

GROSSE POINTE DEMOCRATS

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Michigan's largest chartered Democratic club

Serving the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit's east side



The A-team at the Michigan Dems convention: Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, Attorney General Dana Nessel, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

~ Photo by John F. Martin

THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE!

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Be a VIP this election season: **Vote & volunteer!**

Now that fall is upon us and the primary is over, we have to get to work to re-elect Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, our entire state Democratic slate and, very importantly, Kevin Hertel to the state Senate in our newly-formed District 12.

Since the state races will be very close, we must re-elect our Democratic slate. Due to redistricting, we have an opportunity to take control of the state Legislature for the first time in decades.

To do our part, we have opened our campaign office with the One Campaign for Michigan at 20311 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. It's a great office with plenty of space to phone bank, do mailings and conduct voter awareness to get our message out. It will serve as headquarters for all our club's efforts this fall.

Please stop by to volunteer. We will also have events there, including debate-watch parties.

We congratulate Shri Thanedar for winning the 13th Congressional District primary, which means that based on the very strong Democratic vote in our new district, he will be our new congressman in 2023.

I would like to thank Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence for her terrific representation and service to us. She was always available and accessible to the Grosse Pointe Dems, and kept us up to date about federal issues that affected us. I hope she will

continue to serve the public interest in her future endeavors.

Likewise, we thank our State Sen. Adam Hollier for his service to us and our district.

We also congratulate our endorsed candidates who won their primaries: Joe Tate, our state representative in the new District 10; Veronica Paiz, for state representative in the new District 11,

and Tim Killeen, for re-election to Wayne County Commission. Since their districts are overwhelmingly Democratic, they should win the general election and assume office in January.

On Page 5 are club endorsements, based on candidates' records, qualifications and backgrounds. We consider them trustworthy and competent. In addition, we made endorsements for three November ballot proposals that will need our support.

If you have not "liked" us on Facebook, please do.

Also make sure we have an email address for you. Many of our events will be publicized solely by email to save time and money on ground mail.

If you are interested in becoming a board member in 2023, please send me an email at gary-bres@msn.com. We are looking for energetic people who want to work on club events.

Let's all work for a successful 2022 general election. I'll see you at the office!

Gary Bresnehan



Message from
the president

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Open for business!

And these days that means the business of saving our democracy! We had a great turnout Aug. 14 for the opening of our campaign office. The location is 20311 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. The entrance is on Lochmoor, and there's plenty of room to park on the street or the Pancake House lot.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday.

Justin Hoehing is our field organizer and you can reach him at 586-805-0911 and jhoehing@1campaignmi.com.

See you there!





GP DEMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

Our fall membership meeting will be hybrid, so join us at 6 p.m. at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, or by Zoom.* Endorsed candidates running for office are encouraged to attend.

Help us organize toward victory in November!

*ZOOM INFO:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84317570526...>

Meeting ID: 843 1757 0526

Passcode: 426665

It's time to renew your membership!

Club membership coincides with the calendar year, and renewing now will carry you through 2023. Check the mailing label for your last paid membership year; it's on the same line as your name in the address.

Renew by check with this form or online at gpdems.com.

As always, thank you. Help us continue to be the largest chartered Democratic club in the state!

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GROSSE POINTE DEMS ENDORSEMENTS

PARTISAN SECTION

NATIONAL

Shri Thanedar - U.S. House of Representatives, District 13

STATEWIDE

Gretchen Whitmer - Governor
Garlin Gilchrist - Lieutenant Governor
Dana Nessel - Attorney General
Jocelyn Benson - Secretary of State

STATE SENATE

Kevin Hertel - District 12

STATE HOUSE

Joe Tate - District 10 (incumbent)
Veronica Paiz - District 11

WAYNE COUNTY

Raphael Washington - Sheriff
Charise Anderson - 3rd Circuit Court Judge
Mark Slavens, 3rd Circuit Court Judge (incumbent)
Tim Killeen - County Commission District 1 (incumbent)

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LOCAL BALLOT PROPOSALS

Proposal 1 – Term Limits and Financial Disclosure ***VOTE YES**
Proposal 2 – Voting Rights ***VOTE YES**
Proposal 3 – Reproductive Freedom ***VOTE YES**

Vote YES! on reproductive freedom, 2 other proposals

This year's general election ballot will have three very significant proposals for voters to decide. Here's what you'll see on your ballot:

Proposal 1 – Term Limits and Financial Disclosure

This measure would apply a flat 12-year term limit to lawmakers' tenure and mandate financial disclosure rules for statewide candidates and elected officials.

The current tenure rule is a firm six years (three terms) in the state House, and eight years (two terms) in the state Senate. It would drop the maximum time state lawmakers can serve from 14 to 12 years, but allow them to stay their full tenure in one chamber of the legislature.

The financial disclosure rules would require that elected officials submit new information, such as descriptions of assets and liabilities, all sources of income, positions held outside of their elected office, gifts received from lobbyists and more.

How to vote: We recommend you vote YES on this ballot proposal.

Proposal 2 – Voting Rights

Approval of the Promote the Vote initiative would add several voting rights changes to the Michigan Constitution, including nine days of early voting and expanded access to absentee voting. It also would require military

and overseas ballots to be counted if postmarked by Election Day and require a ballot drop box for every 15,000 voters in a municipality, among other things. A grassroots initiative and extension of the 2018 Voters Not Politicians proposal, this effort gathered 669,000-plus signatures. Learn more at promotethevotemi.com.

How to vote: We recommend you vote YES on this ballot proposal.

Proposal 3 – Reproductive Freedom

Known as the Reproductive Freedom for All initiative, this would restore and codify the right for women to have bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom in Michigan. It will invalidate Michigan's 1931 abortion ban and other existing regulations that restrict abortion access. This grassroots effort gathered a record-breaking 735,000-plus valid voter signatures, energized by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that struck down Roe v. Wade and ended 49 years of federal protections for legal abortion access. After some legal battles and Republicans' best efforts to kill it, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered it to be on the ballot this November. Learn more at mireproductivefreedom.org.

How to vote: We recommend you vote YES on this ballot proposal.

— Colton Dale



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