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2014 State General Election: What You Need to Know

My fellow Detroiters, on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 a General Election will be held to elect candidates for Federal, State and Local Offices. Three (3) proposals are also on the ballot. Remember you may vote a straight, split or mixed ticket in this election. Please review Page 3 of this Newsletter for instructions on voting the partisan section of the ballot.

# DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THE JUDGES AND PROPOSALS!

The Nonpartisan section of the ballot begins on the 3rd column of the front of the ballot. Turn it over to finish voting for judicial offices and the three proposals.

This is a very important General Election for our city and state. We must make Democracy work for us by learning about those we wish to vote for. To determine the list of candidates that will be found on your specific ballot, please refer to the instructions found at the top of page 3 of this newsletter. To ensure that you are

**On Monday, November** •

3<sup>rd</sup>, you may vote by

absentee until 4:00 p.m.,

in the office.

choosing the right candidates to represent you, it is important that you research candidates using the local Newspapers and other forms of media. Also attend and actively participate in as many candidate forums as possible.

Those who qualify may vote by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, 2978 W. Grand Blvd. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact the Absentee Voting Unit at (313) 876-0212. Satellites at Wayne County Community College District's Eastern and Northwest campuses will be open for absentee voting Monday through Friday beginning Monday, October 13th through Monday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. On the back of this Newsletter, you will find the name, precinct and polling location of each registered voter residing at the address to which this Newsletter was mailed. If a voter does not reside at the address listed, please contact Detroit Department of Elections at (313) 876-0190.

- **Remember:** 
  - When going to vote, be prepared to present photo ID. If you do not have a photo ID, you must fill out and sign an affidavit.
- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Anyone in line before the polls close will be allowed to vote.

### **Getting Detroit's Voter Rolls Right**



As the City Clerk for the largest municipality in the state of Michigan, maintaining an accurate and systematic voter file is paramount to the overall success of administering elections.

It has always been a priority of mine to ensure that Detroit's voter records are authentic. Since 2006, the Department of Elections (DOE) has been working to enhance the integrity of Detroit's elections process by first removing all invalid voter registration records from the Qualified Voter File (QVF). QVF is the database that houses all voter records in Michigan.

It is not as easy as one may think to cancel a voter's record. Before the enactment of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, election administrators could cancel a voter's record after five (5) years of inactivity. Since NVRA, canceling a voter's record is largely dependent upon the voter, family member(s) of the voter or other agencies notifying the DOE, in writing, of the voter's death or their relocation to another jurisdiction. The intent of NVRA is to protect voters from being disenfranchised through arbitrary cancellations made by election administrators due to inactivity.

For a voter's record to be cancelled, one of the following must take place: The DOE must (1) receive a request, in writing, from the voter to have their voter registration (2) the DOE record cancelled; receives official information, in writing, from a reliable source that the voter is deceased; (3) the DOE receives written information that the voter has registered in another jurisdiction; (4) if a Voter Identification Card is mailed and then returned by the United States Postal Service as "undeliverable", a confirmation notice is mailed to the voter's last address on file. The notice informs the elector that their voter registration will be cancelled if they do not respond to the notice or fails to vote over the course of the next two federal election cycles.

In order to meet the challenge, we routinely request from the Wayne County Vital Statistics Division and Social Security Administration a list of previous voters who either died or no longer reside in Detroit. This list is compared with Detroit's QVF and, as a consequence, voter records are expunged. As a result of these efforts, in 2007, the number of registered voters in Detroit decreased significantly. However, in readiness for the 2008 Presidential Election, many organizations embarked on voter registration drives resulting in more than 80,000 new electors in just one year. To date, Detroit has 529,000 registered voters, of which nearly 12,000 are expected to be cancelled by the end of this year.

Be assured that the ongoing purging of Detroit's voter roll is paramount guaranteeing accuracy in in voting, preventing voter fraud and providing exact percentages in voter turnout. The Department of Election's primary objective is to administer elections within the framework of the law. Whether the issue(s) pertaining to elections are associated with the National Voting Rights Act, the Help America Vote Act or the Voting rights Act of 1965, Detroiters can be assured that chief among our goal continues to be maintaining accurate and reliable voter records while protecting your right to vote!

## How to Find Your Candidates From the Sample Ballot

On page 4 and 5 of this newsletter you will find the list of offices and candidates for which every voter in the City of Detroit can vote.

On the back page of this newsletter you will find the offices and districts that are specific to your precinct. After determining your districts, please refer to page 6 to find the offices, districts and list of candidates for which you will vote on your ballot.

### **General Ballot Election Instructions**

**TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:

**IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!

**PARTISAN SECTION:** To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

**Straight Ticket:** Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

**Split Ticket:** You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

**Mixed Ticket:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

**NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot (if any) must be voted separately.

**DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of the candidate in the blank space provided and completely darken the oval. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

**CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

**NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.



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General Election Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Wayne County, Michigan City of Detroit		
PARTISAN SECTION	LEGISLATIVE	STATE BOARDS
STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET Vote for not more than 1	STATE SENATOR	GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Republican O	Vote for not more than 1 SEE LIST ON PAGE 6	Vote for not more than 2 Michael Busuito Republican
Party	FOR DISTRICT	Satish Jasti Republican
Democratic OParty	OFFICE CANDIDATES REPRESENTATIVE IN	Marilyn Kelly Democratic Dana Alicia Thompson
Libertarian Party	STATE LEGISLATURE      Vote for not more than 1	Dan Goebel Libertarian
U.S. Taxpayers	SEE LIST ON PAGE 6	Brian Richard Wright
Party	FOR DISTRICT	Marc Joseph Sosnowski U.S. Taxpayers
Green OParty	OFFICE CANDIDATES STATE BOARDS	Margaret Guttshall Green Latham T. Redding
Natural Law	MEMBER OF THE	Yolanda Robson Natural Law
Party	STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for not more than 2 Maria Carl	
STATE GOVERNOR AND	Jonathan Tade Williams	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	Pamela Pugh Smith	COUNTY EXECUTIVE Vote for not more than 1
Rick Snyder Brian Nelson Calley Republican	Casandra E. Ulbrich Democratic Kimberly Moore	Jahr Daltar
Republican Mark Schauer	Gregory Scott Stempfle	Warren C. Evans
Lisa Brown Democratic	John Adams U.S. Taxpayers	Keith Butkovich
Mary Buzuma Scotty Boman Libertarian	Karen Adams U.S. Taxpayers Sherry A. Wells	
Mark McFarlin 🔘	Green           Nikki Mattson           Natural Law	Vote for not more than 1
Richard Mendoza U.S. Taxpayers	0	SEE LIST ON PAGE 6
Paul Homeniuk Candace R. Caveny Green	REGENT OF THE	FOR DISTRICT OFFICE CANDIDATES
0	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Vote for not more than 2	NONPARTISAN SECTION
SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than 1	Rob Steele Republican Ronald Weiser	JUDICIAL
Ruth Johnson	Republican Mike Behm Democratic	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Vote for not more than 2
Godfrey Dillard	Kathy White	Richard Bernstein
James Lewis       Libertarian       Robert Gale	James Lewis Hudier Libertarian John Jascob Libertarian	Doug Dern
Jason Robert Gatties Natural Law	Joe Sanger	Bill Murphy 🔿
	Christine C. Schwartz	James Robert Redford  Brian Zahra
Vote for not more than 1	Green	Justice of Supreme Court
Bill Schuette Republican	<u> </u>	$\bigcirc$
Mark Totten Democratic Justin M. Altman	- TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017
Gerald T. Van Sickle	Melanie Foster Republican	Vote for not more than 1
John Anthony La Pietra	Jeff Sakwa Republican           Faylene Owen	Kerry L. Morgan
	George J. Perles Democratic	David Viviano Justice of Supreme Court
UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	Michael H. Miller	0
Terri Lynn Land	Raymond Moses           Libertarian           Crystal Van Sickle	JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS
Gary Peters	U.S. Taxpayers           Stephen J. Young           U.S. Taxpayers	INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 3
Jim Fulner	Adam Adrianson	Karen Fort Hood
Richard A. Matkin           U.S. Taxpayers           Chris Wahmhoff	Terry Link Green Bridgette Guzman	Christopher M. Murray Judge of Court of Appeals Michael J. Talbot Judge of Court of Appeals
Green	Natural Law	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS		
Vote for not more than 1		
SEE LIST ON PAGE 6 FOR DISTRICT OFFICE CANDIDATES		
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#### Candidates for the General Election • Tuesday, November 4, 2014 • Wayne County, Michigan • City of Detroit

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Jeff Gorman Republican John Conyers, Jr. Democratic Chris Sharer Libertarian Sam Johnson No Party Affiliation

#### **14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

Christina Barr Republican Brenda Lawrence Democratic Leonard Schwartz Libertarian Stephen Boyle Green

#### STATE SENATOR

1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT Barry Berk Republican Coleman Young Democratic

2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT Mark Ashley Price Republican Bert Johnson Democratic Jeffrey Hall No Party Affiliation

3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT Matthew Keller Republican Morris Hood Democratic

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Keith Franklin Republican Virgil Smith Democratic

5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Jennifer Rynicki Republican David Knezek Democratic

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

John Hauler Republican Brian Banks Democratic

2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT Daniel J. Lamar Republican Alberta Tinsley Talabi Democratic

3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT Dolores Brodersen Republican Wendell L. Byrd Democratic

4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Edith Floyd Republican Rose Mary C. Robinson Democratic

5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Dorothy Patterson Republican Fred Durhal Democratic

6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Tairia Bridges Republican Stephanie Chang Democratic

 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT David Bradley Republican LaTanya Garrett Democratic
 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Christopher Ewald Republican Sherry Gay-Dagnogo Democratic

9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT James Stephens Republican Harvey Santana Democratic 10<sup>тн</sup> DISTRICT Matthew X. Hauser Republican Leslie Love Democratic

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT John W. Steininger Republican Tim Killeen Democratic Fred Vitale Green

2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT David A. Dudenhoefer Republican Jewel Ware Democratic

3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT Matt Schonert Republican Martha G. Scott Democratic

4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Ilona Varga Democratic

5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Irma Clark-Coleman Democratic

6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Burton Leland Democratic

7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT Alisha Bell Democratic

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT David Roehrig

### Elección General Martes, 4 de Noviembre, 2014 Condado de Wayne, Michigan

PARA VOTAR: Llene completamente el ovalo opuesto a cada una de sus elecciones como se muestra:

IMPORTANTE: Para marcar su voto, use tan solo bolígrafo de tinta negra o azul. ¡NO USE NINGUN OTRO COLOR DE TINTA!

NO VOTE por más candidatos de los indicados bajo el titulo de cada posición u oficina.

CANDIDATOS ESCRITOS: Para votar por candidatos cuyo nombre NO está impreso en la boleta, escriba o ponga el nombre de ese candidato en el espacio en blanco y llene completamente el ovalo. NO escriba el nombre de un candidato cuyo nombre ya está impreso en la boleta para esa posición u oficina.

CUANDO TERMINE DE VOTAR: Ponga su boleta dentro del sobre de manera que sus votos no puedan ser vistos y que el talón numerado sea visible. Entregue su boleta al oficial de la elección que se encuentre en el tabulador. (Si está votando con una boleta de ausente, siga las instrucciones dadas por el encargado para regresar su boleta).

NOTA: Si comete un error, regrese su boleta al oficial de la elección y obtenga una boleta nueva. NO intente borrar o corregir ninguna marca hecha en error.

الانتخابات العامة الثلاثاء 4 نوفمبر ، 2014 مقاطعة وين، ميشيغان

الإقتراع: ظلَّل تماما الشكل البيضاوي المقابل لكل إختيار كما هو في الشكل. 🔵

هام: إستخدم فقط قلم حبر باللون الأسود أو الأزرق، لا تستخدم أي لون آخر.

**الجزء الحزبي:** هناك جزءان حزبيان على قسيمة الإقتراع: الحزب الجمهوري والحزب الديمقراطي، إختر الجزء الحزبي الذي ترغب، يمكنك الإقتراع لواحد فقط من الحزبين، لا يمكنك الإقتراع للإثنين. إذا اقترعت في أكثر من جزء حزبي واحد ستعتبر قسيمة إقتراعك لاغية.

لا تقترع لمرشحين غير المشار إليهم لكل منصب.

إذا رغبت في الإقتراع لمرشح ليس موجودا إسمه على قسيمة الإقتراع، اكتب إسم هذا المرشح في المكان الفارغ المعدّ وظلّل الشكل البيضاوي. لا تكتب إسم مرشح موجود على لائحة الإنتخاب.

تفحص كلا الوجهين من قسيمة الإقتراع: هذه القسيمة لها وجهان، تأكد من فحص الوجه الخلفى للقسيمة.

حين تنهي إقتراعك: ضع القسيمة في الظرف السري بحيث لا أحد يستطيع رؤية إقتراعك وبحيث يكون الرقم ظاهرا، ثم أعد القسيمة إلى المسؤول الواقف إلى جانب ماكينة الإقتراع (إذا كان الإقتراع غيابيا، إتبع الإرشادات الموجهة من الموظف حين تعيد القسمية).

ملاحظة: إذا علمت خطأ، أعد القسيمة إلى المسؤول واحصل على قسيمة جديدة، لا تحاول التصليح والشطب.

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### Listed above are the names of all the Registered Voters who reside at this address.

They are to vote at the polling location on this newsletter.