today?

My mission: Provide world class customer service to all of our customers – whether they’re renewing licenses, registering to vote or using any service we offer.

### What will you do about this issue if elected?

Providing great customer service is my top priority. Earlier this year, I unveiled several proposals to improve customer service across the board.

Utilizing internet technology is key to providing great service, and I’m proud that online transactions are up 200%. I plan to increase web options, like allowing customers to purchase driving records online, offer a consumers’ guide for repair shops and assist seniors and the disabled with a “physicians toolbox” so handicap placards can be mailed to homes. For those transactions that must take place in a branch, I plan to expand our popular PLUS and SUPER! Centers – these new offices provide even more service and flexible hours to customers in targeted locations.

Customer service also extends into my role as Chief Elections Official, and I advocate for elections and campaign finance reforms, including pre-registration for voters at age 16, in-person early voting, and electronic poll books to increase accuracy on Election Day. To increase openness and accountability in campaign finance, I propose real-time reporting, so that voters may know immediately where candidates are receiving their funding. Finally, I propose that the Secretary of State hold subpoena power and audit authority for effective enforcement of these laws.

## CARMELLA SABAUGH



**PARTY:** Democrat  
**EDUCATION:** Wayne State University  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds, 1992 - present; Warren City Clerk, 1975 - 1985, 1987 - 1992; Warren City Council, 1975 - 1979  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Divorced, 5 children  
**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Roman Catholic  
**AGE:** 68  
**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Macomb County Clerks Assoc.; Michigan Assoc. of County Clerks; Int’l Assoc. of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers  
**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:** United Auto Workers; Michigan Education Association; American Federation of Teachers  
**WEBSITE:** [www.sabaughforsos.com](http://www.sabaughforsos.com)

### What is the most important issue facing the Sec. of State’s Office today?

Protecting election integrity and promoting voter registration and turnout are the Secretary of State’s most important responsibilities. Our democratic way of life is based on public confidence in a fair, open, and accurate election process.

### What will you do about this issue if elected?

If I am elected, I will support a number of proposals to make voting easier and more accessible to Michigan residents. My plan includes allowing no-reason absentee voting, Election Day voter registration, and automatic voter registration when someone renews a driver’s license. My philosophy is the Secretary of State should ensure every Michigan voter that wants a ballot gets a ballot. I am also opposed to requiring voters to show a photo ID at the polls because it discourages people from voting.

To ensure that elections in Michigan are conducted without even the appearance of impropriety, I pledge that, as Secretary of State, I will not serve on campaign committees of candidates running for office. In my mind, serving on campaign committees as Secretary of State is a conflict of interest. I will also actively investigate any credible evidence of petition fraud. Most importantly, I will, as Secretary of State, strive to ensure that voting machines in Michigan work properly for Michigan voters, especially “automark” machines designed to help the elderly and disabled vote.

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7	(D)	Sharon Renier, Munith	SF	SF	SF	O	O	O	F	F	F	SF	—	—	NOW	—	—	AFL	—
	(R)	Tim Walberg, Tipton	SO	SF	SO	SF	SF	SF	F	SF	SF	SF	—	CTV	—	RTL	CC	—	—

# MICHIGAN SENATE

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16 (D) Timothy Christner, Sturgis (R) Cameron Brown, Sturgis (Incumbent)	Candidate chose not to respond. (269) 659-1180										—	—	MARAL	—	—	AFL	—
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# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT (NON-PARTISAN)

CHOOSE TWO CANDIDATES

## Jane Beckering



**Candidate chose not to respond, see contact log below.**

**NOMINATED BY: Democratic Convention**

We were unable to get answers to these important questions, in spite of our numerous attempts. We encourage you, the voter, to contact Jane Beckering and ask her where she stands on these issues. We have provided contact information to help you do this.

### **Campaign Contact Information:**

Beckering for Supreme Court  
6725 Gleneagles SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Phone: (616) 458-2464

## Maura Corrigan (Incumbent)



**EDUCATION:** University of Detroit, JD;  
Marygrove College, BA

**RECENT POSITIONS:** Michigan Supreme Court, Justice, 1999-Present (Chief Justice 2001-2005); Court of Appeals, Judge, 1992-1998 (Chief Judge 1997-1998)

**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Widow, 2 children

**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Christian  
**AGE:** 58

**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Board of Directors, Vista Maria

**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:** Police Officers Association of Michigan; Fraternal Order of Police, Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Michigan Right to Life

**NOMINATED BY:** Republican Convention

### **Describe the most pressing issue facing the judicial system today.**

The most pressing problem in our judicial system is the huge number of cases in our family courts. Two-thirds of all new circuit cases are family cases; 2.5 million people are in our child support system!

### **What will you do about this issue if elected?**

I would continue my advocacy for the 20,000 Michigan children caught in our foster care system in family court and my work with the National Child Support Task Force. In my new term, I would continue to work to protect Michigan's families.

## MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT (CONTINUED)

### Michael Cavanagh (Incumbent)



**EDUCATION:** University of Detroit Mercy, JD;  
University of Detroit Mercy, BA  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** Justice, Michigan Supreme Court, 1983 - present  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 3 children  
**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Roman Catholic  
**AGE:** 65  
**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:**  
American Heart Association; Commission on the Future, University of Detroit Mercy; Incorporated Society of Irish-American lawyers; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Board of Directors  
**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:**  
Fraternal Order of Police; Police Officers Assoc. of Michigan; Michigan Right to Life  
**NOMINATED BY:** Democratic Convention

#### **Describe the most pressing issue facing the judicial system today.**

In the past decade, our courts have been turned to in an unprecedented degree to resolve every conceivable dispute. These matters involve social issues which often the legislative or executive branches of government have not been able or wished to resolve. It is inevitable the judicial branch alienates different segments of society when it decides polarizing issues. Thus, public confidence in our courts has been eroded and our most pressing problem is trying to restore and maintain that confidence. It is essential to our democratic form of government.

#### **What will you do about this issue if elected?**

I have worked in the past, and hope to in the future, on improving access to our courts and to better inform the public about our courts' responsibilities. I have worked on the establishment of trial court performance.

### Marc Shulman



**EDUCATION:** Cooley Law School, JD; Michigan State University, BA  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** Practicing Attorney, 1979 - present; State Legislator, 1999 - 2004  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 4 children  
**RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DENOMINATION:** Jewish  
**AGE:** 54  
**COMMUNITY OR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** WB Optimist Club; Jewish Community Council; National Advisory Council for Small Business Associates  
**ENDORSEMENTS PROVIDED BY CANDIDATE:**  
Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Farm Bureau  
**NOMINATED BY:** Republican Convention

#### **Describe the most pressing issue facing the judicial system today.**

The role of a Supreme Court Justice is not to make policy or law but to interpret the law, to defend the laws of Michigan and the will of the Michigan Electorate.

#### **What will you do about this issue if elected?**

I will interpret the Constitution as it is written. I will not use the bench to promote my political agenda. I will not fall victim to any political trends. I will stand up for the victim, not the criminal and enforce contracts. I will protect and respect private property owners' rights. I will make decisions that are fair and just without fear or favor of anyone.

# MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

## 3rd District Court of Appeals, Incumbent Position Vote for 3 Candidates

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**Bill Murphy\*** **EDUCATION:** Wayne State University, JD; Michigan State University, BA **RECENT POSITIONS:** Judge, Court of Appeals, 1988 - present; Kent County Office of the Defender, 1984 - 1988 **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 4 children **RELIGIOUS FAITH:** NA **AGE:** NA **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Catholic Social Services; Grand Rapids Urban League; Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank **ENDORSEMENTS:** NA

**Janet Neff** **EDUCATION:** Wayne State University Law School, JD; University of Pittsburgh, BA **RECENT POSITIONS:** Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1989 - present; Attorney, 1980 - 1988; Assistant U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice, 1980 **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 2 children **RELIGIOUS FAITH:** None provided **AGE:** 61 **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Board of Directors for Easter Seal Society, Women's Resource Center, Junior Achievement, United Way of Kent County; Board of Trustees, Winchester Scholarship Fund **ENDORSEMENTS:** None provided

**Michael Smolenski\*** **EDUCATION:** University of Michigan Law School, JD; University of Michigan, BA **RECENT POSITIONS:** Judge, Court of Appeals, 1994 - present; Judge, Circuit Court, 1990 - 1994 **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 7 children **RELIGIOUS FAITH:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish **AGE:** 61 **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Kent County Commissioner 1979-1982; Garfield Park Neighborhood Association; Court Reporters and Recorders Board of Review **ENDORSEMENTS:** NA

\* THIS CANDIDATE DID NOT COMPLETE THE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH PROVIDED BY MICHIGAN FAMILY FORUM.  
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# MICHIGAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Tom McMillin** PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican EDUCATION: University of Michigan, BA RECENT POSITIONS: School Board President, 2003 - present; Certified Public Accountant, 1990 - present; Deacon, Grace Calvary Church, 2004 - present MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, 1 child RELIGIOUS FAITH: Reformed Baptist AGE: 41 COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Member, Michigan Association of CPA's; Member, Charles A. Wright Museum; Board Member, American Family Association of Michigan ENDORSEMENTS: Michigan Right to Life

## What is the most pressing problem facing our education system today?

The most pressing problem facing our education system today is the lack of accountability for shortcomings in our public schools.

## If elected, what would you do about this problem?

I will work to ensure the availability of good independent metrics, from a school or district's ability to advance below-grade-level students to at-grade-level or above-grade-level, to parent satisfaction, so taxpayers can hold accountable those using education tax dollars. Prevail Academy Board has many useful metrics we review and act upon regularly. Additionally, giving parents choices in educating their children, like charter schools, provides increased accountability in public education. I will push to increase educational options for parents. Also, options like private schooling and home schooling need always be available and free from government interference. Also, see [www.tomforbetterschools.com](http://www.tomforbetterschools.com).

**Reginald Turner (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat EDUCATION: University of Michigan, JD; Wayne State University, BS RECENT POSITIONS: State Board of Education, 2003 - present; Clark Hill PLC, 2000 - present MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, 2 children RELIGIOUS FAITH: United Church of Christ AGE: 46 COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: United Way for Southeast Michigan; Josephson Institute of Ethics; Past President, State Bar of Michigan ENDORSEMENTS: None provided

## What is the most pressing problem facing our education system today?

Far too many Michigan students leave high school unprepared for the challenges of higher education or our global economy.

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### If elected, what would you do about this problem?

We must enhance the culture of education so that students, parents, teachers, policy makers and the entire community appreciate the importance of universal literacy, rigorous standards and lifelong learning. The State Board of Education has to make policies and build partnerships with all stakeholders, especially parents, to drive constructive changes in the way we deliver services and hold ourselves accountable for ensuring that ALL of our children have opportunities to reach their potential.

### Casandra Ulbrich PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat

Candidate chose not to respond. (248) 375-0133

**Eileen Weiser (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican EDUCATION: University of Michigan, Master of Music; Michigan State University, BA RECENT POSITIONS: State Board of Education, 1999-present; Member, National Assessment Governing Board, "The Nation's Report Card", 2003 - present MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, 3 children RELIGIOUS FAITH: Catholic AGE: 55 COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Past member, City of Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals; Michigan Alliance for Arts Education; Artserve Michigan; University Musical Society ENDORSEMENTS: All Michigan Republican Congressional Delegation Members; Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land; Attorney General Mike Cox

## What is the most pressing problem facing our education system today?

What can parents do to build on education reforms so every child has a solid chance for adult success?

## If elected, what would you do about this problem?

Parents are a child's best teachers, but communities can support all families with solid early childhood programs. Good teachers are critical. Statistics show they can make up "lost time" for children at risk; diagnose learning disabilities early when they are easier to fix; and help students create life-long learning skills. When schools fail, support alternatives like choice and charters. Volunteering as mentors for children at risk helps them see new possibilities for their lives. Our goal must be to ensure that Michigan has a well-educated workforce, solid communities, and a civil society ready for 21st century moral challenges.

# UNIVERSITY BOARDS

CHOOSE TWO CANDIDATES PER UNIVERSITY

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Dee Cook (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican  
EDUCATION: Michigan State University, BA RECENT POSITIONS:  
Michigan State Board of Trustees, 16 years; Greenville Board of  
Education, 12 years, Chairman for 8 years MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:  
Married, 2 children RELIGIOUS FAITH: Congregational AGE: 74  
COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: None provided ENDORSEMENTS:  
None provided

**Faylene Owen** PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat EDUCATION: NA  
RECENT POSITIONS: Founder and CEO, Mica Corp.; Chair, Sparrow  
Hospital Foundation; Board Member, MSU Safeplace MARITAL  
STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, 3 children RELIGIOUS FAITH: Jewish AGE:  
NA COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Royal Oak PTA; Child  
Abuse Prevention Services; Women's American Heart Association;  
MSU Kaleidoscope ENDORSEMENTS: UAW; Michigan Council of  
Carpenters; Michigan Operating Engineers

**George Perles** PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat  
Candidate chose not to respond. (517) 230-3150

**Dave Porteous (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION:  
Republican EDUCATION: Michigan State University, BS; Thomas  
M. Cooley Law School, JD RECENT POSITIONS: Michigan State  
University Board of Trustees, 1997 - present, Chairman, 2003 - 2006;  
Michigan State University College of Law Board of Trustees, 1997  
- present; Huntington National Bank Board of Directors, 2003 -  
present MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, 3 children RELIGIOUS  
FAITH: Methodist AGE: 53 COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:  
Osceola County Community Foundation; Rotary International; United  
Methodist Church; Eagle Village Inc. ENDORSEMENTS: Michigan Right  
to Life; Michigan Farm Bureau; Michigan Chamber of Commerce

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**David Brandon (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION:  
Republican EDUCATION: University of Michigan, BA RECENT  
POSITIONS: University of Michigan Regent MARITAL STATUS/  
CHILDREN: Married, 4 children. RELIGIOUS FAITH: Christian AGE: 53  
COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Purple Rose Theater; Detroit  
Renaissance; St. Jude Research Hospital, National Advisory Board;  
Mott's Children's Hospital. ENDORSEMENTS: Michigan Republicans;  
Coach Bo Schembechler

**Susan Brown** PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican EDUCATION:  
University of Michigan, BA RECENT POSITIONS: Trustee, Kalamazoo  
College; President of Advisory Board, University of Michigan;  
Co-Chairperson, Campaign for Michigan MARITAL STATUS/  
CHILDREN: Married, 4 children RELIGIOUS FAITH: Presbyterian  
AGE: 65 COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Kalamazoo Historic  
Conservancy for the Preservation of Art; Kalamazoo College Women's  
Council, Junior League ENDORSEMENTS: None provided

**Julia Donovan Darlow** PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat  
Candidate chose not to respond. (313) 690-3054

**Kathy White (Incumbent)** PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat  
EDUCATION: George Washington University National Law Center,  
LLM; University of Washington, JD; Princeton University, BSE  
RECENT POSITIONS: University of Michigan Regent, 1998 - present;  
Law Professor, Wayne State University; Judicial Law Clerk, U.S.  
Court of Appeals, 1995 - 1996 MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single,  
no children RELIGIOUS FAITH: Methodist AGE: 40 COMMUNITY  
AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: Fulbright Association Board; Fulbright  
Senior Scholar; White House Fellow; registered patent attorney.  
ENDORSEMENTS: Congressman John Conyers; Senator Liz Brater;  
Senator Deb Cherry

## WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**John Akouri** **PARTY AFFILIATION:** Republican **EDUCATION:** Wayne State University, BA; Oakland Community College, AA  
**RECENT POSITIONS:** Chairman and CEO, Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce, 2006 - present; Farmington Hills City Councilman, 2003 - 2005; Press Secretary/Senior Advisor to Representative Joe Knollenberg, 1999 - 2002 **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Single, no children **RELIGIOUS FAITH:** Roman Catholic **AGE:** 41 **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Madonna University International Affairs Council; Department of Homeland Security Incident Management Team; St. Jude Children's Hospital; Exchange Club **ENDORSEMENTS:** Bishop Keith Butler; L. Brooks Patterson; Paul Welday

**Debbie Dingell** **PARTY AFFILIATION:** Democrat  
Candidate chose not to respond. (313) 393-7573

**Eugene Driker (Incumbent)** **PARTY AFFILIATION:** Democrat  
Candidate chose not to respond. (313) 596-9303

**Andrew G. McLemore, Jr.** **PARTY AFFILIATION:** Republican  
**EDUCATION:** University of Detroit, BS **RECENT POSITIONS:** Advisory Board, University of Detroit School of Business & Administration, 1994-1996; Board of Directors, Black Family Development, 1994 - 1996; Past President, Founders Junior Council, Detroit Institute of Arts  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married, 2 children **RELIGIOUS FAITH:** Baptist **AGE:** 51 **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Corporate Advisory Board, U.S. Congressional Historical Black Colleges and Universities Task Force; U.S. President appointed Commissioner for the National African American Museum of History and Culture  
**ENDORSEMENTS:** None provided

# DISTRICTS IN YOUR COUNTY

Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC
BRANCH COUNTY	7	16	58	3

C = Congress  
 SS = State Senate  
 SH = State House  
 AC = Appeals Court

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# BALLOT PROPOSALS

The ballot proposals below are given exactly as they will appear on the Nov. 7 General Election ballot.

## PROPOSAL 6-01

### A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the Constitution and establish existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the fund.
- Use current funding sources such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund accounts.
- Establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.
- Provide that money held in Funds can only be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended.

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## PROPOSAL 6-02

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. Public institutions affected by the proposal include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.
- Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.)

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

# BALLOT PROPOSALS

## PROPOSAL 6-03

### A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 – AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:

- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.
- Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a \$2.00 mourning dove stamp.
- Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## PROPOSAL 6-04

### A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES

**The proposed constitutional amendment would:**

- Prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.
- Provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must be paid at least 125% of property's fair market value.
- Require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use; if taken to eliminate blight, require a higher standard of proof to demonstrate that the taking of that property is for a public use.
- Preserve existing rights of property owners.

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## PROPOSAL 6-05

### A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS

**The proposed law would:**

- Increase current funding by approximately \$565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs).
- Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.
- Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.
- Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.
- Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

# ENDORSEMENTS

The following organizations endorse candidates seeking public office. All endorsements were provided by the endorsing organization and should not be considered as an endorsement by Michigan Family Forum. The information is public information available on the Internet. For more information about endorsement selections, we have provided you with the phone numbers and websites of the endorsing agencies. The description of each organization was taken directly from the website of the endorsing organization. In some cases, an organization may endorse more than one candidate in each district.

- POAM** **Police Officer's Assoc. of Michigan**, is a full-service labor organization formed to service the needs of law enforcement officers and correctional officers. [www.poam.net](http://www.poam.net) (313) 937-9000
- FOP** **Fraternal Order of Police**, the nation's largest police organization, protects the interests and welfare of law enforcement officers and their families. [www.mifop.com](http://www.mifop.com) (517) 367-8000
- CTV** **Citizens for Traditional Values PAC** works to preserve the influence of faith and family, protect an inalienable right to life, encourage free enterprise, and promote educational freedom. [www.ctvmichigan.org](http://www.ctvmichigan.org) (517) 321-1390
- MARAL** **MARAL PAC Pro-Choice Michigan** is a statewide, non-partisan membership organization that works through the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancies, bearing healthy children, and choosing legal abortion. [www.prochoicemichigan.org](http://www.prochoicemichigan.org) (517) 327-4707
- NOW** **National Organization for Women's PAC** advocates for women's rights and seeks to increase the number of women's rights supporters elected to public office for the purpose of achieving full equality for women. [www.nowpacs.org](http://www.nowpacs.org) (202) 628-8669
- RTL** **Right to Life of Michigan** is committed to articulating and protecting the right to life of all innocent human beings, born and unborn. In some districts, both candidates meet criteria. [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org) (616) 532-2300
- CC** **Michigan Chamber of Commerce** seeks to advance human progress through an economic, political, and social system based on individual freedom, incentive, opportunity and responsibility and endorses candidates who promote job creation and economic growth. [www.michamber.com](http://www.michamber.com) (517) 371-2100
- AFL** **AFL-CIO** is an affiliation of 59 labor unions working to ensure workers' rights including higher wages, better benefits, workers health and safety, and greater job stability. [www.miaflcio.org](http://www.miaflcio.org) (517) 487-5966
- TRI** **Triangle Pride PAC** supports the civil rights of all people - especially those who suffer discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Candidates are endorsed based on their track records and positions on issues important to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders. [www.pride-pac.org](http://www.pride-pac.org) (313) 537-3323