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Voting

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On the November 2018 ballot, the straight-ticket voting option is not available for the first time in 127 years.

Who Can Vote

You can vote if you've registered to vote in Michigan by October 6, 2018. You can register if you are a U.S. citizen; you're a Michigan resident; and you will be at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Photo Identification

A photo ID is not required in order for you to vote. You can still vote if you sign an affidavit stating that you are who you say you are. You will still be able to vote a regular ballot.

Unless you registered to vote at your local clerk's office or at a Secretary of State office, if you are a new Michigan voter, you must meet a federal ID requirement. This requirement can be met by showing at the polls a current photo ID or a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement or government document that shows your name and the address you used on your voter registration form.

Absentee Voter Ballots

Who can apply?

Registered voters can get an absentee ballot from your local clerk for any of the following reasons:

You are:

- 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct other than your own

Where and when?

You can request an absentee ballot by asking your clerk for an absentee ballot application. This application must be submitted to the clerk no later than 2 pm the Saturday before the election. This application will ask which of the reasons listed applies to you. You will then receive an absentee ballot, which can be mailed to you in another state, or overseas. If you apply in person and receive an absentee ballot, you must show photo ID.

If you are a new Michigan voter, and you registered to vote other than at a clerk's or the Secretary of State's offices, you can vote using an absentee ballot the first time you vote only if you personally apply for the ballot at your clerk's office. This is because you are subject to the Federal first-time voter ID requirements.

Returning the ballot

An absentee ballot must be returned to the clerk's office by 8 pm on election day. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature on the return envelope matches your signature on file. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household who is acting on your instructions, a mail carrier or an election official can deliver your absentee voter ballot to the clerk's office. Note that anyone else who is in possession of another person's absentee ballot is guilty of a felony. If you mail back your ballot, make sure it has enough postage on it. Due to size, extra postage is required.

For more information call your city or township clerk.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographical information in 100 words and were allotted 150 words to answer question 1 and 150 words to answer question 2.

If the candidate did not respond by the required date for publication, only the name will appear.



HOUGHTON COUNTY CANDIDATES

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 100 words and were allotted 150 words to answer Question 1, 150 words for Question 2.

If the candidate did not respond by the required date for publication, only the name will appear. Candidate names appear in alphabetical order.

The following questions were asked of State, County, City and Village candidates:

Question 1

What are your priorities and how can you accomplish them?

(150 word maximum)

Question 2

What would you like to tell your constituents?

(150 word maximum)

PROBATE JUDGE – SIX YEAR TERM VOTE FOR 1

Name: Fraser T. Strome
Party: Democratic

Occupation: Houghton County Probate/Family Court Judge
Education: BA Spring Arbor University, 1987; JD Valparaiso University, 1990

Background Information: Prior to being appointed Probate Judge in March 2009, I served as the Houghton County Prosecuting Attorney from January to March 2009, and as Chief Assistant Prosecutor from November, 1990 to December, 2008.

1. My first priority is keeping kids in school and in their homes whenever possible. Members of my staff and I have worked closely with local agencies for over 25 years and are committed to continue working towards this goal in order to ultimately keep kids out of the adult criminal justice system.

2. People often come to the Houghton County Probate/Family Court while facing very difficult situations in their lives. My staff and I are sensitive to this and are committed to effectively serving the people of Houghton County while striving to maintain the dignity of each individual.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Tom Tikkanen
Party: Republican

Occupation: Real estate broker/appraiser

Education: Associate Degree

Background Information: Married, adult children, grandson. Graduate of Calumet High & Suomi, US Army veteran.

1. Proactive expansion of jail, flood recovery & repairs, expanded recycling initiatives – via transfer station.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 2 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Albert Koskela
Party: Republican

Occupation:

Education:

Background Information:

1. Continue to pay down unfunded pension liability.

2. Have a good day

Name: Melissa Davis
Party: Democratic

Occupation: Managing Director - New Power Tour, Inc.

Education: Autodidact - but attended NMU

Background Information: Strong work ethic.

1. Several priorities stand out to me that seem interrelated. 1) Increased and improved interaction between constituents and the Board. Use web skills to find out what residents want to see happen. Take the pulse of the area on issues. Goal: improved responsiveness. Post board business on website. 2) WITHOUT RAISING TAXES, explore energy-related activity that generates income for the county. Improved county finances can build in resiliency for unknowns that present themselves in the future. 3) Strengthen Our Economy. There are things the county can do to help smaller villages that don't have the economic development support that Hancock and Houghton have. I would prioritize working with others to strengthen the economy in every way possible. Small businesses make up ~40% of the County - the larger that number is, the better off we all will be.

2. I know people have different interests and obligations at different points in life, but - I would like to encourage everyone to pick something that you care about - that also supports the community in some way - and commit to getting involved with it and seeing it to a conclusion. For all of you that are into this and already do it, thank you so much! I say, don't be stymied, shut down or paralyzed by what is happening at the national level with politics. We have a lot of shared interests that are staring us right in the face. I hope more people take an interest in the nuts and bolts of the what municipalities cover and deliver. I hope people get more involved in decision-making and here's why: I'd like to be a part of improvements that actually ARE improvements!

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Ben Jaehnig – write in name on ballot
Party: Independent

Occupation: Carpenter
 Education: High School
 Background Information: Father - Grandfather, 60 years Houghton Co. Born and Bred! "Hancock Sign Guy"

1. 1) Transparency! Problem Fix; Stream all public meetings, if committee meetings were streamed everyone at the monthly meetings would be up to speed! 2) Court transparency. Stream most hearings this would force the judges into cleaning up their act! 3) Jail. First of all, let's look at the big picture, is the overcrowded jail, the problem, or a symptom of the problem? A) If incarceration worked the jail would be empty! B) Are we using the jail as a hospital? C) What are the Pros and Cons to adding a Detention system? D) Was the Hancock Central School considered? You could put the jail, and Court House inside and wouldn't have to change the exterior of the building! We can change the County seat. E) If we build a thousand bed jail, the State Police would fill it, by the end of the week!

2. F) Keweenaw isn't big enough to be a county. How about Copper Island County? G) Problem If you don't Speak UP! People will only hear, from Buttheads like me! Fix; Speak up!

Name: Glenn D Anderson
Party: Democratic

Occupation: I have had a successful, rewarding municipal management and economic development career with experience throughout the Copper Country, working for the Village of Baraga, Village of Ontonagon, and the City of Hancock. Education: I was born in Hancock and grew up and graduated from High School in Baraga, graduated with a bachelor degree from Carthage College and received a masters degree from Northern Michigan University. Background Information: I am married to Mary Lou, who grew up in Greenland and graduated from the Ontonagon Area High School. I have two daughters, Stacy and Jacki, and a son, Glenn, who is a student at UM.

1. a. I will work to have the County Board to be transparent and pledge to listen to citizen concerns and issues. b. Encourage the county to be more active in county wide economic and job development. c. Expand recycling opportunities to county residents. d. Support local government efforts in Houghton County to become flood insurance eligible, and promote a watershed maintenance plan. e. Support and protect county owned assets, such as the Houghton County Medical Care Facility.

2. I would listen to citizen concerns and issues, and offer my assistance when needed. I would like to see the county take a larger role in local economic and job development throughout the county. I will make an effort to support the local units of government in my district and to be a liaison between my district's concerns and the county.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 4 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: John Sullivan
Party: Republican

Occupation: Sr. Research Engineer, MTU, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering (part time)
 Education: Graduate Studies, Civil Engineering, MTU; B.S. Civil Engineering, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; A.S. Civil Engineering Technology, Lansing Community College; Calumet High School, Engineering
 Background Information: Licensed Professional Engineer 43 years; Consulting Engineer 40 years (27 years at UP Engineers & Architects where I served as City of Houghton Engineer); Hancock City Manager; City of Houghton Director of Public Works; MDOT Road & Bridge Construction; Houghton City Council, 2015 - current; City of Houghton resident 30 years; Houghton County resident 60 years

1. My goal is to utilize my extensive experience in engineering and public service to serve the City of Houghton residents as their elected County Commissioner. I look forward to the opportunity to assist with the planning and implementation of proposed capital improvement projects by the County. My considerable experience as a project manager for many major public works projects in Houghton County and the Western Upper Peninsula can be a benefit to the residents of Houghton County. I am interested in having input into the County Budget process. My comprehensive knowledge regarding local government accounting will be an asset in my role as a County Commissioner. My education included a course in Municipal Government Accounting at MTU. I have broad experience applying for, securing, and administering federal and state grants and loans as well as Foundation grants for capital improvement projects.

2. As an Engineer, I have had involvement with and served most Houghton County units of government, including the County, the two Cities, the five Villages, and most of the Townships. I bring a lifetime of engineering experience and a passion for public service to this position. I am uniquely qualified based on my training and experience, and I'm innovative when confronted with novel or complex situations. As a founding member of the Keweenaw National Historical Park I remain active in promoting the local area history. My current volunteer activities reflect that interest: Quincy Mine Hoist Association Board of Directors/Secretary; Quincy Smelter Association Board Member/tour guide; Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission/Treasurer; Copper Country Firefighters History Museum Board Member/President/ tour guide. In the past I have served as a board member for several community organizations. My three children and their families reside in Houghton County.



Name: Gretchen Janssen
Party: Democratic

Occupation: REALTOR with RE/MAX Douglass and Houghton County Commissioner.
 Education: Graduate of Houghton High School, BA from Michigan State University, M.Ed. from Boston University
 Background Information: Resident of Houghton for most of my life. Raised by a local educator. I have over 25 years of local professional experience including positions at both Michigan Tech and Suomi College (now Finlandia University) and the Barbara Kettle Gunlach Shelter Home. Appointed to fill the vacated District 4 seat on the Houghton County Board of Commissioners June 2018. Running for election as the incumbent.

1. Make information about the work of the Board of Commissioners more accessible to the public. Encourage and value input from Houghton County residents. These are 2 sides of the same coin - communication. An improved county website is a start to accomplishing these goals by posting agenda packets prior to Board meetings and create a method to receive input from residents on our website. Improve and broaden existing opportunities that make Houghton County a thriving community by continuing my involvement with organizations such as MSU Extension and KEDA. I will connect groups that have similar goals that aren't yet working together. I believe these liaisons will create opportunity for economic growth and stewardship of our natural resources.

2. Having lived in other parts of the U.S. and overseas for several years, I developed a strong appreciation for the extraordinary place we live. My commitment to our community is manifested in my investment in it. My home and my office are located in the City of Houghton. The importance of community and the need to be of service are core to my values. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first 3 months as the Houghton County Commissioner for District 4. I am building relationships that will enable me to accomplish my goals and I will continue to serve the residents of Houghton County to the best of my ability.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT 5 - Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Roy Britz
Party: Republican

Occupation: Law Enforcement, Deputy Chief of Police / Emergency Management, Michigan Technological University
 Education: Houghton High School (1976), NMU Police Academy (1978), Associates of Science, Civil Engineering Technology (1991), Michigan Technological University, multiple law enforcement certifications and license.
 Background Information: Born & Raised in Houghton County with 35 years law enforcement service. Houghton County Deputy Sheriff (7.5 years); Houghton County Undersheriff (20 years) doubling as Jail administrator (10) and 911 Coordinator (10). Managed department budget and all day-to-day department functions. Deputy Chief of Police & Emergency Management Michigan Tech

1. As past Undersheriff, I have first-hand knowledge of the issues that concern our County, drug abuse, alcohol abuse and our jail conditions. Working with County Administration, we were able to place a fulltime Sheriff detective undercover in our community investigating drug cases. One year later, local & state law enforcement created UPSET West drug investigators, which now cover Houghton County and surrounding areas. I am a strong supporter of this group, would continue as a commissioner, to see funding does not disappear. The jail will be on the ballot this fall, I do not agree with the location chosen, as it is land locked for future expansion if needed. I would be open to meeting with Houghton County residents who would like to have input on plans if the proposal fails. This concern is not going to go away; we must plan for a safe, secure, long-term and affordable answer.

2. My interest in becoming a candidate for County Commissioner goes back 25 plus years. As a Sheriff's Deputy and later Undersheriff, I have worked with County Administration and watched, agreeing and sometimes disagreeing with their decisions. I believe a commissioner must be available for the residents of Houghton County, attend meetings in their respective districts, answer emails and phone calls and listen to others thoughts. As 911 Coordinator (County) and Emergency Management (MTU), I believe Houghton County must be prepared for any event, work with local partners to mitigate the event and lead the way with response, assistance and recovery. Houghton County is my home, I am proud to live here and want the best for our community. I was fortunate to work for the people of Houghton County; I would like to continue serving you - I appreciate your vote!!

Name: Sharon A Stoll
Party: Democratic

Occupation: ER Physician
 Education: Negaunee High School - 1998 Northern Michigan University - BS Biology and Political Science 2002 Michigan State University - MD 2006 LaCrosse-Mayo Family Medicine Residency 2010
 Background Information: I have lived and worked in the Keeweenaw since finishing residency. I hope to use my understanding of community health and public policy to serve my constituents.

1. Address jail overcrowding. This must be a fact based discussion. In order to understand the true need for capacity, we must understand how many warrants go unprosecuted compared to other counties, the typical capacity for a county our size, and how many nonviolent offenders are taking up space simply because they cannot post bail. Decrease expenses by not offering insurance to those employees working less than 20 hours per week. For example, the position for which I am running is eligible for health insurance, funded by you, the taxpayer, though commissioners work less than 10 hours per week. While I believe that universal health care makes good sense, offering insurance to a few in the ruling class, at the expense of the rest, is not okay. Develop municipal recycling and compost program to decrease waste expenses.

2. An energetic, fresh perspective can not only address those things we are behind on, such as the jail and pensions, but also be proactive in laying out a path to a bright future, by encouraging civic engagement, working with municipalities to encourage tourism and nonmotorized commuting, and ensuring community assets such as the medical care facility remain protected. I encourage voters to look beyond political hype, and simply think big when it comes to envisioning our best possible community.

TOWNSHIPS

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CLERK - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Ashley Kela No Response

LAIRD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Brian J Wilder No Response

Name: Patrick McLaren No Response

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TREASURER – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Nicole L Krajnak

No Response

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP CLERK – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Amy Skewes
Party: Republican

Occupation: Food service worker, Houghton Elementary
Education: High school diploma
Background Information: I was raised in Houghton, I've been a resident of Portage Township for over 20 years. I have office, computer, payroll, customer service experience. I'm an honest, reliable and hardworking person. I work well until pressure, I am able to multitask and prioritize work.

1. I would like to see the township office function more smoothly, I believe teamwork helps any office and I plan on working with all board members to make changes for the better of the township. Doing work accurately and efficiently is very important in every office. I plan on running smooth elections for both the residents and the workers. I will help anyone wanting to register to vote. Attend meetings, taking accurate minutes and posting them in a timely manner.

2. I will work hard for the residents of Portage Township. I will bring my office knowledge and experience to the township. I will listen to your concerns and work hard to make changes to the township. As a board member I would be 1 of 7 people casting a vote, which I will not take lightly. I plan on being available to the public at regular hours, which will be posted. I have over 20 years of experience in working with the public. Customer service skills as well as office experience will help me do a great job for the township.

Name: Tressa Alvarado
Party: Democratic

Occupation: Township Clerk
Education: Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science from Michigan Technological University
Background Information: I have been serving as Twp. Clerk at Charter Township of Portage since I was appointed in October 2017. I have been a resident of Houghton County for 11 years. My work history also includes Michigan Tech Fund, Aspirus, and Midwest Loan Services. I have experience with budgeting and money handling, running meetings, customer service, accommodating people with disabilities, maintaining records, and will have run 3 elections in Portage Charter Twp. by the start of the next term.

1. My main priorities as township clerk are responsible township budgeting and spending and ensuring the government is accessible for all people. By working together with the township auditor to find deficiencies and inefficiencies I can help the township improve our budgeting and spending practices. Ensuring that the township is implementing the recommendations of the auditor will help us to stay compliant with Michigan law. Ensuring fair, secure, and accessible elections is one of the most important duties of the Clerk, and I am dedicated to continuing to running the election in a manner that is fair to all people. I will ensure accessibility to the township building and polling locations, so that all people are able to participate in elections and township meetings. I also provide timely absentee ballots, so that people who are unable to get to the polls on election day are able to have their vote counted.

2. I accepted the position of Clerk and am running to be elected for another 2 years, because I want to be a positive influence in this community. I am passionate about my responsibilities as the Township Clerk. I have been working hard and have learned a lot over this past year. I am proud to have been involved with decision making and voting on township issues, such as the budget, personnel appointments, medical marijuana facilities, and many other issues that have come before the township board. My experience in the position will allow me to ensure the smooth functioning of the clerk office after a period of high turnover in the township. I am bringing knowledge to the table and that directly translates to increased efficiency and cost reduction. I am committed to continuing to work for the benefit of the residents of Portage Charter Township.

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP TREASURER – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Christine Abramson

No Response

Name: Betsy Elizabeth Smith
Party: Democratic

Occupation: HR Manager, Keweenaw Coop + Treasurer, Township of Portage
Education: BS Recreation Administration, San Diego State university
Background Information: Managed a budget of \$1.2 million while I was Chief Outdoor Program Officer for Girl Scouts of Colorado.

1. Keeping payments for Portage Township up to date (water, zoning, cemetery, taxes).

2. I enjoy working with the public. The township office has had a lot of change in the past year, the current clerk (running too) is amazing.

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Josh E. Loukus
Party: No Party Affiliation

Occupation: President of REL Inc.
Education: Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Tech
Background Information: I live in one of the best townships (Schoolcraft) in the state of Michigan with my wife and children. We enjoy frolicking on our safe streets, trails, and hill-sides. This way of life is something we take for granted and needs to be maintained for our children and generations to come.

1. My priorities are to create parks and recreational areas for the general public in our township with the safety of the visitors in mind. An important step in accomplishing this goal is to create safe roadways/pathways to travel to the wonderful points of interest in Schoolcraft Township. I will be proactive in looking for grants to accomplish this goal.

2. VOTE!! We can maintain this great country and our way of life.

STANTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 2

Name: John Mattila No Response

Name: Michael Pionke No Response

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP TREASURER – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Kathryn M Moore No Response

CITIES

CITY OF HANCOCK CITY - No Party Affiliation HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE PRECINCT 1 & 2 & 3 - Four Year Term Vote for 4

Name: John Haeussler

Occupation: Sampling Statistician/academic research, University of Michigan.

Education: B.S. (Statistics), M.A. (Applied Statistics).

Background Information: Married; two children; Christian; open-minded, compassionate conservative; extensive local government experience; passionate about the community and its success; local history author; johnhaeussler.net.

1. Addressing the City's financial future and improving our residents' quality of life. The finances are immediately stressed by the necessary flood recovery efforts where the City's burden, though a relatively small percentage of the overall cost, is nonetheless a large figure. Much greater than the available fund balance. We also must address the City's underfunded retirement obligations. The State Legislature has been continually less and less committed to supporting local municipalities, and there's no indication that will change. We must tighten our belts locally and make wise financial decisions, even if they're initially unpopular. Improving quality of life encompasses increasing recreational opportunities, increasing public art and events, greater accessibility, business recruitment and retention, code enforcement, comprehensive health care options, and more. All can be successfully accomplished with enough people pulling in the same direction.

2. Get informed and involved! We're all busy, but I've never met anyone too busy to give back to their community. Come to a meeting. Attend an event. Visit a local business or two that you've not visited before. If you have a question or complaint, reach out to a council member or City administrator. We're accessible. Get informed about the issue and if you still feel that something can be improved, please speak up. In short, get engaged before becoming enraged. There is far too much negativity in our community, and most of it is based on incorrect assumptions. Get informed and then let your voice be heard. Hancock is blessed with talented individuals and we're all capable of great ideas. Be positive! It's our community. Let's strive together to make it the best possible community that we're able to.

Name: Paul A LaBine

Occupation: Local Attorney and Mathematics Professor

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (MTU, 2003); Juris Doctor (John Marshall Law School - Chicago, 2006); Master of Science in Statistics (MTU, 2010)

Background Information: Graduate of Hancock Central High School (1998). Hancock Rotary Member since 2016. Worked and lived locally in Hancock for over 20 years. Licensed to practice law in both Michigan and California.

1. The main priorities for me are to work on paying down our underfunded retirement liabilities, to clean up and revise old ordinances, and to continue to develop our business climate. The council has already started discussing ways to pay down the retirement liabilities. Unfortunately, due to the flooding this summer, this will pose a financial challenge due to Federal matching requirements. However, I am confident some progress can still be made. As to modernizing our ordinances, I am comfortable and motivated to research and draft ordinances with the Ordinance Review committee and our City Attorney to make some necessary changes to our legislation. Finally, we have had great success in cultivating development on the 100 block of Quincy and the Jutila Center and I look forward to continue working with our current and potential future large and small businesses to view Hancock as a great area to do business.

2. I am a Copper Country native originally from the Calumet area, a Hancock high school graduate, and have lived and worked in Hancock for a long time. I have also been an acting City Council member for several years now. Thus, I am very familiar with the local area and the strengths and needs of the community. I am proficient with working with legal language, budgets, and numbers in general due to my educational and professional background. I believe my skill set and experience will be highly beneficial to accomplishing goals for the City.

Name: Will Lytle

Occupation: Student, Property Manager

Education: B.S. Wildlife Ecology, M.S. Forestry, Grad Cert: Sustainability, Pursuing PhD in Environmental and Energy Policy.

Background Information: I have leadership experience working with councils (SFRES school council, Husky Food Access Network), committees (former president of MTU Graduate Student Government, MTU Alumni Association Board of Directors), and non-profit boards (Michigan Forest Biomaterials Institute, Gratiot Lake Conservancy) to implement common-sense policies to improve the quality of life for the people of our community.

1. Economic, social, and environmental sustainability are my primary considerations. Nominees on the ballot have already been meeting to find synergies for community initiatives. Energy costs, city ordinance reform, and transportation are areas we can improve in the coming term. We want to hit the ground running in November with proposals informed and supported by the residents of Hancock. I want the City Council to be forward looking and proactive on issues that affect our community, unafraid to take action and become leaders of the Copper Country.

2. This is a time of transition and opportunity for the City of Hancock as we welcome a new city manager, Master Plan, Mayor, and several new council members. This is the time for residents to re-engage in discussion as we pursue the future of development, recreation, energy, business, and livability in Hancock. Your voice shapes budgets and policy decisions within the City. Be sure to communicate your values with the council. Transparency and accountability are essential parts of governance that need to be championed in Hancock.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 -TWO YEAR PARTIAL TERM VOTE FOR 1

Name: John Slivon

Occupation: Retired
 Education: Masters Degree
 Background Information: Hancock resident since 1999.
 Previous city council member

1. My only priority is to try to get the City council to work toward a common goal of making Hancock a progressive community that encourages citizen participation in decision making processes.

2. Get involved. The City Council needs citizen input if it is to govern effectively. We're really here for you. Tell us what you want your city to do for you.

CITY OF HOUGHTON No Party Affiliation HOUGHTON CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE - Four Year Term Vote for 4

Name: Bob Backon

No Response

Name: Robert Megowen

No Response

Name: Mike Needham

No Response

Name: Dan Salo

Occupation: Retired
 Education: College...No Degree
 Background Information: Resident of Houghton for 36 years...worked at MTU 25 years...Veteran... Retired from U.S. Navy Seabees 24 years of service

1. 1. Keep a Balanced Budget including a Rainy Day Fund.
 2. Infrastructure...Keep upgrading streets and utilities. Improve Green spaces, Parks and the Water Front. 3. Help existing business and attract new business. 4. Keep Housing and rentals up to code.

2. I'm not a Politician - I'm a Public Servant. The City of Houghton is Always moving Forward and Improving with a Team Concept. It all gets done because of our Hard working City Manager and his Office Staff, our Planning Commission, City Council, Public Works Dept., Police and Fire Depts. and for the many Volunteers.

VILLAGES NO PARTY AFFILIATION

CALUMET VILLAGE RECALL PRESIDENT - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Nathan Anderson

Occupation: Carpenter
 Education: U. of AL.
 Background Information: Over the last 8 years my neighbors expressed valid concerns about our governments actions. Concerns about not following state law, holding meetings without public notice, ignoring the needs of residents, and giving grants and services to a preferred few. The failure to act fairly on ordinances has resulted in lost trust and cooperation with property owners, the closing of businesses, missed opportunities for funding, an uninformed chaotic council, the loss of trash service, and potentially 5Th st. snow removal service.

1. Public trust is founded upon transparency. Meetings should be held not in secret or with minimal notice (18 hours), but with ample public notice. Minutes should not merely state "so and so spoke," leaving one to wonder "spoke about what?" Neglecting to acknowledge the community only belittles them and degrades the public's trust in government. No one should be excluded for having different opinions. As president, I will provide live recordings of meetings and ensure minutes reflect all sides of every issue. Access to information is vital to make decisions. Too often trustees have said "I have not seen this before." There is no excuse for this, especially when the information proves to have been available to some, yet not disseminated to others. Day one, I will ensure no item is placed on the agenda without every trustee being provided with all materials to make confident, informed decisions.

2. In the last 10 years, accomplishments in the village have been few. Awareness, decisiveness, empathy, accountability, confidence, optimism, honesty and focus, are essential to being a good leader. I learned this early in life and it is the foundation of my ability to use the tools and personnel on hand to accomplish difficult goals. I recognize no one tool is right for every job and no one person knows it all. By communicating clearly, concisely, and often while committing to give all officers and employees the support, tools, training, discipline, and latitude to succeed, I will inspire council, board, commission members and employees to give their best to make good decisions and provide the services we all deserve. Together we can truly "BRING BACK CALUMET". VOTE NATHAN ANDERSON FOR TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT!

Name: David Geisler

Occupation: Retired, current Calumet Village President
 Education: BBA, Loyola University, Chicago; MBA, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
 Background Information: I have served as Calumet Village President for the past 6 years and have learned the operation of the Village as well as developed good relations with state and local agencies who can be of assistance to development within the community. I have a background in finance and accounting - both needed to maintain the financial stability of the Village.

1. Calumet is a small Village with limited resources. To promote development within the community we need to work with state and local agencies to take advantage of funding opportunities and their knowledge and expertise to encourage both private and public development. Examples include the redevelopment of the Morrison School using public and private funds into 17 apartments. The Village is currently working with the state and local agencies to obtain over \$1 million in funding to rebuilt Elm Street. The Village is also working on a process to eliminate blight and encourage reinvestment in our historic buildings.

2. For the past year, Village residents have read accusations of "corruption" and "favoritism" in Village government. It is easy to make such accusations but voters should ask themselves what evidence has been presented to support these accusations. The answer is - none. Everyone in our Village government has worked to insure that all actions and meetings are completely transparent and open to the public. We have worked diligently to improve public services while maintaining the financial health of the Village

CLERK - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Julie Ann Dahlstrom No Response

RECALL TRUSTEE Two Year Partial Term Vote for 3

Name: Julie DePaul Johnson

Occupation: Owner/Omphale Vacation Rentals
 Education: CHS 1976, Interdisciplinary Fine Arts, MTU
 Background Information: As a Keweenaw native, I've experienced the issues within our community first hand and believe I can collaborate with residents to affect real change. I attended local schools and have lived in the Village of Calumet for over 25 years. My community involvement includes operating a not-for-profit cooperative Art Gallery for 20 years, restoring an historical building and opening the Omphale Gallery & Café LLC on 5th Street which now houses Off Shore Fish & Chips - a major improvement to the north end of town!

1. Here are my five priorities and how I will accomplish them. First - Restore transparent, fair and effective leadership back to Calumet Village. Second - Return public services of sanitation collection and snow removal by providing necessary funding, personnel and equipment. Third - Review current committees such as Historic District Commission, Main Street Calumet, and the Downtown Development Authority by assessing their value to our community. Fourth - End wasteful spending of our tax dollars by examining outside interest groups such as the Ad Hoc Committee and Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance to determine whether they are serving the needs of every local citizen and positively impacting us economically and socially. And Fifth - Address village infrastructure and personal property reform through community participation so that we can formulate a plan that is fair and beneficial to all residents.

2. Our current governing body has become ineffective and exclusive - privately courting outside interest groups who are spending our tax dollars and making decisions that are negatively impacting village residents. I will propose recorded documentation and live coverage of meetings using social platforms that will ensure full disclosure to all village residents of their government's activities. To restore essential public services, we could start by researching Laurium and other municipality models for sanitation. We can develop a plan beneficial to all residents by ending the unfair targeting of individual property owners while reforming the methods by which services are provided to ensure equality to all village residents. Transparency is key to reviving citizen confidence and encouraging participation by providing a balanced platform where resident voices are heard, and all concerns are considered for discussion.

Name: Virginia Dwyer No Response

Name: Nicholas Farrell

Occupation: stay at home father.
 Education: Previously attended the US Army Signal School where I studied IT systems, and Santa Monica College where I studied religion and political science.
 Pertinent Information: First time political candidate managing and executing my own campaign with a lifelong interest in politics and a working and growing knowledge of our democracy on all it's levels. My Facebook page is @Farrell4Trustee

1. Eliminate DDA, divert funds back to the council. Increase transparency: record every meeting. End mismanagement of funds. Address the inequitable snow removal, reinstate garbage collection, and fix our roads. Build an economy focused on the needs of our community and preserve the dignity of the working class by building a community center, and by providing institutional support for democratically operated worker owned businesses and labor unions. For the financial security and social well being of our families, for a more humane and stable economy we must allow for employee ownership of the means of production. I propose we adopt ordinances for the production and sale of marijuana, and to facilitate the creation of a worker owned growing operation to act as an economic staple. End corruption, mismanagement, and the lack of transparency. Democratize our economy, support unions, provide necessary public services, and build a community center in Agassiz Park.

2. Why do we allow for a committee with grant giving authority that bypasses council review, and whose membership is predicated upon having a business interest downtown? Why do we allow a committee to target residents, give grants to it's own members, and is chaired by a non-resident? They put their own interests above the needs of the working class and it's time to end that. We cannot afford \$5,500 flowers, grants to millionaires, and to court outside business groups who care nothing for the people they intend to displace. We cannot allow the DDA to act with no regard for our economic dignity and social well being. We must end this corruption and take our economy into our own hands to provide the economic stability that our families so desperately need. Let's reinvest in our own people instead of courting capitalists who will create nothing but poverty and homelessness.

TRUSTEE - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 3

Name: Erick Baccus

Occupation: United States Marine Corps (Retired)
 Education: Graduate from Lake Linden Hubbell High School in 2004. Numerous amount of Leadership Courses while serving from 2004-2011.
 Background Information: I graduated high school in 2004. A week later I joined the United States Marine Corps. In 2005 I got married to my wife Cecelia. In 2007 I volunteered to serve over in Iraq for 6 months just days after my First daughter MacKenzie was born. In 2008, shortly after returning from Iraq I volunteered to go to Afghanistan. After a year and a half after returning from Afghanistan, I was Medically Retired from the Marine Corps.

1. My number one priority is my family. Family ALWAYS comes first. Other priorities are making a positive impact on this community while listening to what the people say while keeping an open mind. Two heads think better then one I always say.

2. I'd like to see a town flourishing instead of plummeting. It's very sad to see so many vacant, falling down buildings in Calumet. Not only fifth street, but all streets. I've always had the saying, "If you work hard enough and assert yourself, and use your mind and imagination, you can shape the world to your desires."-Malcolm Gladwell



Name: Douglas W Harrer

Occupation: District Manager of Ferrellgas

Education: College

Background Information: I've lived in the Village for 20 years. I was the CopperDog Chair for 6 years, on the Board for 8 years. I've served on the Village Council for 8 years and have been off 2 years now. It's time to return!

1. I would like to encourage people to be respectable at Meetings. I hope to accomplish this by listening. Hope to clean up the blight in town. Would like to help encourage businesses to continuing coming into town. Continue to work with our Street Department.

2. Be prepared to learn and keep an open mind listening to Village Residents & Business owners.

Name: Andrew Ranville

Occupation: Artist, Educator, Director of Rabbit Island Foundation

Education: MFA, Slade School of Fine Art, University College London, London, United Kingdom; BFA, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, United States.
Background Information: Community organizer, non-profit and creative arts leader, more at www.andrewranville.com and www.rabbitisland.org.

1. As an active artist, educator, and Director of a local arts non-profit, I am excited to contribute my energy and expertise to the village of Calumet and surrounding community to help attract more interest and investment to the area. The opportunity for creative practices and new businesses to be developed here – in collaboration with the population that already calls this beautiful place home – will help move Calumet and the greater Keweenaw community forward into a resilient future. There is unparalleled beauty, fascinating history, and interesting properties available that provides unique opportunities. I will prioritize the development of these opportunities with co-leadership from the young people and the general public, fostering a sense of ownership with any new initiatives that develop. I have experience working with people from a wide variety of professional fields. I also have experience with promotion, marketing, and grant writing that can help accomplish these goals.

2. The Village of Calumet is already a small, vibrant community with a great group of creative people, business owners, volunteers, and members of the public. Its location, in the heart of the Keweenaw – with its access to incredible north woods wildernesses and freshwater coastlines – place it in a special position to be celebrated and champion by local residents and newcomers alike. Having lived and work here part-time since 2011 and I am thrilled to have made it my year-round home in late 2017 and can't wait to do everything I can to contribute to and expand that vibrancy.

Name: Joshua G Rowe

No Response

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3

Name: Nathan Anderson

Occupation: Carpenter

Education: U. of AL.

Pertinent Information: As a Calumet resident for 8 years I find myself doing more researching, listening, speaking and volunteering than ever. I lead volunteer clean-up crews, record video of meetings (well over 250 hrs.) and have compiled over 2 terabytes of data concerning the committees, boards, commissions, authority and council, as well as their financial statements and communications. The sober living center, botched police hiring, still crumbling wall at the sculpture park, closing of our dispensary, secret meetings, Trash service, excessive unnecessary spending and submission of false budget numbers, are but samples of the chaos I have witnessed.

1. STREET DEPT.: I will support Mark in his effort to build a quality crew with the tools, skills, and drive to give the residential area better service and the downtown area the snow removal it needs to succeed. BUDGET: In the past work would not begin on the budget until literally a few weeks before the deadline. This is inexcusable there is plenty of data to estimate income and expenditures for the next budget year. Tracking expenses and revenue should be basic accounting. BLIGHT: Inform all property owners of the ordinances and give examples of violations, allow a period for owners to prepare and volunteer projects to be organized. Then notification of violations then warnings then fines then legal action. When people are singled out it is likely they will not cooperate. I will not favor or discriminate. We are in this together We all need to do our part.

2. Reform or eliminate the HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION this organization should be more than a rubber stamp for the DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY's grants. These organizations must act on the needs of the entire downtown. It's time to stop giving away money to private business owners and start focusing on doing the projects that benefit everyone. There are other sources of grants, tax credits and loans available from the county state and federal government for businesses. Giving away the little money we have doesn't make sense. It hasn't worked for the last 30 years, why would it work now. Its time put pressure on the park. They need to do more to help the village. It will be hard to be a historical park if all the buildings fall. Calumet is the largest continuous part of the park and gets a disproportionately small amount of funding from the National park.

Name: Darla Hane

No Response

Name: Roxanne King

Occupation: Formerly a bookkeeper for various companies for over thirty years

Education: Associate degree from Suomi College

Background Information: I grew up in the Detroit suburbs; came to the Keweenaw for college and returned every year for vacation. I moved back when I got the chance.

1. Revitalize Fifth and Sixth Streets. Embrace the concept of Calumet as a headquarters for year-round sports tourism. Work to repair the infrastructure. The way to accomplish these goals is through energizing property owners to repair property and keep it occupied. We need to welcome all visitors to the area through creating parking for RVs, as well as more off-street parking. We need better signage and street control to lure folks from the ATV trail over to the shops and restaurants. We need to seek grants and work with non-profits to return our downtown area to being a primary destination. We must get the word out that Calumet is a wonderful, safe place to live, work and play.

2. The Village of Calumet is uniquely situated at the crossroads of the Keweenaw, at the junction of US-41, M-26 and the ATV Trail. We should aim to be everyone's favorite stopping spot, whether they arrive in an RV, on a snowmobile, on a bicycle, or in their family minivan. We should draw them to vibrant downtown shopping, eating and recreation. We already have Agassiz Park, locally roasted coffee, a few good restaurants, lots of arts and crafts. We can expand on that to become the capital of the Copper Country vacation mecca.

Name: Jeffrey Paul Mihelcich No Response

Name: Darice Taylor

Occupation: Retired Special Education teacher
 Education: 2 M.Ed.s and Advanced (Doctoral) Studies in Educational Leadership
 Background Information: Incumbent, since July 2018 Doctoral studies in leadership

1. We live in a national park. It is best to ensure that visitors to the National Park are not disappointed. Calumet needs to be a place where its people live, thrive, and move into the future, while providing a beautiful, pleasant, and meaningful experience for residents, and those who visit, because of Calumet's historical significance. People who visit Calumet and appreciate its people and significance in world history are potential future citizens. We should, therefore, present an historical and friendly, yet technologically progressive village to our residence and visitors. We already offer superb public education. Let's do what we can to keep our best and brightest here and attract other best and brightest people who are looking for a safe, friendly, respectable, and progressive place to raise their families, while appreciating the sacrifice and toil of those who built and preserved our village.

2. As a Trustee of the Village of Calumet, I will only work for the good of the community and the people of Calumet. It is my understanding that the purpose of the Council is to govern by addressing community needs and directing the progress of the community. If elected, I will continue to make my decisions based on those two premises. Governing is not based on selfish desires. It is based on the greater good. If elected, when my time on the Board is over, I intend to pass on to future generations, not a list of personal accomplishments that I wanted to be fulfilled, but a better place for children, families, and business; a stronger, stable, and more prosperous community - a well respected Calumet.

**COPPER CITY VILLAGE
 TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3**

Name: Dan Bardo No Response

Name: Bradley J Bukema No Response

Name: Lesley Koski No Response

**LAKE LINDEN VILLAGE - No Party Affiliation
 PRESIDENT - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1**

Name: Glenn A Schuldt No Response

TRUSTEE - Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: John J Codere No Response

TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3

Name: James M Aittama No Response

Name: William Heide No Response

Name: Shanda Miller No Response

**LAURIUM VILLAGE - No Party Affiliation
 TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3**

Name: Krista Carlson

Occupation: Mercy EMS
 Education: Calumet High School/ MGH School of EMT
 Background Information: Past Board member of the Houghton-Keweenaw County Emergency Medical Services Association Past representative for Mercy EMS on the Houghton Keweenaw County Medical Control Board

1. Maintaining the services the Village of Laurium provides to it's residents, along with the Ice Rink, ball field and park that Laurium provides for our community. Listening to the residents concerns.

2. I have worked for Mercy EMS for over 20 years and have lived in Laurium for over 20 years. My son is grown and has his own family. I have the time to give back to my community on a governmental level. I want to make sure our neighborhoods are maintained for our residents/businesses and community.

Name: Jeff Erickson No Response

Name: Steven Lanctot No Response

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Name: Amy Scheiderhan

Occupation: Owner of Salon 1281 and Posh Boutique Laurium
 Education: 1994 Graduate of Bluffton High School Bluffton, Oh 1998 Graduate of Ohio State Beauty Academy
 Background Information: I live in Laurium with my husband Edward and our two children Jensen and Ella Grace.

1. I have started the Laurium Flower Project which is solely funded and ran by donations and volunteers. I hope to expand on this project in the coming years and possibly start a committee to beautify our downtown.

2. I am vested in our community. I promise to Listen to you and do my best to help anyway I can to make Laurium a place we can be proud of for years to come.

**SOUTH RANGE VILLAGE - No Party Affiliation
 TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3**

Name: Cody Bonini No Response

Name: George Eakin

Occupation: Co-owner of D&L Janitorial (employed for over 30 years)
 Education: 1987 Houghton High School graduate A past member of the SRVFD 91-05
 Background Information: I was originally appointed by the council in 12/2012 as to finish 2 years left of a 4 year term vacated by another trustee who was elected President of the council. I was elected in 2016 for a position on the Adams Township School Board. I've been married for over 30 years , 2 grown kids, and have owned a home in South Range for over 27 years.

1. First off I feel as a council we are all on a team and we currently are striving as to combat blight within our small village. We have made progress but there's much more to do. Old buildings and houses still need to be addressed as junk cars are another. We are currently working on rewriting the ordinances (I am on that committee) as they are very outdated. As far as how long? I really have no answer for that we'll just keep at it and strive to make our village welcoming to all who pass through and or purchase property/homes.

2. I personally feel we have a great council and we work together well. To anyone with issues, concerns or interest in how meetings are run please feel free to attend every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM to the council chambers within the community hall where they are held. We've been seeing a much larger turn out in recent times which is really great. We had some great feed back in our recent survey. Thank you to all who took time to fill it out. I personally have enjoyed living in this small town. Our small village crew does a great job in general along with our fire department. Most important I hope everyone will get out and vote in November!

Name: Terry Parolini No Response

Name: Carol L Petrelius No Response

Name: Joshua Saaranen
write in name on ballot

Occupation: Detective Lieutenant (Houghton County S.O.)
 Education: A.A.: Gogebic, N.M.U: Regional Police Academy
 Background Information: Wife Jennifer, we have two boys, Eero & Otto.

1. My main priority is to bring integrity, pride and dedication to position as I have for the last 15 years as a police officer. I am excited to dive in, begin helping by listening to the people of the village of South Range, and hearing what they want their board to be working on. I would like to be on the ordinance committee and in that capacity bring opinion and forward-thinking options to the table.

2. Being a 4th generation family to South Range I have had the opportunity to hear stories of family members serving the board in the past. These stories, and the opportunity to have served the village as "Marshal" for a short time have fueled my desire to be a voice for the people of the Village of South Range. We have a great community and I look forward to potential possibility of serving in the capacity of trustee.

KEWEENAW COUNTY

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 100 words and were allotted 150 words to answer Question 1, 150 words for Question 2.

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Question 1

What are your priorities and how can you accomplish them?

(150 word maximum)

Question 2

What would you like to tell your constituents?

(150 word maximum)

PROBATE JUDGE – SIX YEAR TERM VOTE FOR 1

Name: Keith DeForge
write in name on ballot

Occupation: Attorney
Education: Juris Doctorate in Law, BS in Finance, Secondary Education Certification.
Background Information: I am born and raised in the copper country and all of my roots are still here. I have extensive experience in Probate Court, my firm handles approximately 60% of all estate and neglect cases in Houghton County. By having extensive experience as a practicing attorney, it will be a great benefit as the next Probate Judge. My office is located directly across from the courthouse in Houghton, where the Vairo, Mechlin, & Tomasi firm was located. Prior to becoming an attorney, I was Vice President of River Valley.

1. My priorities as the Probate Judge will be to serve the people of the community by following the law with a common sense approach. Probate Court deals with the sensitive area surrounding evaluating a person's right to make their own healthcare and financial decisions. I feel people should be in control of their life for as long as possible. These rights are fundamental rights and need to be protected. In estates, I also believe that the property left behind should be distributed fairly to the family. Many times when a loved one passes or suffers from a mental illness, the family is devastated and does not know what to do or how to handle it. A Probate Court Judge needs to know the law, have experience with these types of issues, and be able to be fair and respectful to people in their time of need.

2. A large part of what the Probate Court does is Estate Administration. An estate is what a person leaves behind after death. These estates consist of all sorts of assets including: real estate, vehicles, equipment, tractors, stock/bond accounts or pensions, personal property, and debt. Sometimes, the value of these items are disputed by the heirs and a judge needs to have common sense experience in hearing them or their attorneys argue about what items are worth and how they should be distributed. My background lends a wider view than the legal aspect alone. I ran a construction company, operated heavy equipment, worked as a bank vice-president, have extensive experience in financial matters, and can emphasize with people. If elected, I can ensure that a person's rights will be protected and the family will be treated fairly. Please check the Probate Judge box on the ballot and Write my name!!

Name: Diana Langdon
write in name on ballot

Occupation: Attorney
Education: Juris Doctor, 2007, Michigan State University College of Law
Background Information: Licensed Attorney, 2008, Legal Services of Northern Michigan (family law, elder law, poverty law); WUPSASCA (Probation Officer); BKG Shelter Home (Youth Services and Crisis line); and Keweenaw Krayons (serving Keweenaw County youth and grant writing).
I understand issues facing residents because I have lived, worked, and provided services in the Keweenaw County for many years of my life. My grandparents were all born or raised in Keweenaw County, and their family names – Malnar, Waara, Makie, and Harjala – are well-known and respected by county residents.

1. Priority #1: I will make competent and compassionate judicial decisions. My legal background, human services work, and personal experience give me a thorough understanding of substance abuse, poverty, domestic violence, abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults, and mental illness. My extensive elder law and estate planning work has prepared me to make sound decisions in estate matters, guardianships, and conservatorships.

Priority #2: The Probate Judge is on call, day and night because an emergency petition or order may need attention at any time. If elected, I will not maintain a private practice, ensuring my availability for emergencies and preventing potential conflicts of interest from disqualifying me. Whether my competitor can realistically provide that access is a question voters should ask themselves.

2. Voters should know I have been an attorney for ten years but my opponent has only been in practice five years. I have an extensive history of living, working, and providing services in Keweenaw County over many years. I believe I am the better candidate to understand the needs and issues of the local people that the probate court serves.

If elected, I will devote full-time effort to the office, using my community connections and grant writing experience to support and enhance the Kermit's Kids program for our youth. I will research programs to serve our aging populations and those with mental health issues. Our outgoing Probate Court Judge has provided much more than just rulings and orders in his time on the bench. I have the passion, experience and time to continue that tradition.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER – Six Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Richard R Olson
Party: Republican

Occupation: Business Owner Wilderness Resort LLC - Retired Undersheriff/Jail Administrator, Keweenaw County Sheriff's Office
Education: Thompson Learning - Diploma - Hotel Restaurant Management. Northern Michigan University Police Academy class of 1984. Numerous professional certifications from 33 years in Law Enforcement.
Background Information: Lifelong Keweenaw County resident. Very familiar with our roads after 34 plus years with the Keweenaw Sheriff's Office. I am familiar with the operations at the Keweenaw County Road Commission from working and having conversations with workers and managers at the road commission over the past 34 plus years. Very well aware of our road conditions.

1. Roads: Educating myself in the details of the budgetary constraints the road commission must operate under and explore where any changes or adjustments can be made. Employees: Make sure all employees from Managers to workers have a safe and respectful work environment through keeping in contact with them and addressing any issues as they arise. Budget: Make sure we are utilizing the budget in the most effective way possible. Work with other board members and our Engineer to determine the best possible solutions, and to be sure we are always maximizing the effectiveness of the tax dollars we are entrusted with. Equipment replacement: I will help plan ways to make sure we can keep up with these much needed updates. Building repair and maintenance: Buildings are aging and in need of maintenance so we must look at the budget to see where monies can be allocated for this purpose.

2. If elected I will work with the current board members and our Engineer to learn the more detailed operations of the road commission. I will take advantage of training opportunities such as Road Builders meetings to train and network with other members of the road commission community to learn new ideas and make connections with people who may have valuable information that can assist our road commission in accomplishing its goals and needs. My goals are to serve the people of Keweenaw County by helping the road commission to become the most effective organization it can be, and to ensure good roads and safe travels for all our residents and visitors.

Name: Kevin Gherna

No Response

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Donald Piche No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 2 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Jim Vivian No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Del Rajala No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 4 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Bob DeMarois No Response

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 5 – Two Year Term Vote for 1

Name: Randy L Eckloff No Response

Name: Sandra S Gayk
Party: Democratic

Occupation: Retired university administrator and grant writer
 Education: BS degree, Northern Michigan University; Master's degree Michigan Technological University
 Background Information: My grant writing started with a project that brought water to Bumbletown Hill in the late 1970's through a 100% federal grant from HUD. Later the Allouez Community Building was 100% funded through a federal grant. Then I became the Allouez Township Supervisor and worked to secure funding for the sewer system in Mohawk, Allouez, and Ahmeek. These are few of the projects I have helped to succeed in Keweenaw County.

1. 1) I want to make sure the residents of Keweenaw County are able to sustain the lifestyle they have always enjoyed and have public access to Lake Superior and our forests now and for future generations. 2) I would like to have entrepreneurial training available for our county residents to learn how to start a business that would allow young people to remain in our area with an income that would support a family. 3) Throughout my career, I have been involved in securing over \$6 million in federal, state, and private grants to support scores of projects. I am running for this position to continue to use my management and grant writing skills to benefit Keweenaw County residents. 4) I will continue to encourage citizens to become more involved in their communities through volunteering their skills.

2. I have been in office for less than one term. During this time I have done the following: Worked with other commissioners and our attorney to sell the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and put our county on firmer financial footing by cancelling the debt of approximately \$4 million owed to the federal government. Serve at the Chairperson of the Regional Planning Commission (WUPPDR). Serve on a Legislative Review Committee with 14 other counties to review all legislation that impacts the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Worked with the Sheriff Department to secure funding from the Portage Health Foundation to help pay for our K9 dog unit. Successfully applied for funding for the redesign of our county website. Successfully applied for funding from the Portage Health Foundation for amenities at the Gratiot River Park. Submitted a detailed grant proposal to the DNR for a vault toilet at the Gratiot River Park.

TOWNSHIPS

ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Mark W Aho No Response

TRUSTEE – Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Marilyn Worm
Party: Democratic

Occupation: Retired from lifelong career in banking
 Education: High school, some college
 Background Information: Past experience serving as a Community Ambassador for the City of Alpena; Financial background in banking

1. To effectively communicate the needs of my constituents on Township issues; & To be diligent in providing Legislative oversight.

2. I care about Allouez Township, its people, its resources and its future.



VILLAGES

AHMEEK VILLAGE - No Party Affiliation TRUSTEE - Four Year Term Vote for 3

Name: Michael Maninga No Response

TRUSTEE - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Mark J. Vichich No Response

SCHOOL DISTRICT - No PARTY AFFILIATION

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ADAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER - Six Year Term Vote for 3

Name: Kristen Archambeau No Response

Name: Darren J. Niemi No Response

CALUMET-LAURIUM-KEWEENAW BOARD MEMBER - Six Year Term Vote for 3

Name: Maria Campioni No Response

Name: Phyllis M. Locatelli

Occupation: Retired Educator
Education: NMU - BS in Physical Education and MA in Elementary Education
Background Information: I am a life long resident of the community and consequently have the best interest of the district at heart. My many year as a classroom teacher, education background, and 18 years of experience on the board provide me the ability to make good decisions for CLK. I am proud of the CLK School District and would like to continue to help maintain the district's high standards.

1. My priorities will be to continue to support the programs and innovations while keeping in mind "what is best for our CLK students". Security for our CLK family is of utmost importance. Some measures will be implemented this fall while others will be in place when funding from our recent millage election is available. As a board member, I would keep apprised of the plan and progress. Technology knowledge is mandatory in today's world. I will again continue to support meeting students' needs as determined by our technology experts, staff, and administration. I will be an advocate for our numerous classes and programs through out the district that make CLK an excellent school district. My goal is and has been to do my best to ensure that "what is best for our students" is fulfilled.

2. I have been fortunate to be a CLK School Board member for the past 18 years. During this time, through visionary and innovative administrators and staff, many new programs have successfully been established. I am a strong supporter of the Horizon Alternative High School, the Early College Initiative, the UPVA Program and the Home School Partnership. The CLK District has been on the cutting edge in many areas such as the above-mentioned programs and an ipad for each student. Our district is highly rated academically in both state and national rankings. The education provided at CLK prepares students to either go on to college or enter the work force. Very few schools have classes such as welding, CAD, and wood shop as offered at Calumet High School. We are also unique in having a JROTC program that is one of the oldest and best in the United States.



DOLLAR BAY-TAMARACK BOARD MEMBER - Four Year Partial Term Vote for 2

Name: David W. Maki

Occupation: Assistant Editor of The Finnish American Reporter at Finlandia University

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting/Journalism from Northern Michigan University

Background Information: I've been a resident of Dollar Bay for 18 years, and have two children enrolled in the DB-TC school district. Both my wife and I work in education, and I'm an active volunteer with Portage Lake Little League and the City of Hancock's Finnish Theme Committee, among other organizations.

1. The DB-TC school truly provides a "family" atmosphere for both students and staff and it's vital we maintain that. My priority is to work with everyone connected to the district to maximize our strengths and manage our finances so that we can continue to provide a quality educational experience for every student enrolled in our district.

2. It's impossible for a school district to provide everything that every student would like, but voters in the DB-TC district can rest assured that every decision I am a part of will be made in the interest of providing as much as we can to as many students as we can.

GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER - Four Year Term Vote for 2

Name: Miranda K. Davis

No Response

Name: Staci Gibson

No Response

HANCOCK BOARD MEMBER - Six Year Term Vote for 2

Name: Wendy Chynoweth

Occupation: Physical Therapist Assistant

Education: Graduate of Hancock High School 1996

Associate in Applied Science, Suomi College 1998

Background Information: I have been employed locally in the health care field for twenty years. I credit the Hancock Schools, Suomi College and multiple continuing education classes in helping me attain my degree and serve the community in a profession I love.

1. My priority as a board member would be to evaluate the overall success of the district. Objective measures such as state test grades, school awards, enrollment and staff departures reflect the success of our district. I believe there are other standards more difficult to measure, but equally important to our district's success. Households have the option of Schools of Choice or online education, but those with students in the Hancock district are choosing to send the people they love most through our school doors every day. I believe, retaining this honor requires the district to attain a great deal of trust at all levels. I believe, trust is earned when good rapport and respect are established. Timely and accurate information throughout the district can increase rapport. I would recommend implementing exit interviews with parents and staff as one method to determine if these standards are being achieved.

2. I was a Bulldog in the halls of E.L. Wright, Ryan, Ripley, Barkell and the old Hancock High School. My husband is a graduate of Hancock and teacher in the district. Our children, who are currently in the district, are fourth generation Bulldogs. This is and has been my district for 40 years. The success of our district is pertinent to me on many levels and I will do my best to make sure it continues.

Name: Catherine Jordan

Occupation: Academic Coordinator for TRIO Pre-College Programs at Finlandia University

Education: Master of Education (University of Wisconsin - La Crosse), Bachelor of Mathematics (Michigan Technological University).

Background Information: I have 26 years of experience in education, 23 of which were spent in the classroom teaching high school math.

1. It is important that the Hancock Public School District continue to develop educational opportunities for its students so that they succeed to their utmost potential, beginning in pre-school and through the twelfth grade. I support this by promoting ongoing curriculum development and the implementation of progressive educational best practices in the classroom.

2. I am a proud alumnus of Hancock Public Schools. During the past few years, I have had opportunities throughout the district to interact with many students. They are intelligent, creative, and caring. As a trustee on the Board of Education, I will strive to provide them with exceptional learning experiences that they will remember for a lifetime.

Name: Michael F. Lancour

Occupation:

Education: Attending Finlandia University For Business

Background Information: I was the Student Body President at Hancock Central High School and attended board meetings.

1. My priorities are to better the education of not just the students at Hancock but at all schools by collaborating different events and encouraging teachers to talk among the local teachers to get better ideas on how they educate their own students.

2. I would like to say that I may be young and inexperienced but I also just graduated from Hancock Central High so I have an understanding of what needs to be attended to in the School. I also have been involved in leading the student body prior to this so I think I could be a representative of the current generation enrolled in the school.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Amanda Massaway No Response

BOARD MEMBER - Six Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Brad Baltensperger

Occupation: Retired
Education: U of Nebraska; Clark U.
Background Information: 30 years service on the Houghton-Portage Township School Board. Board Member, Michigan Association of School Boards

1. To provide the best education possible to all students. This means a high quality curriculum, excellent teachers, modern facilities, and an engaged school board. Fiscal responsibility is essential if we are to deliver a top-notch education in these times of limited resources.

2. I will continue to dedicate myself to the education of all students in our community. I keep myself up-to-date on national and state-wide education issues and trends in order to help administrators and teachers support students from kindergarten to graduation and to prepare them for life after school. I firmly believe that America's public education system is the key to our democracy. We need to strengthen and support our public schools for the good of our communities and our country.

Name: Nels S. Christopherson

Occupation: Retired MTU Professor
Education: PhD in Mechanical Engineering
Background Information: Long term board member on HPTS and CCISD boards. Also state licensed volunteer Mediator for Civil and Special Ed disputes and recently 9 year board member of Mich Tech Employees Federal Credit Union.

1. My priorities are to continue to support HPTS in all ways to guarantee a meaningful, safe, and valuable educational experience to prepare our young people in all ways for their future lives.

2. I feel my long proven involvement as a concerned board member continues to make me a valuable advocate with the best interests of our youth as my constant focus!

LAKE LINDEN-HUBBELL BOARD MEMBER - Two Year Partial Term Vote for 2

Name: Stacey Sedar No Response

BOARD MEMBER - Four Year Partial Term Vote for 2

Name: Lori Ambuehl No Response

Name: Patricia Burton

Occupation:
Education:
Background Information: 14 years of service as a member of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education, including 5 years as Secretary and 7 years as President.

1. Focus on what is best for all students and implement policies that will ensure their success. The Board has a vision and goals and should continue as a team to meet these goals, which include adopting a budget that is fiscally sound for the school district.

2. I've enjoyed serving on the Board for the past 14 years and look forward to the opportunity to continue working with school administrators and fellow board members in a team effort to ensure the best possible education is available for the students in the district.

BOARD MEMBER - Six Year Term Vote for 2

Name: Curtis Audette No Response

Name: Jennifer Beaudette No Response

STANTON BOARD MEMBER - Four Year Term Vote for 2

Name: Sarah Anderson No Response

Name: Janie J. Haataja No Response



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PROPOSALS – VOTE YES OR NO

STATE

Join the LWV of the Copper Country on October 22 at 6:30pm at Portage Lake District Library to learn more about the 3 ballot proposals.

Statewide Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

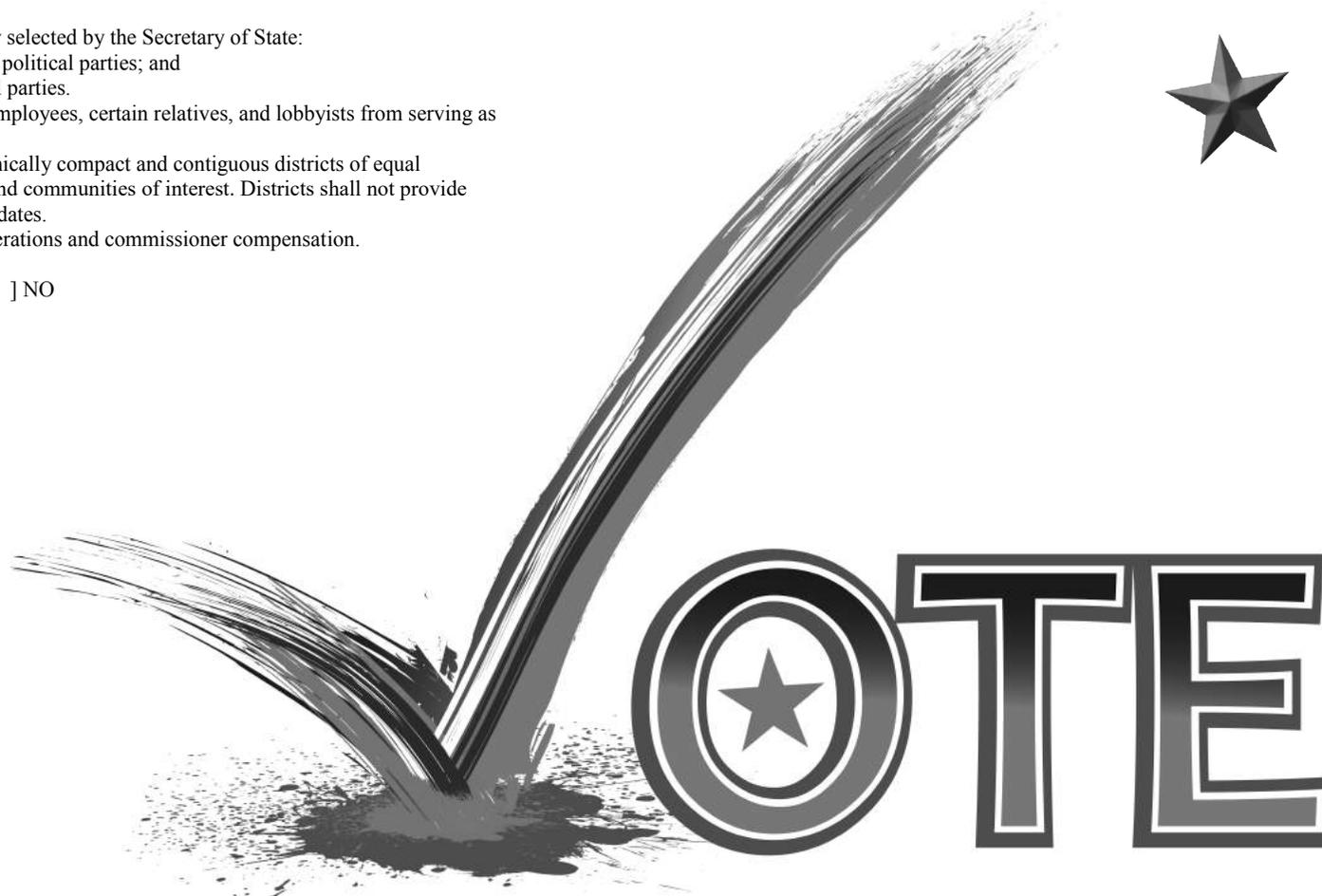
Statewide Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
- 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
- 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan’s diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO



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Statewide Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and postelection audits to the Michigan Constitution

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

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LOCAL

HOUGHTON COUNTY

COUNTY PROPOSAL

COUNTY JAIL BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Houghton, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping, additions, improvements, and remodeling of the county jail, including site improvements, appurtenances and attachments thereto? The estimated millage to be levied in 2019 is .7439 mills (\$.7439 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is .751 mills (\$.751 per \$1,000 of taxable value). YES NO

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the limitation of the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the unincorporated areas in the Charter Township of Calumet be increased 1.35 mills (\$1.35 per \$1,000.00 of Taxable Value), for eight (8) years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026), and the taxes so raised be used for fire protection, support and maintenance of the Calumet Township Fire Department, raising in the first year an estimated \$ 65,532? YES NO

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION MILLAGE

Shall Chassell Township be authorized to levy a new Recreation millage of (.5) mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 5 years, from 2019 to 2023, both years inclusive, to be levied on January 1, 2019, for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the recreational projects and activities adopted in the Chassell Township, 2018 to 2023 Recreation Plan? The estimated amount of revenue Chassell Township will collect if the millage is approved in the 2019 calendar year is approximately \$27,500. YES NO

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Chassell Township Schools, Houghton County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.2 mill (\$.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2020 to 2029, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$12,035? YES NO



Houghton County DUNCAN Precinct 2 and LAIRD Precinct 4 TOWNSHIPS

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in L'Anse Area Schools, Baraga, Houghton and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 17.9442 mills (\$17.9442 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2020 to 2023, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2019 to 2023, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is approximately \$3,874 (this millage is to renew millage that will expire with the 2019 levy and to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)? YES NO

OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP

RENEWAL OF ROAD, SIDEWALK, DRAINAGE MILLAGE WITHIN OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP

Shall a renewal of the road, sidewalk, drainage millage be imposed for 3 mills (\$3 per \$1000 taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2019 through 2023, inclusive for road, sidewalk, and drainage purposes which 3.0 mills will raise an estimated \$118,471.77 in 2019, the first year the millage is levied? If approved, the monies collected from each voting precinct will be spent in that voting precinct. YES NO

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

BARAGA AREA SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Baraga Area Schools, Baraga and Houghton Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 9 years, 2018 to 2026, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2018 is approximately \$202,182? YES NO

STANTON TOWNSHIP

STANTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Stanton Township of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.9828 mills (\$1.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) years, 2019 through 2023 inclusive, for general township road improvement, raising an estimated \$110,738.92 in the first year the millage is levied? YES NO

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Torch Lake Township impose an increase of up to 1.0 mill (\$1 per \$1000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2018 to 2022, both inclusive, to provide revenue for the maintenance, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, and improvement of public roads within the Township as prioritized by the Torch Lake Township Board? The estimated revenue the Township will collect in the first year, if this millage is approved and levied is \$95,287.26. YES NO

VILLAGE PROPOSALS

CALUMET VILLAGE

DISINCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE

Shall incorporation of the Village of Calumet be vacated?

LAURIUM VILLAGE

VILLAGE OF LAURIUM MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the ad valorem rate of previously authorized millage in the Village of Laurium be renewed at .9719 mill (\$.9719 per \$1,000 of State Taxable Value) together with an additional increase of .0281 mill (\$.0281 per \$1,000 of State Taxable Value) during each of the years 2019-2023 inclusive, to equate a total rate of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 State Taxable Value), said millage to be used exclusively for snow removal operations for the Village of Laurium Municipal Street Fund? The estimated amount of revenue that would be collected for the year is \$23,815.00. YES NO

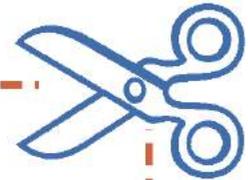
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State Ballot PROPOSALS 1. Y/N _____ 2. Y/N _____ 3. Y/N _____

Local Ballot Proposals _____

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