Taking the Mystery Out of Voting

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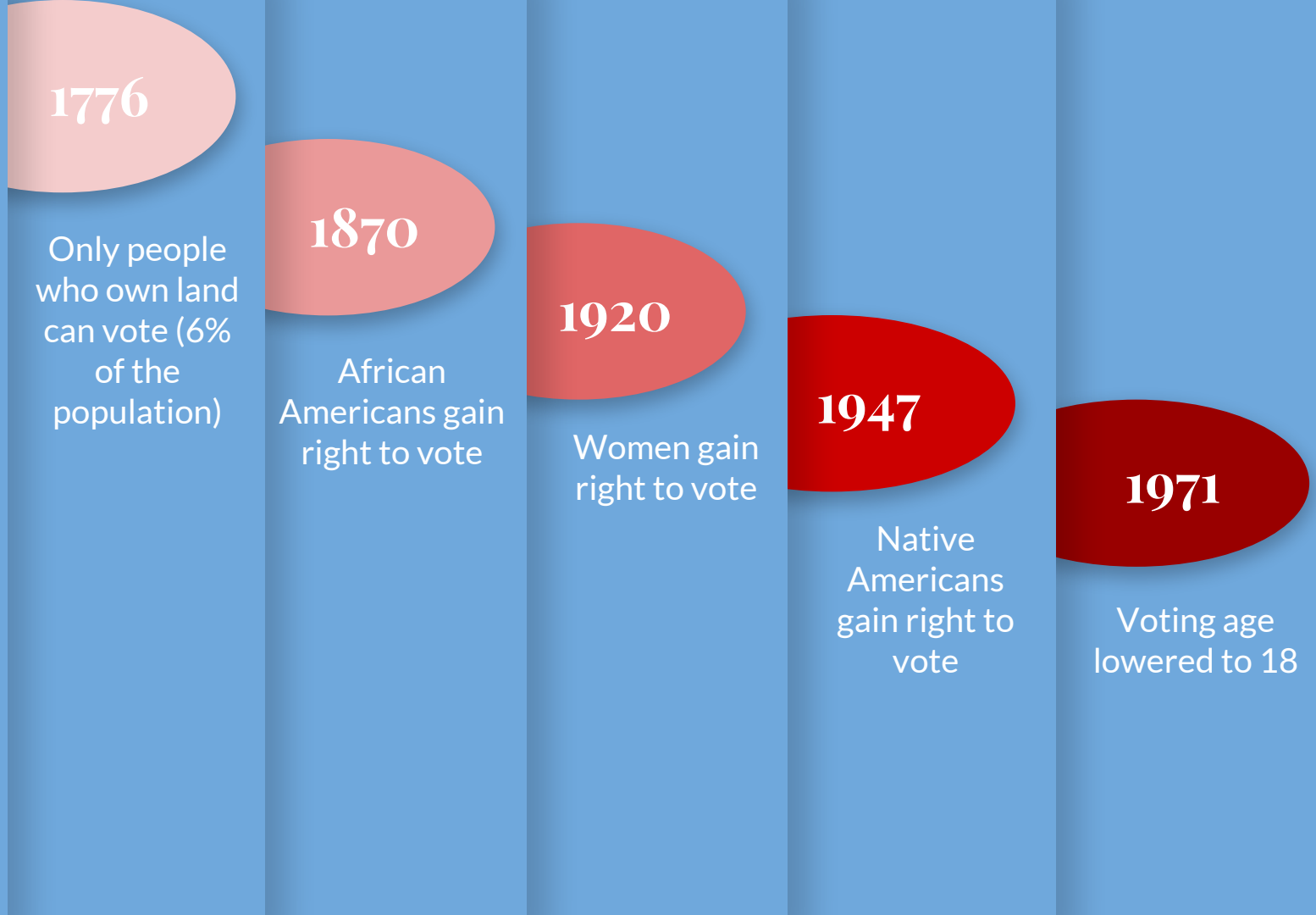
Agenda

- ★ Introduction
- ★ The Importance of Voting
- ★ Deliberative Discussion
- ★ How to Vote
- ★ Sample Ballot/Exit Survey

Why do YOU think it is important to vote?


1776
Only people who own land can vote (6% of the population)
1870
African Americans gain right to vote
1920
Women gain right to vote
1947
Native Americans gain right to vote
1971
Voting age lowered to 18

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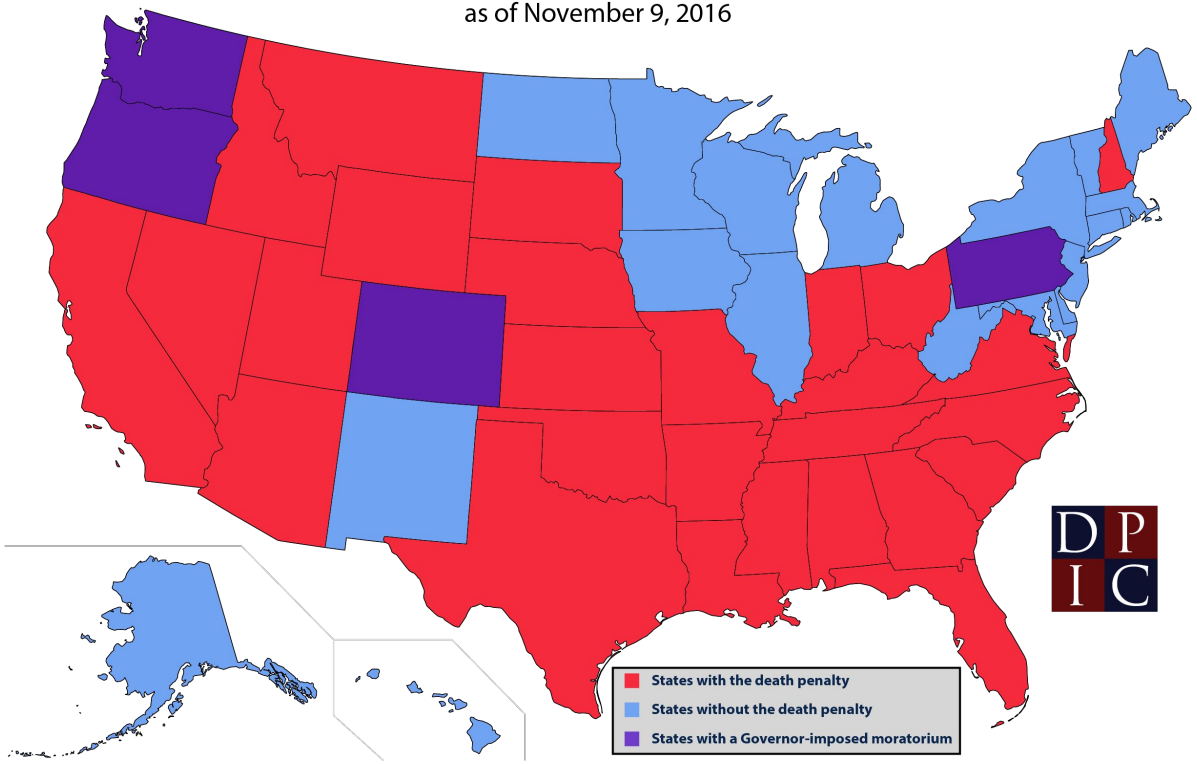
States with and without the death penalty

as of November 9, 2016



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I think we should...

- ★ Abolish the Death Penalty in Every State
- ★ Institute the Death Penalty in Every State
- ★ Leave it up to the States to Decide

Why is it important to vote?

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How to Vote

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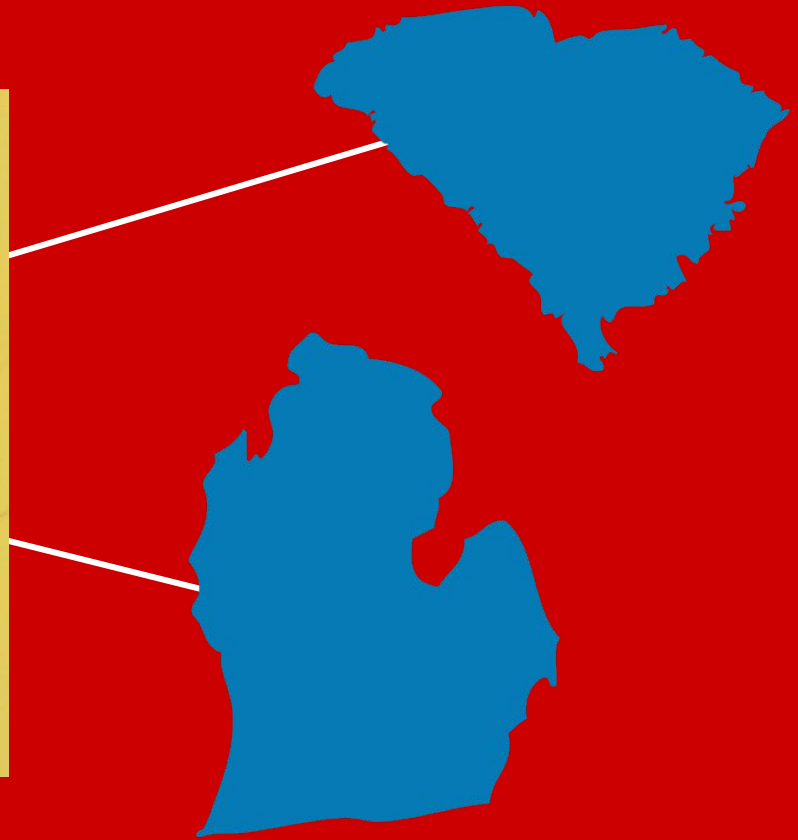

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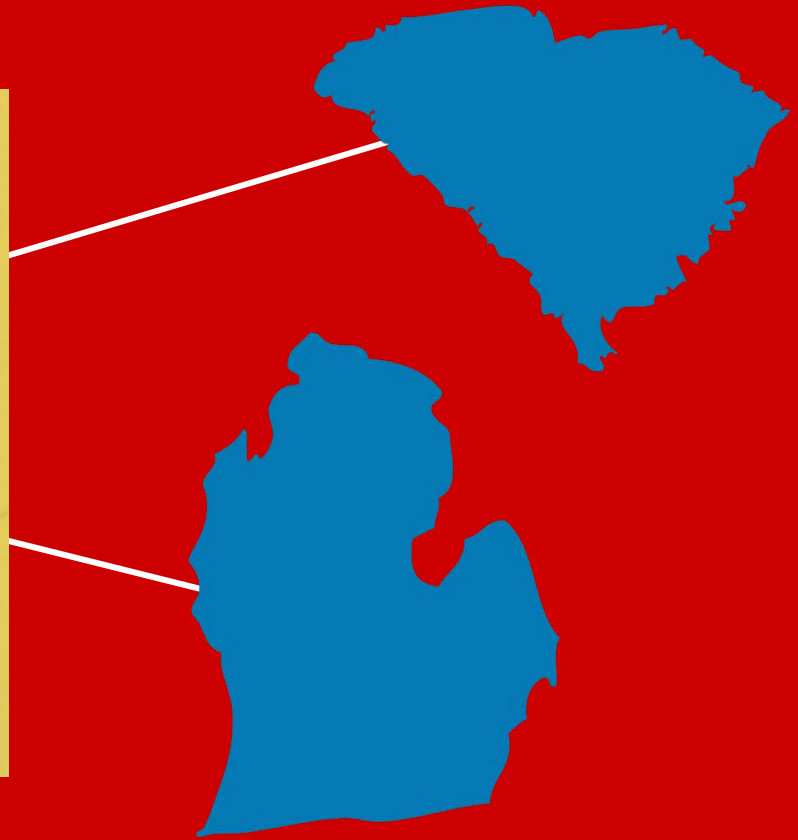

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APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (See Instructions at Bottom of Page)
R.C. 3509.03

(Office Use Only)
App. No.
Ballot No.

Voter's Name _____
Home Address _____
City, Village, Office _____
County _____ **Zip Code** _____

Send Ballot to:
(if different from home address)
Name _____
care of/PO Box _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

You must provide your birth date: _____/_____/_____ **and one of the following:**
(month) (day) (year)

☐ Your Ohio driver's license number _____, or

***PLEASE NOTE:** *Your Driver's License number begins with 2 letters and ends with 6 numbers.*
*The number above your picture is **NOT** valid for voting purposes.*

☐ The last four digits of your Social Security number _____, or

☐ Copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

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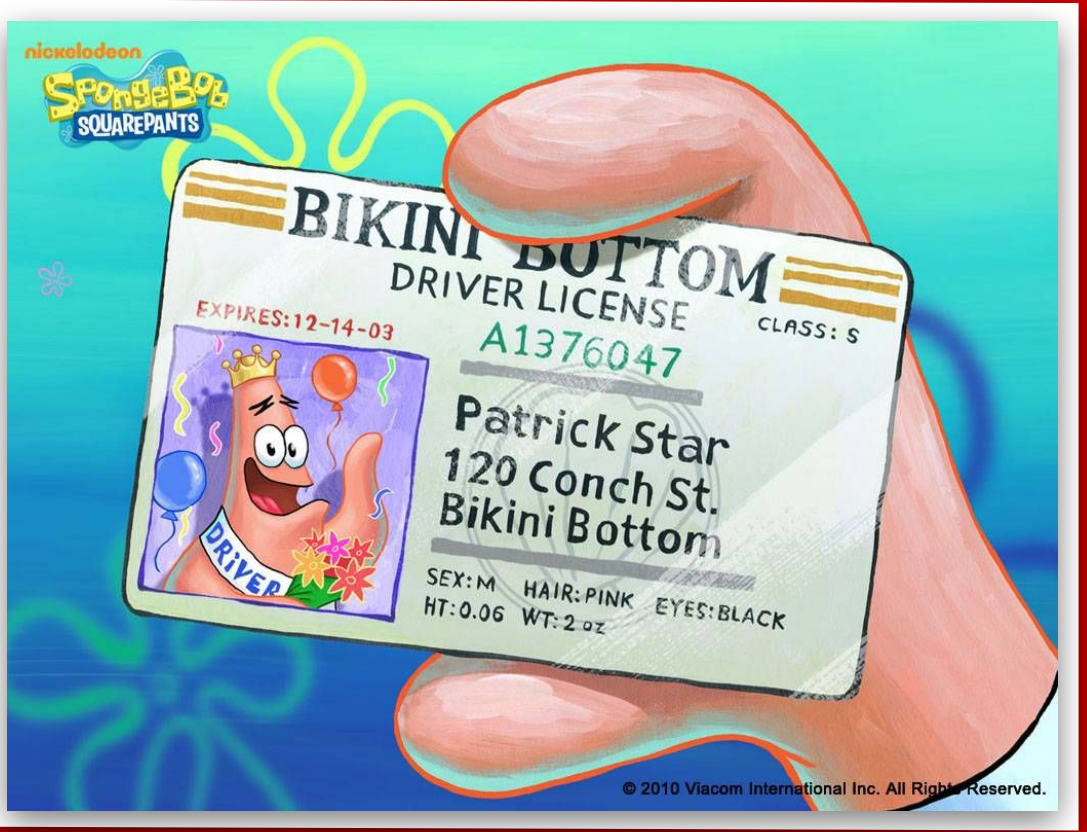
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SpongeBob SQUAREPANTS
BIKINI BOTTOM
DRIVER LICENSE
CLASS: S
EXPIRES:12-14-03
A1376047
DRIVER
Patrick Star
120 Conch St.
Bikini Bottom
SEX: M HAIR: PINK EYES: BLACK
HT: 0.06 WT: 2 oz
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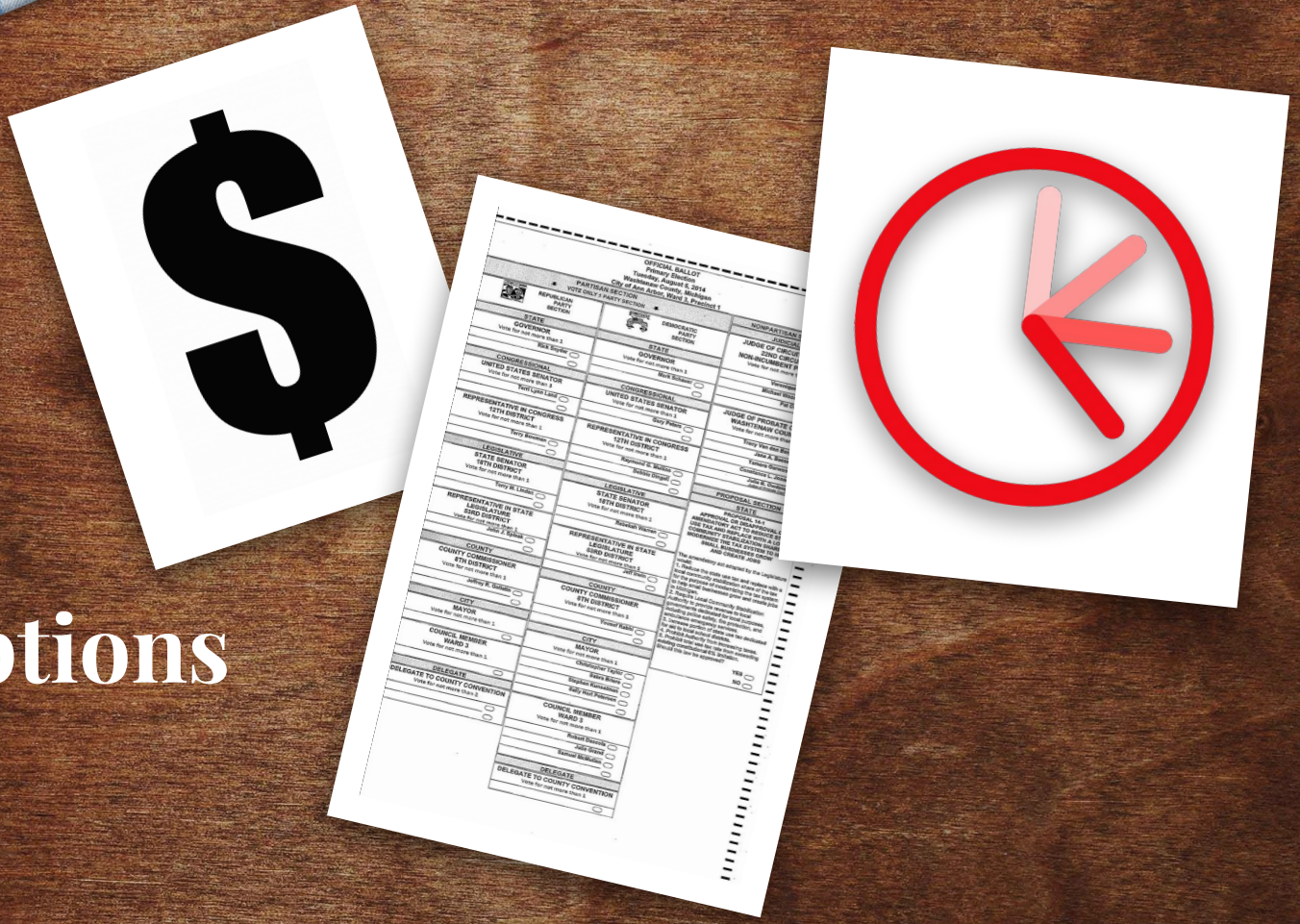
Common misconceptions about voting



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★ Are you **over 18 years old?**
https://turbovote.org/

★ Are you **under 18 years old?**
http://tinyurl.com/yavzsgqe

OFFICIAL BALLOT

General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Washtenaw County, Michigan
City of Ypsilanti, Ward 2, Precinct 3

PARTISAN SECTION

STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET
Vote for not more than 1

- Republican Party
- Democratic Party
- Libertarian Party
- U.S. Taxpayers Party
- Green Party
- Natural Law Party

STATE

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Vote for not more than 1

- Rick Snyder / Brian Nelson Calley — Republican
- Mark Schauer / Lisa Brown — Democratic
- Mary Buzuma / Scotty Boman — Libertarian
- Mark McFarlin / Richard Mendoza — U.S. Taxpayers
- Paul Homeniuk / Candace R. Caveny — Green

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote for not more than 1

- Ruth Johnson — Republican
- Godfrey Dillard — Democratic
- James Lewis — Libertarian
- Robert Gale — U.S. Taxpayers
- Jason Robert Gatties — Natural Law

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Vote for not more than 1

- Bill Schuette — Republican
- Mark Totten — Democratic
- Justin M. Altman — Libertarian
- Gerald T. Van Sickle — U.S. Taxpayers
- John Anthony La Pietra — Green

CONGRESSIONAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1

- Terri Lynn Land — Republican
- Gary Peters — Democratic
- Jim Fulner — Libertarian
- Richard A. Matkin — U.S. Taxpayers
- Chris Wahmhoff — Green

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

- Terry Bowman — Republican
- Debbie Dingell — Democratic
- Bhagwan Dashairya — Libertarian
- Gary Walkowicz

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR 18TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

- Terry M. Linden — Republican
- Rebekah Warren — Democratic

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 54TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

- Ed Moore — Republican
- David Rutledge — Democratic

STATE BOARDS

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Vote for not more than 2

- Maria Carl — Republican
- Jonathan Tade Williams — Republican
- Pamela Pugh Smith — Democratic
- Casandra E. Ulbrich — Democratic
- Kimberly Moore — Libertarian
- Gregory Scott Stempfle — Libertarian
- John Adams — U.S. Taxpayers
- Karen Adams — U.S. Taxpayers
- Sherry A. Wells — Green
- Nikki Mattson — Natural Law

REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Vote for not more than 2

- Rob Steele — Republican
- Ronald Weiser — Republican
- Mike Behm — Democratic
- Kathy White — Democratic
- James Lewis Hudler — Libertarian
- John Jascob — Libertarian
- Joe Sanger — U.S. Taxpayers
- Christine C. Schwartz — U.S. Taxpayers
- Ian Swanson — Green

TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Vote for not more than 2

- Melanie Foster — Republican
- Jeff Sakwa — Republican
- Faylene Owen — Democratic
- George J. Perles — Democratic
- Michael H. Miller — Libertarian
- Raymond Moses — Libertarian
- Crystal Van Sickle — U.S. Taxpayers
- Stephen J. Young — U.S. Taxpayers
- Adam Adrianson — Green
- Terry Link — Green
- Bridgette Guzman — Natural Law

STATE BOARDS

GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Vote for not more than 2

- Michael Busuito — Republican
- Satish Jasti — Republican
- Marilyn Kelly — Democratic
- Dana Alicia Thompson — Democratic
- Dan Goebel — Libertarian
- Brian Richard Wright — Libertarian
- Shari A. Matkin — U.S. Taxpayers
- Marc Joseph Sosnowski — U.S. Taxpayers
- Margaret Guttshall — Green
- Latham T. Redding — Green
- Yolanda Robson — Natural Law

COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 6TH DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

- David H. Raaflaub — Republican
- Ronnie D. Peterson — Democratic

CITY

MAYOR
Vote for not more than 1

- Amanda Maria Edmonds — Democratic

COUNCIL MEMBER - 2ND WARD
Vote for not more than 1

- Daniel Vogt — Democratic

NONPARTISAN SECTION

JUDICIAL

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT
Vote for not more than 2

- Brian Zahra — Justice of Supreme Court
- Richard Bernstein
- Doug Dern
- Bill Murphy
- James Robert Redford

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017 INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote for not more than 1

- David Viviano — Justice of Supreme Court
- Kerry L. Morgan
- Deborah A. Thomas

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 3RD DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote for not more than 2

- Mark Thomas Boonstra — Judge of Court of Appeals
- Jane E. Markey — Judge of Court of Appeals

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 22ND CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote for not more than 1

- David S. Swartz — Judge of Circuit Court

JUDICIAL

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 22ND CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote for not more than 1

- Veronique Liem
- Pat Conlin

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT WASHTENAW COUNTY
Vote for not more than 1

- Tracy Van den Bergh
- Julia B. Owdziej — Judge of Probate Court

JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 14A DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION
Vote for not more than 1

- Richard E. Conlin — Judge of District Court

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Vote for not more than 3

- David DeVarti
- Christina Fleming
- Mark K. Freeman
- Ruth Hatcher
- Alex Milshteyn
- Eric Borregard
- William Campbell
- Tony Derezinski

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBER YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - 6 Year Term
Vote for not more than 2

- Brenda Meadows
- Gregory Myers
- Maria Sheler-Edwards
- Bill Kurkjian

BOARD MEMBER YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - 4 Year Term
Vote for not more than 3

- Linda Snedacar-Horne
- Anthony VanDerworp
- Mark Wilde
- David R. Bates
- Ellen Champagne
- Djeneba Cherif
- Celeste Hawkins
- Sharon Irvine

BOARD MEMBER YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - 2 Year Term
Vote for not more than 2

- Meredith Schindler
- Don L. Garrett Jr.
- Ricky Jefferson
- Sharon Lee
- K.J. Miller
- Daniel L. Raglin

DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD MEMBER YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY
Vote for not more than 4

- John M. Barr
- Suzanne M. Gray
- Kimberly Grover

PROPOSAL SECTION

STATE

PROPOSAL 14-1
A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season.
- Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.
- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL 14-2
A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
- Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
- Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the $1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be approved?

YES / NO

COUNTY

PROPOSITION TO RENEW THE INCREASE IN THE TAX LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING, ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING PARKS AND RECREATION PLACES AND FACILITIES IN WASHTENAW COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF WASHTENAW COUNTY CITIZENS

To renew the millage expiring after December 1, 2016, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one quarter of one mill ($0.25 per $1,000) which has been presently reduced by the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution to $0.2353 of state equalized valuation of such property for a period of ten years, beginning with the levy to be made on December 1, 2017 (which will generate estimated revenues of $3.4 million dollars in the first year of such renewal millage), for the purpose of acquiring, developing and maintaining parklands and operating recreation facilities for the benefit of Washtenaw County citizens?

YES / NO

CITY

PROPOSAL A
Shall Article XI, Section 11.07 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to remove a mandatory charter revision process every 8th general city election and instead provide that the Charter may be revised as provided by State law, being MCL 117.18 et seq., which provides that revisions may be initiated by City Council or by initiatory petition?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL B
Shall sections 2.06, 2.10(d), 5.05(a), 5.12(a), 10.07, and 11.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended and Section 11.13 be added to permit the publication of ordinances, notices, or proceedings by one or more of the following methods: (a) at least once in a newspaper published in the English language for news of general character, (b) by posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the city, or (c) placing such on the City's website in a manner as to make it easily accessible to the public?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL C
Shall Article IV, Section 4.02 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that the City Clerk automatically serves as Acting City Manager during a vacancy or absence in the office of the City Manager until otherwise designated by City Council?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL D
Shall the first paragraph of Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to allow for the discontinuance of City boards and commissions by City Council?

YES / NO

CITY

PROPOSAL E
Shall Article II, Section 2.10(c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to permit City Council to, after a resolution that so declares and provides for the reason is passed by 2/3 of the Members of City Council present, have an ordinance (other than an ordinance that adopts or amends an administrative code, provides for a fine or other penalty, or establishes a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or penalty is imposed) become effective immediately upon publication?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL F
Shall the first sentence of Article II, Section 2.08(a) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that City Council must meet at least once a month rather than the current requirement that City Council must meet at least once every 30 days?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL G
Shall the third paragraph of Article III, Section 3.06 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that candidates for City office file their petition with the City Clerk on the fifteenth Tuesday before the primary election, as is the current deadline provided by state law, or as state law may otherwise provide in the future?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL H
Shall Article II, Section 2.09 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that an action of City Council to convey or lease City-owned land may be by resolution following a public hearing rather than by ordinance, which is currently required?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL I
Shall Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to add a third paragraph to allow City Council to remove members of City boards and commissions for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or as otherwise authorized by statute with a 2/3 affirmative vote?

YES / NO

PROPOSAL J
Shall Article VIII, Section 8.03(b)(4) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that City Council may confirm a special assessment roll within the City by resolution, when permitted by law, rather than by ordinance as is currently required?

YES / NO

Turn Up Turnout (TUT) Exit Survey

1. Did this workshop help you better understand the importance of voting? (Circle your answer below.)

   Yes No

2. Did this workshop help you better understand the process of voting?

   Yes No

3. How likely are you to vote in 2018?

   Certainly Will Vote Very Likely to Vote Somewhat Likely Not Likely

4. Did you feel that this workshop encouraged you to vote, regardless of your political affiliation? Yes No

5. Did you learn anything new from this workshop?

   Yes No

   If YES, what did you learn? _____

6. What did you like most about this workshop?

7. What are some improvements that could be made to this workshop?

8. Would you like to learn more about participating in TUT? If so, please add your email address. _____

Thank you for your help!

- Any **questions?** Email **tutuofm@gmail.com** or come and talk to us at the end of the workshop!
- **Want to join TUT?** Come and talk to us about it at the end of the workshop!

Thank you!