

2018 Primary Election

ENDORSEMENT GUIDE

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The outcome of the 2018 midterm elections will be pivotal on issues of access to health care and protection of reproductive rights. 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 issues such as 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.

MICHIGAN'S STATEWIDE RACES

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan endorses these candidates for Michigan statewide offices:

Governor of Michigan	Gretchen Whitmer
Michigan Attorney General*	Dana Nessel
Michigan Secretary of State*	Jocelyn Benson

* not running in the August primary election; this office will appear on the November general election ballot

MICHIGAN'S FEDERAL RACES

Planned Parenthood Action Fund* endorses these candidates for Michigan statewide offices:

U.S. Senator	Debbie Stabenow
MI Congressional District 7	Gretchen Driskell
MI Congressional District 8	Elissa Slotkin
MI Congressional District 14	Brenda Lawrence

* learn more about this national organization at PlannedParenthoodAction.org

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

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



ENDORSEMENT KEY

Endorsed Endorsed candidate

Endorsed Incumb. Endorsed incumbent candidate

Favorable In the 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.

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement	District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
1	Tenisha	Yancey	D	Endorsed Incumb.	22	John	Chirkun	D	Endorsed Incumb.
2	Willie	Bell	D	Favorable	23	Darrin	Camilleri	D	Endorsed Incumb.
2	Latisha	Johnson	D	Favorable	24	Laura	Winn	D	Endorsed
2	Joe	Tate	D	Favorable	25	Nate	Shannon	D	Endorsed
2	Carla	Tinsley-Smith	D	Favorable	26	Jim	Ellison	D	Endorsed Incumb.
3	Wendell	Byrd	D	Endorsed Incumb.	27	Robert	Wittenberg	D	Endorsed Incumb.
4	Matthew	Friedrichs	D	Favorable	28	Patrick	Green	D	Endorsed Incumb.
4	Myya	Jones	D	Favorable	29	Kone	Bowman	D	Favorable
4	Diane	McMillan	D	Favorable	29	Chris	Jackson	D	Favorable
4	Michele	Oberholtzer	D	Favorable	30	Wisam	Naoum	D	Endorsed
5	Cynthia	Johnson	D	Favorable	31	William	Sowerby	D	Endorsed Incumb.
5	Jermaine	Tobey	D	Favorable	32	Paul	Manley	D	Endorsed
6	Tom	Choske	D	Favorable	34	Sheldon	Neeley	D	Endorsed Incumb.
6	Aghogho	Edevbie	D	Favorable	35	Kyra	Bolden	D	Favorable
6	Paula	Humphries	D	Favorable	35	Vincent	Gregory	D	Favorable
6	Charlesetta	Wilson	D	Favorable	35	Alex	Meyers	D	Favorable
6	Ricardo	White	D	Favorable	35	Katie	Reiter	D	Favorable
8	Sherry	Gay-Dagnogo	D	Endorsed Incumb.	37	Christine	Greig	D	Endorsed Incumb.
9	Gary	Pollard	D	Favorable	38	Aditi	Bagchi	D	Favorable
9	Regina	Ross	D	Favorable	38	Kelly	Breen	D	Favorable
9	Donald	Stuckey II	D	Favorable	39	Jennifer	Suidan	D	Endorsed
9	Karen	Whitsett	D	Favorable	40	Nicole	Bedi	D	Favorable
10	Leslie	Love	D	Endorsed Incumb.	40	Mari	Manoogian	D	Favorable
11	Jewell	Jones	D	Endorsed Incumb.	41	Padma	Kuppa	D	Endorsed
12	Alex	Garza	D	Endorsed	43	Nicole	Breadon	D	Endorsed
13	Frank	Liberati	D	Endorsed Incumb.	44	Laura	Dodd	D	Endorsed
15	Abdullah	Hammoud	D	Endorsed Incumb.	45	Ted	Golden	D	Endorsed
16	Kevin	Coleman	D	Favorable	46	Mindy	Denninger	D	Endorsed
16	Elbert (Bill)	Johnson	D	Favorable	48	Eric	Gunnels	D	Favorable
16	Jacob	Johnson	D	Favorable	48	Sheryl	Kennedy	D	Favorable
16	Michael	McDermott	D	Favorable	48	Jordan	Tiffany	D	Favorable
18	Kevin	Hertel	D	Endorsed Incumb.	49	John	Cherry	D	Favorable
19	Laurie	Pohutsky	D	Endorsed	49	Lashaya	Darisaw	D	Favorable
20	Matt	Koleszar	D	Endorsed	49	Dayne	Walling	D	Favorable
21	Kristy	Pagan	D	Endorsed Incumb.	50	Tim	Sneller	D	Endorsed Incumb.

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES cont'd

District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
51	David	Lossing	D	Endorsed
52	Donna	Lasinski	D	Endorsed Incumb.
53	Yousef	Rabhi	D	Endorsed Incumb.
54	Ronnie	Peterson	D	Endorsed Incumb.
55	Rebekah	Warren	D	Endorsed
56	Ernie	Whiteside	D	Endorsed
59	Dennis	Smith	D	Endorsed
60	Jon	Hoadley	D	Endorsed Incumb.
61	Alberta	Griffin	D	Favorable
61	Thomas	Whitener	D	Favorable
62	Jim	Haadsma	D	Endorsed
63	Jennifer	Aniano	D	Endorsed
64	Sheila	Troxel	D	Endorsed
65	Teri	McKinnon	D	Endorsed
67	Alec	Findlay	D	Favorable
67	Kara	Hope	D	Favorable
68	Sarah	Anthony	D	Favorable
68	Kelly	Collison	D	Favorable
69	Teri	Banas	D	Favorable
69	Julie	Brixie	D	Favorable
69	Penelope	Tsernoglou	D	Favorable
71	Beth	Bowen	D	Favorable
71	Dominic	Natoli	D	Favorable
71	Angela	Witwer	D	Favorable
73	Bill	Saxton	D	Endorsed
75	David	LaGrand	D	Endorsed Incumb.
76	Rachel	Hood	D	Endorsed
77	Robert	Van Kirk	D	Endorsed
79	Joey	Andrews	D	Endorsed
80	Erik	Almquist	D	Endorsed
81	Joshua	Rivard	D	Endorsed
85	Eric	Sabin	D	Endorsed
86	Lauren	Taylor	D	Endorsed
91	Tanya	Cabala	D	Endorsed
92	Terry	Sabo	D	Endorsed Incumb.
95	Vanessa	Guerra	D	Endorsed Incumb.
97	Celia	Young-Wenkel	D	Endorsed
99	Kristen	Brown	D	Favorable
99	Allison	Quast-Lents	D	Favorable
101	Kathy	Wiejaczka	D	Endorsed
104	Dan	O'Neill	D	Endorsed
105	Melissa	Fruge	D	Endorsed
106	Lora	Greene	D	Endorsed
109	Sara	Cambensy	D	Endorsed Incumb.
110	Kenneth	Summers	D	Endorsed

STATE SENATE

District	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
1	Stephanie	Chang	D	Endorsed
2*	Abraham	Aiyash	D	Favorable
2*	Brian	Banks	D	Favorable
2*	Lawrence E.	Gannan	D	Favorable
2*	Adam	Hollier	D	Favorable
3	Sylvia	Santana	D	Endorsed
4	Fred	Durhal Jr.	D	Endorsed
5	David	Knezek	D	Endorsed Incumb.
6	Erika	Geiss	D	Endorsed
7	Dayna	Polehanki	D	Favorable
7	Ghulam	Qadir	D	Favorable
8	Patrick	Biange	D	Endorsed
9	Paul	Wojno	D	Endorsed
10	Henry	Yanez	D	Endorsed
11	Jeremy	Moss	D	Endorsed
12	Rosemary	Bayer	D	Endorsed
13	Mallory	McMorrow	D	Endorsed
15	Julia	Pulver	D	Endorsed
18	Michelle	Deatrick	D	Favorable
18	Jeff	Irwin	D	Favorable
18	Matthew	Miller	D	Favorable
18	Anuja	Rajendra	D	Favorable
20	Sean	McCann	D	Endorsed
21	Ian	Haight	D	Endorsed
22	Adam	Dreher	D	Endorsed
23	Curtis	Hertel Jr.	D	Endorsed Incumb.
24	Kelly	Rossman-McKinney	D	Endorsed
26	Garnet	Lewis	D	Endorsed
27	Jim	Ananich	D	Endorsed Incumb.
28	Ryan	Jeanette	D	Endorsed
29	Winnie	Brinks	D	Endorsed
32	Phil	Phelps	D	Endorsed
33	Mark	Bignell	D	Endorsed
34	Collene	Lamonte	D	Favorable
34	Poppy	Sias-Hernandez	D	Favorable
35	Cary	Urka	R	Endorsed
38	Scott	Dianda	D	Endorsed

*SD2 has concurring races for both a special election to fill the term until 1/1/19 and for the regular election to fill the term until 1/1/22.

Look on the back of this guide
for endorsements in local races



LOCAL RACES

Local Race	First Name	Last Name	Party	Endorsement
Genesee County Commissioner District 6	Greg	Curtiss	D	Endorsed
Ingham County Commissioner District 2	Ryan	Sebolt	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Ingham County Commissioner District 3	Walt	Sorg	D	Favorable
Ingham County Commissioner District 3	Derell	Slaughter	D	Favorable
Ingham County Commissioner District 5	Todd	Tennis	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Ingham County Commissioner District 12	Mark	Polsdofer	D	Endorsed
Kalamazoo Co. Board of Commissioners Dist. 11	Meredith	Place	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 2	Jeremiah	Anway	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 6	Pam	DeGryse	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 7	Mike	Johnson	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 8	Bob	Smith	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 12	Scott	Urbanowski	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 18	Stephen	Wooden	D	Endorsed
Kent County Commissioner District 19	Phil	Skaggs	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Livingston County Commissioner District 2	Jennifer	Garcia	D	Endorsed
Livingston County Commissioner District 5	Alex	Hansen	D	Endorsed
Livingston County Commissioner District 6	Kasey	Helton	D	Endorsed
Livingston County Commissioner District 8	Kristina	Drake	D	Endorsed
Macomb County Commissioner District 4	Joseph	Romano	R	Endorsed
Macomb County Commissioner District 10	Catherine	Filus	L	Endorsed
Macomb County Commissioner District 11	Charles	Frontera	D	Favorable
Macomb County Commissioner District 11	Harold	Haugh	D	Favorable
Oakland County Commissioner District 2	Danielle	McCluskey	D	Endorsed
Oakland County Commissioner District 5	Kristen	Nelson	D	Endorsed
Oakland County Commissioner District 7	Karen	Adams	D	Endorsed
Oakland County Commissioner District 9	Gwen	Markham	D	Endorsed
Oakland County Commissioner District 13	Marcia	Gershenson	D	Endorsed
Oakland County Commissioner District 14	William	Miller	D	Favorable
Oakland County Commissioner District 14	Victor	Woodell	D	Favorable
Oakland County Commissioner District 18	Helaine	Zack	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Mayor of Ann Arbor	Christopher	Taylor	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Wayne County Commissioner District 2	Jewel	Ware	D	Endorsed Incumbent
Wayne County Commissioner District 3	Martha	Scott	D	Endorsed
Wayne County Commissioner District 6	Monique	Baker McCormick	D	Endorsed
Wayne County Commissioner District 10	Melissa	Daub	D	Endorsed
Wayne County Commissioner District 13	Brian	Stone	D	Endorsed