

2020 Primary Election ENDORSEMENT GUIDE

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The outcome of the 2020 primary elections will be pivotal on issues of access to health care and protection of reproductive rights in Michigan. We know it can be overwhelming when trying to determine where candidates truly stand on the issues. It is our goal to help you know where candidates stand on health care, abortion, birth control, and more.

ABOUT OUR ENDORSEMENTS

By affecting policy makers through electoral and non-electoral activities, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan (PPAM) works every day to protect and enhance the ability of Planned Parenthood to deliver reproductive health care services in our state. We base our endorsements on voting records for incumbent candidates and a comprehensive candidate questionnaire.

- PPAM gives endorsement preference to incumbents with a 100 percent favorable voting record.
- Candidates who have no voting record shall receive an endorsement only after favorable review of their comprehensive candidate questionnaire.
- We invite all candidates, regardless of party, to return a questionnaire and apply for our endorsement. The following list of endorsements and favorable ratings are for candidates that have proactively returned questionnaires.

A **General Election Endorsement Guide** will be released in August. Candidates who wish to be considered for an endorsement should visit MiPlannedParenthood.org/endorsements

ENDORSEMENT KEY

Endorsed: Endorsed candidate

Favorable: In some primaries, multiple candidates who applied for our endorsement returned 100 percent favorable questionnaires. While these candidates are not endorsed, we grant them a favorable rating and wish them success in their primaries.

Parties:

D = Democrat R = Republican NP = non-partisan

JUDICIAL RACES

Bridget Mary McCormack	MI Supreme Court	Endorsed
Elizabeth Welch	MI Supreme Court	Endorsed
Lorie Savin	6th Circuit Court Judge	Endorsed
Tracy Van den Bergh	22nd Circuit Court Judge	Endorsed
Jaime Powell	45th District Court Judge	Favorable
Darren Grow	45th District Court Judge	Favorable
Heather Burnash	67-5 District Court Judge	Endorsed
Erane Washington	14-B District Court Judge	Endorsed

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Visit michigan.gov/vote to find your polling location, verify your registration status, and view your ballot.



LOCAL RACES

County	Office or Position	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
Genesee	Treasurer	Deborah	Cherry	D	Endorsed
Genesee	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Charles	Winfrey	D	Endorsed
Genesee	County Commissioner - 4th District	Domonique	Clemons	D	Endorsed
Ingham	Prosecuting Attorney	Carol	Siemon	D	Endorsed
Ingham	Clerk	Barb	Byrum	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Ryan	Sebolt	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 6th District	Brandon	Currin	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 7th District	Chris	Trubac	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 8th District	Mark	Grebner	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 9th District	Erin	Graham	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 10th District	Thomas	Morgan	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 11th District	Emily	Stivers	D	Endorsed
Ingham	County Commissioner - 12th District	Mark	Polsdofer	D	Endorsed
Ingham	Meridian Township Clerk	Brett	Dreyfus	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Clerk	Deborah	Guthrie	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Trustee	Courtney	Wisinski	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Trustee	Patricia	Herring Jackson	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Trustee	Dan	Opsommer	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Trustee	Kathy Ann	Sunland	D	Favorable
Ingham	Meridian Township Trustee	John	Esser	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	Clerk	Doreen	Gardner	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	Clerk	Meredith	Place	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	Treasurer	Thomas	Whitener	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 1st District	Tami	Rey	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Monteze	Morales	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 3rd District	Tracy	Hall	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 4th District	Michael	Seals	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 4th District	Jen	Strebs	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 5th District	Veronica	McKissack	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 5th District	Chris	Pomeroy	D	Favorable
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 6th District	Jennifer	Aniano	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 7th District	Anthony M.	Bates	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo	County Commissioner - 9th District	Keisha	Dickason	D	Endorsed
Kent	Clerk	Devin R.	Ortega-Ferguson	D	Endorsed
Kent	Drain Commissioner	Elaine	Isely	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 6th District	Danielle	Storey	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 7th District	Jane	Newton	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 8th District	Sarah	Chatterley	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 11th District	Justin	Sheldon	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 13th District	Michelle	McCloud	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 15th District	Melissa	LaGrand	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 18th District	Stephen	Wooden	D	Endorsed
Kent	County Commissioner - 19th District	Phil	Skaggs	D	Endorsed
Leelanau	Clerk	Theresa	Rose	D	Endorsed
Leelanau	Leelanau Township Trustee	Georgie	Murray	D	Favorable
Leelanau	Leelanau Township Trustee	Gina	Harder	D	Favorable
Livingston	Prosecuting Attorney	Ragan	Lake	D	Endorsed
Livingston	Clerk	Jordan	Genso	D	Endorsed
Livingston	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Jennifer	Garcia	D	Endorsed
Livingston	County Commissioner - 3rd District	John	Pallister	D	Endorsed
Livingston	County Commissioner - 5th District	Glen	Miller	D	Endorsed
Macomb	Prosecuting Attorney	Jodi	Switalski	D	Favorable
Macomb	Prosecuting Attorney	Eva	Tkaczyk	D	Favorable
Macomb	Prosecuting Attorney	Tom	Rombach	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Clerk	Fred	Miller	D	Endorsed
Macomb	Public Works Commissioner	Toni	Moceri	D	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Marvin	Sauger	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Mai	Xiong	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Commissioner - 4th District	Joseph	Romano	R	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 4th District	Carole	Chi	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Commissioner - 4th District	Tim	Hamlin	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Commissioner - 6th District	Ken	Reid	D	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 9th District	Ed	Bruley	D	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 11th District	Harold	Haugh	D	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 12th District	Julie	Matuzak	D	Endorsed
Macomb	County Commissioner - 13th District	Gary Lee	Kimbel	D	Favorable
Macomb	County Commissioner - 13th District	Joanne	Recchia	D	Favorable

LOCAL RACES

County	Office or Position	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
Marquette	Ishpeming City Council	Jason	Chapman	NP	Endorsed
Muskegon	Treasurer	Tony	Moulatsiotis	D	Endorsed
Muskegon	County Commissioner - 1st District	Willie	Watson	D	Endorsed
Muskegon	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Marica	Hovey-Wright	D	Endorsed
Muskegon	County Commissioner - 3rd District	L Kip	Smith	D	Endorsed
Muskegon	County Commissioner - 5th District	Ashlea	Podein	D	Endorsed
Muskegon	County Commissioner - 8th District	Kimon	Kotos	D	Endorsed
Oakland	Executive	Dave	Coulter	D	Favorable
Oakland	Executive	Andy	Meisner	D	Favorable
Oakland	Prosecuting Attorney	Karen	McDonald	D	Endorsed
Oakland	Clerk	Lisa	Brown	D	Endorsed
Oakland	Treasurer	Robert	Wittenberg	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 5th District	Kristen	Nelson	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 7th District	Karen	Adams	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 9th District	Gwen	Markham	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 10th District	Angela	Powell	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 11th District	Tim	Burns	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 12th District	Kelly	Dillaha	D	Favorable
Oakland	County Commissioner - 12th District	William	Gage	D	Favorable
Oakland	County Commissioner - 13th District	Marcia	Gershenson	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 14th District	William	Miller	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 15th District	Melanie	Hartman	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 16th District	Penny	Luebs	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 17th District	Mykale	Garrett	D	Endorsed
Oakland	County Commissioner - 18th District	Charlie	Cavell	D	Favorable
Oakland	County Commissioner - 18th District	Dan	Cherrin	D	Favorable
Oakland	County Commissioner - 19th District	Dave	Woodward	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	Prosecuting Attorney	Arianne	Slay	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Prosecuting Attorney	Eli	Savit	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Clerk	Lawrence	Kestenbaum	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	Treasurer	Catherine	McClary	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 1st District	Jason	Maciejewski	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 2nd District	Sue	Shink	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 4th District	Caroline	Sanders	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 4th District	Darcy	Berwick	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 5th District	Michael	White	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 5th District	Denise	Kirchoff	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 5th District	Justin	Hodge	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 7th District	Andy	LaBarre	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 8th District	Jason	Morgan	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	County Commissioner - 9th District	Katie	Scott	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 1st Ward	Anne	Bannister	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 1st Ward	Lisa	Disch	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 2nd Ward	Jane	Lumm	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 2nd Ward	Linh	Song	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 3rd Ward	Travis	Radina	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 3rd Ward	Tony	Brown	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 3rd Ward	Evan	Redmond	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 5th Ward	Erica	Briggs	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 5th Ward	Dan	Michniewicz	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Ann Arbor City Council - 5th Ward	David	Silkworth	D	Favorable
Washtenaw	Scio Township Supervisor	Will	Hathaway	D	Endorsed
Washtenaw	Scio Township Treasurer	David	Read	D	Endorsed
Wayne	Prosecuting Attorney	Victoria	Burton-Harris	D	Endorsed
Wayne	Treasurer	Beverly	Kindle-Walker	D	Endorsed
Wayne	County Commissioner - 4th District	Gabriela	Santiago-Romero	D	Endorsed
Wayne	County Commissioner - 5th District	Irma	Clark-Coleman	D	Favorable
Wayne	County Commissioner - 5th District	Thamar	Johnson	D	Favorable
Wayne	County Commissioner - 6th District	Monique	Baker-McCormick	D	Endorsed
Wayne	County Commissioner - 8th District	David	Knezek	D	Endorsed
Wayne	County Commissioner - 11th District	David	Hotz	D	Endorsed
Wayne	Canton Treasurer	Dian	Slavens	D	Endorsed
Wayne	Canton Trustee	Sommer	Foster	D	Favorable
Wayne	Canton Trustee	Steven	Sneideman	D	Favorable
Wayne	Canton Trustee	Tania	Ganguly	D	Favorable
Wayne	Canton Trustee	Kate	Borninski	D	Favorable

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
1	Tenisha	Yancey	D	Endorsed
2	Joe	Tate	D	Endorsed
3	Donavan	McKinney	D	Favorable
3	China	Cochran	D	Favorable
4	Michele	Oberholtzer*	D	Favorable
4	Tonya	Myers Phillips*	D	Favorable
4	Abraham	Shaw*	D	Favorable
4	Abraham	Aiyash*	D	Favorable
4	Delorean	Holmes*	D	Favorable
5	Cynthia A.	Johnson	D	Endorsed
6	Tyrone	Carter	D	Endorsed
7	Cynthia L.	Thornton	D	Favorable
7	Helena	Scott	D	Favorable
7	Anistia	Thomas	D	Favorable
7	Lee	Yancy	D	Favorable
7	Nyda	Bentley	D	Favorable
7	Bernard	Thompson	D	Favorable
8	Reggie Reg	Davis	D	Favorable
8	George	Etheridge	D	Favorable
9	Karen	Whitsett	D	Endorsed
10	Mary	Cavanaugh	D	Favorable
10	Marcus A.	Cummings	D	Favorable
10	Brenda	Hill	D	Favorable
10	Kevin	Harris	D	Favorable
11	Jewell	Jones	D	Endorsed
12	Alex	Garza	D	Endorsed
13	Timothy	Estheimer	D	Favorable
13	Tullio	Liberati	D	Favorable
14	Cara	Clemente	D	Endorsed
15	Abdullah	Hammoud	D	Endorsed
16	Kevin	Coleman	D	Endorsed
17	Christopher	Slat	D	Endorsed
18	Kevin	Hertel	D	Endorsed
19	Laurie	Pohutsky	D	Endorsed
20	Matt	Koleszar	D	Endorsed
21	Ranjeev	Puri	D	Endorsed
22	Richard	Steenland	D	Favorable
22	Michael James	Anderson	D	Favorable
23	Darrin	Camilleri	D	Endorsed
24	Michelle	Woodman	D	Favorable
24	Alex	Bronson	D	Favorable
25	Nate	Shannon	D	Endorsed
26	Jim	Ellison	D	Endorsed
27	Kevin	Kresch	D	Favorable
27	Regina	Weiss	D	Favorable
27	Dan	Tuck	D	Favorable
27	Matt	Stoel	D	Favorable
28	Lori	Stone	D	Endorsed
29	Brenda	Carter	D	Endorsed
31	William	Sowerby	D	Endorsed
32	Justin	Boucher	D	Endorsed
33	Olu	Jabari	D	Endorsed
34	Cynthia	Neeley	D	Endorsed
35	Kyra	Harris-Bolden	D	Endorsed
37	Michael	Bridges	D	Favorable
37	Randy	Bruce	D	Favorable
37	Samantha	Steckloff	D	Favorable
38	Kelly	Breen	D	Favorable
38	Megan	McAllister	D	Favorable
39	Julia	Pulver	D	Endorsed
40	Mari	Manoogian	D	Endorsed

* Favorable rating for both August 4 primary and August 4 special election primary

District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
41	Padma	Kuppa	D	Endorsed
42	Donnie	Bettes	D	Endorsed
43	Nicole	Breadon	D	Endorsed
45	Brendan	Johnson	D	Favorable
45	Barb	Anness	D	Favorable
46	Jody	LaMacchia	D	Endorsed
47	Adam	Smiddy	D	Endorsed
48	Sheryl	Kennedy	D	Endorsed
49	John D.	Cherry	D	Endorsed
50	Tim	Sneller	D	Endorsed
51	Conner	Wallace	D	Endorsed
52	Donna	Lasinski	D	Endorsed
53	Yousef	Rabhi	D	Endorsed
54	Ronnie	Peterson	D	Endorsed
55	Felicia	Brabec	D	Endorsed
56	Ernie	Whiteside	D	Endorsed
59	Amy	East	D	Endorsed
60	Julie M.	Rogers	D	Favorable
60	Stephanie	Moore	D	Favorable
61	Christine	Morse	D	Endorsed
62	Jim	Haadsma	D	Endorsed
63	Luke	Howell	D	Endorsed
64	Sandra	Hofman-Kingston	D	Endorsed
65	David	Rowland	D	Favorable
65	Nancy	Smith	D	Favorable
66	Abigail	Wheeler	D	Endorsed
67	Kara	Hope	D	Endorsed
68	Sarah	Anthony	D	Endorsed
69	Julie	Brixie	D	Endorsed
70	Karen	Garvey	D	Endorsed
71	Angela	Witwer	D	Endorsed
72	Cade	Wilson	D	Endorsed
73	Bill	Saxton	D	Endorsed
74	Meagan	Hintz	D	Endorsed
75	David	LaGrand	D	Endorsed
76	Rachel	Hood	D	Endorsed
77	Bob	Smith	D	Endorsed
78	Dan	VandenHeede	D	Endorsed
79	Jacquie	Gnodtke Blackwell	R	Endorsed
79	Chokwe	Pitchford	D	Endorsed
80	Erik	Almquist	D	Endorsed
82	Jerry	Tkach	D	Endorsed
91	Brian	Hosticka	D	Endorsed
92	Terry	Sabo	D	Endorsed
93	Muhammad	Rais	D	Endorsed
95	Carly	Hammond	D	Favorable
95	Brandell	Adams	D	Favorable
95	Clint	Bryant	D	Favorable
97	Shane	Atwell	D	Favorable
97	Celia	Young-Wenkel	D	Favorable
98	Sarah	Schulz	D	Endorsed
99	John	Zang	D	Endorsed
101	Beth	McGill-Rizer	D	Favorable
101	Cary Lee	Urka	D	Favorable
102	Amanda	Siggins	D	Endorsed
104	Dan	O'Neil	D	Endorsed
105	Jonathan	Burke	D	Endorsed
107	Jim	Page	D	Endorsed
108	Renee	Richer	D	Endorsed
109	Sarah	Cambensy	D	Endorsed
110	Janet	Metsa	D	Endorsed