

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Kent County, Michigan
Cascade Charter Township, Precinct 1

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Proposal Section	County	Local School District
<p>State</p> <p>Proposal 18-1 A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers</p> <p>This proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption. Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers. Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them. Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located. Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions. <p>Should this proposal be adopted?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Ready By Five Early Childhood Proposal</p> <p>Shall Kent County levy .25 of one mill which is equal to 25 cents per \$1,000 of the taxable value on all real and personal property subject to taxation for the period 2018 through 2024 inclusive for the purpose of providing planning, evaluating, and providing early childhood development services to persons up to age 5 and their parents? The amount raised by the levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$5,702,887.</p> <p>In Kent County there are local authorities that capture and use, for authorized purposes, tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the County. Such capture would include a portion of the millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenue from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is an estimated \$243,962. Tax increment authorities in Kent County include the following:</p> <p>Ada Township-Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Bowne Township - Alto Downtown Development Authority Byron Township-Downtown Development Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority Cascade Charter Township - Downtown Development Authority Cedar Springs, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority Grand Rapids, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Monroe North-Tax Increment Finance Authority, Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority Grandville, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Kent City, Village of - Downtown Development Authority Kentwood, City of - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Lowell, City of - Downtown Development Authority Rockford, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Sparta, Village of - Downtown Development Authority Walker, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Wyoming, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Forest Hills Public Schools Bonding Proposal</p> <p>Shall Forest Hills Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:</p> <p>remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and refurbishing school buildings; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting, furnishing and equipping a new administration building; purchasing school buses; erecting, furnishing and equipping playgrounds, play fields, athletic fields, athletic facilities and sites?</p> <p>The following is for informational purposes only:</p> <p>The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2019 is 0.45 mill (\$0.45 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0.10 mill net decrease over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is fifteen (15) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.99 mills (\$1.99 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).</p> <p>(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Proposal 18-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years</p> <p>This proposed constitutional amendment would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State: 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties. Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners. Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates. Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation. <p>Should this proposal be adopted?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Township</p> <p>Pathway Millage Renewal Proposition</p> <p>Shall the previously voted increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation of general ad valorem taxes within Township of Cascade of 0.4000 mills, reduced to 0.3985 mills (39.85 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) by required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.3500 mills for a period of ten (10) years, 2018 through 2027, inclusive, for the purpose of continuation of funding of the Construction and Maintenance of the Cascade Township Public Pathway System?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>Proposal 18-3 A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution</p> <p>This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines. Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day. Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election. <p>Should this proposal be adopted?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>This millage renewal would raise an estimated \$535,500 in the first year of the levy. To the extent required by law, a small portion of the tax levy revenues (approximately \$19,997 in the first year) will be captured and disbursed to the Township's Downtown Development Authority for its use.</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>	



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