

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
GOVERNOR

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY for ALL partisan offices on ballot.

**Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party
with Republicans preceding Democrats preceding Libertarians.**

For additional candidate responses to questions on specific policy areas, go to VOTE411.org

9 Candidates for GOVERNOR for ONE 4-year term

4 Republicans, 3 Democrats, and 2 Libertarians are running for this office

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| Republican BRIAN CALLEY 10198 Butler Rd. Portland, MI 48875 | Website: www.BrianCalley.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/briancalley/ Twitter: twitter.com/briancalley Occupation / Current Position: Lieutenant Governor Education: MPA from Harvard University; MBA from Grand Valley State University; BA from Michigan State University Qualifications / Experience: Current Lieutenant Governor. Former State Representative and Ionia County Commissioner. Worked for over a decade in community banking. | I'm the only candidate with a detailed plan to continue Michigan's historic comeback. My priorities will take our comeback to the next level by focusing on making Michigan the best state in the nation for pre-K-12 education, filling more than 800,000 jobs in technical, professional and skilled trades by 2024, and increasing the workforce by transforming our social services into a springboard to employment. I have detailed plan for each of these priorities at BrianCalley.com/Agenda . |

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| <p><i>Republican</i> PATRICK COLBECK 2843 E. Grand River, #262 East Lansing, MI 48823</p> | <p>Website: www.ColbeckforGovernor.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ColbeckforGovernor/ Twitter: twitter.com/ColbeckforGov Occupation / Current Position: Legislator/State Senator for MI 7th Senate District Education: Bachelors and Masters of Science in Aerospace Engineering from U of M Life Sciences Graduate of International Space University of Strasbourg, France Non-degree work at MSU and UAH Qualifications / Experience: Over 2 decades of private sector experience as engineer (helped design the International Space Station), manager, management consultant, and small business owner have given me insights as to how the real world works. 2 terms serving in the Michigan Senate have given me insights into how government REALLY works. Career features numerous examples of dreaming big and achieving big.</p> | <p>1) Ease the financial burdens upon our families and encourage broad-based economic development for business by eliminating the state personal income tax and senior pension tax 2) Fix our roads without increasing taxes by promoting advanced road construction techniques and roads that last longer 3) Lower the cost of auto insurance while retaining lifetime benefits for those injured in auto accidents by eliminating state auto insurance mandates.</p> |
| <p><i>Republican</i> JIM HINES P. O. Box 5595 Saginaw, MI 48603</p> | <p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |

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| <p><i>Republican</i> BILL SCHUETTE P. O. Box 12307 Lansing, MI 48901</p> | <p>Website: www.billschuettemichigan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BillSchuette/ Twitter: twitter.com/SchuetteOnDuty Occupation / Current Position: Attorney General of Michigan Education: I am a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and studied at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. I received my law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Qualifications / Experience: Before becoming Michigan's 53rd Attorney General, I served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, a State Senator representing the 35th District, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and as a United States Congressman.</p> | <p>My top priority can be summed up in one word: growth. Michigan needs a growing population and growing paychecks to become one of the leading states in the country economically. I want to cut taxes and regulations at the state level. Additionally, I will focus on cutting auto insurance rates and fixing our 3rd grade reading scores, which are some of the lowest in the nation. My "GROW" (Great Readers On the Way) plan will prioritize literacy with a cabinet-level literacy director and more. Together these things will make Michigan more attractive to job creators and people, allowing our state to grow again.</p> |
| <p><i>Democrat</i> ABDUL EL-SAYED P. O. Box 32180 Detroit, MI 48232</p> | <p>Website: https://abdulformichigan.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/AbdulforMichigan/ Twitter: twitter.com/AbdulElSayed Occupation / Current Position: Democratic Candidate for Governor Education: University of Michigan - Bachelor of Science, Biology & Political Science Oxford University - Doctor of Philosophy, Public Health Columbia University - MD Qualifications / Experience: Executive Director & Health Officer, City of Detroit - 2015-2017</p> | <p>We need accountable, transparent government. That means FOIA accountability, gerrymandering reform, campaign finance reform, and abolishing legislative term limits. Too many don't have access to healthcare. I proposed MichCare, a statewide Medicare for All system that would lower costs and expand coverage to everyone. We would reduce auto insurance costs, increase mental health support, and reduce prescription drug costs. Education in Michigan fails our kids. We have to De-DeVos our education system, keeping public school public. We will invest in teachers, schools, and higher education through our MIScholars Grant.</p> |
| <p><i>Democrat</i> SHRI THANEDAR 2479 Woodview Ln. Ann Arbor, MI 48108</p> | <p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |

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| <p><i>Democrat</i> GRETCHEN WHITMER 1456 Meadowbrook East Lansing, MI 48823</p> | <p>Website: gretchenwhitmer.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/gretchenwhitmer Twitter: twitter.com/gretchenwhitmer Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Governor Education: Michigan State University College of Law Michigan State University, BA Communications Qualifications / Experience: Michigan State Representative from the 69 th District 2000-2006 Michigan State Senator from the 23 rd District 2006-2015 Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate 2011-2015 Ingham County Prosecutor July 2016-December 2016</p> | <p>Fixing the roads by investing \$3 billion per year in the Rebuild Michigan Infrastructure Bank to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, including water pipelines and expanding access to broadband. Making health care more affordable for families, like when I worked across the aisle to expand Medicaid to cover over 680,000 Michiganders. I'll take on Trump and Republicans who threaten our health coverage and protect people with pre-existing conditions. Making the first two years of college debt-free and funding more trade schools and skills training programs so Michiganders can get a good job and support their families.</p> |
| <p><i>Libertarian</i> BILL GELINEAU P. O. Box 120064 Grand Rapids, MI 49528</p> | <p>Website: ComeTogetherMichigan.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Gelineau4Governor/ Occupation / Current Position: Owner and Licensed Title Agent for a Grand Rapids based real estate title insurance agency. Education: Attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Pre-law student majoring in English and Michigan History. Extensive professional certifications and currently hold a state license. Qualifications / Experience: Read personal biography at: https://liberty4gov.org/about-bill/ This provides extensive personal background from growing up in Downriver Detroit to my long professional and political career in Michigan. All of that training provides a balanced perspective needed to develop cooperation in Lansing.</p> | <p>1) It is no accident that I chose the domain ComeTogetherMichigan.org as my campaign website. I believe that the election of a non-Democrat/Republican would send a strong message to the legislature to develop non-partisan consensus. 2) I would work diligently to reform the spending priorities in our state. I've identified several large areas - these include prison reform - where tremendous assets are wasted. Also, the elimination of corporate subsidies - which squeeze out necessary funding for roads, schools, and other priorities. 3) Mental health initiatives to ensure stable opportunities for all citizens.</p> |

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| <i>Libertarian</i> JOHN J. TATAR P. O. Box 510104 Livonia, MI 48151 | DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION | |

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