

2026 PRIMARIES

**YOUR  
VOICE.  
YOUR  
VOTE.**

A VOTING GUIDE

PREPARED BY THE WEXFORD COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY





# WHEN & HOW TO VOTE

## Important Dates



**July 20**

Deadline to [register online](#)



**July 25**

Early voting period begins



**August 2**

Early voting period ends



**August 4**

Primary Day - Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



**August 4**

Absentee ballots due by 8 p.m.

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## Ways to Vote

### In-Person on August 4

Find your polling location [here](#).

### In-Person: Early Voting

Antioch, Boon, Cedar Creek, Cherry Grove, Clam Lake, Colfax, Greenwood, Hanover, Haring, Henderson, Liberty, Selma, Slagle, South Branch, Springville, Wexford, the City of Cadillac, and the City of Manton will all be holding early voting at the Wexford County Courthouse, 1st Floor Historical Side, located at 437 E. Division Street, Cadillac.

Voting days will be from Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, August 2. Polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Absentee Ballot

Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on August 4th. Mail or return to the ballot box at your clerk's office.



# ON THE BALLOT DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES

## GOVERNOR



**Jocelyn Benson**

[jocelynbenson.com](http://jocelynbenson.com)



**Chris Swanson**

[swansonformichigan.com](http://swansonformichigan.com)

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## US SENATE: MICHIGAN



**Abdul El-Sayed**

[abdulforsenate.com](http://abdulforsenate.com)



**Mallory McMorrow**

Campaign suspended (See note on next page)



**Haley Stevens**

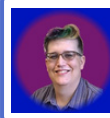
[haleyformi.com](http://haleyformi.com)

## US HOUSE: 2<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**Ben Ambrose**

[ambrose4congress.com](http://ambrose4congress.com)



**Jamie Hill**

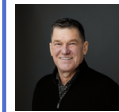
[electjamie.net](http://electjamie.net)



**Clyde Welford**

[clydewelford.com](http://clydewelford.com)

## MICHIGAN SENATE: 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



**Mark Yonkman**

[yonkmanforsenate.org](http://yonkmanforsenate.org)

## MICHIGAN HOUSE: 101<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT



**Christopher Crain**

[chrisformi101.com](http://chrisformi101.com)

Primaries: Tuesday, August 4, 2026



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As you may have heard, Mallory McMorrow suspended her Senate run over the weekend. You can read Chair Hertel's full statement here:

<https://michigandems.com/chair-hertel-statement-on-mallory-mcmorrows-campaign/>

We want to ensure every voter has the information they need to make their voice heard. If you have already cast an absentee ballot for a candidate who has recently dropped out of the race, you have options to change your vote.

Please review the official guidance below regarding the rules and deadlines for spoiling a ballot:

A voter who returned their absentee ballot to their clerk's office in person, via drop box, or by mail has the right to change their vote by spoiling their ballot and requesting a new one. **The request must be in writing, signed by the voter, and received by the voter's city or township clerk by 5 p.m. on July 24.** Voters should contact their city/township clerk directly for more information. Voters can find their clerk's contact information at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote).

Questions? Call the Michigan Democratic Party's Voter Assistance Hotline: 833-MI-VOTES (833-648-6837).

# ON THE BALLOT CITY & TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS



Below are the proposals on the August ballot for the county, the township/city, and the school districts. Click on any blue link to read the full proposal.

## COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE REQUESTS

[Older Citizens Services Millage Renewal and Restoration Proposal](#)

[Public Transportation Services Millage Renewal and Restoration](#)

[Wexford County Renewal Millage for Michigan State University](#)

[Extension Services and 4-H](#)

## TOWNSHIP/CITY MILLAGE REQUESTS

[City of Cadillac Local Proposal](#)

[City of Manton Fire Protection Millage Renewal Proposal](#)

[Colfax Township Fire Protection Millage Renewal and Restoration](#)

[Greenwood Township Fire Protection Millage Renewal and Restoration](#)

## SCHOOL MILLAGE REQUESTS

[Benzie County Central Schools Operating Millage Proposal](#)

[Buckley Community Schools Operating Millage Proposal](#)

[Kingsley Area Schools Operating Millage Proposal](#)

[Mesick Consolidated Schools Bond Proposal](#)

[Manton Consolidated Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal](#)



# ON THE BALLOT

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRECINCT DELEGATES

Precinct delegates are local party officials elected during primary elections to represent their neighborhood precincts at the county political party conventions. They serve two-year terms, help elect party leadership, and shape local party platforms.

<b>Boon Township</b>	Mark W. Yonkman
<b>City of Cadillac, Precinct 1</b>	Gary Van Houten
<b>City of Cadillac, Precinct 2</b>	Bill Allen
<b>City of Cadillac, Precinct 3</b>	Doug Nelson
<b>Cherry Grove Township</b>	Steve Cunningham
<b>Clam Lake Township</b>	Frank Youngman
<b>Haring Township</b>	Amanda Siggins
<b>Selma Township</b>	Jack Purkiss
<b>Cedar Creek Township</b>	Christopher R. Crain
<b>Slagle Township</b>	Jan Guest