

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Mecosta County, Michigan
Green Township, Precinct 1A

TO VOTE: Complete the arrow opposite each choice as shown: ←

IMPORTANT: To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!

PARTISAN SECTION: To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

Straight Ticket: Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

Split Ticket: You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

Mixed Ticket: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot must be voted separately.

DO NOT vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and complete the arrow. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT: This ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that the votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

PARTISAN SECTION

STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET

Vote for not more than 1



Republican Party



Democratic Party



Green Party



U.S. Taxpayers Party



Libertarian Party



Natural Law Party

PRESIDENTIAL

ELECTORS OF
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than 1

John McCain
Sarah Palin
Republican

Barack Obama
Joe Biden
Democratic

Cynthia McKinney
Rosa Clemente
Green

Chuck Baldwin
Darrell L. Castle
U.S. Taxpayers

Bob Barr
Wayne A. Root
Libertarian

Ralph Nader
Matt Gonzalez
Natural Law

CONGRESSIONAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Vote for not more than 1

Jack Hoogendyk, Jr.
Republican

Carl Levin
Democratic

Harley G. Mikkelsen
Green

Michael N. Nikitin
U.S. Taxpayers

Scotty Boman
Libertarian

Doug Dern
Natural Law

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
4TH DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Dave Camp
Republican

Andrew D. Concannon
Democratic

John Emerick
U.S. Taxpayers

Allitta Hren
Libertarian

LEGISLATIVE

REPRESENTATIVE IN
STATE LEGISLATURE
102ND DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Darwin L. Booher
Republican

Nate Heffron
Democratic

Thomas Hren
Libertarian

STATE BOARDS

MEMBER OF THE STATE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for not more than 2

Scott Jenkins
Republican

Richard Zeile
Republican

John Austin
Democratic

Kathleen Straus
Democratic

Dwain Reynolds III
Green

Karen Adams
U.S. Taxpayers

Gail M. Graeser
U.S. Taxpayers

Bill Hall
Libertarian

Jeff A. Steinport
Libertarian

REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN

Vote for not more than 2

Susan Brown
Republican

John G. LaFond
Republican

Laurence B. Deitch
Democratic

Denise Ilitch
Democratic

Ellis Boal
Green

Richard Ryskamp
U.S. Taxpayers

Joe Sanger
U.S. Taxpayers

Eric L. Larson
Libertarian

Kerry L. Morgan
Libertarian

TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Vote for not more than 2

Lisa Bouchard
Republican

George Scott Romney
Republican

Dianne Byrum
Democratic

Diann Woodard
Democratic

Therese Marie Storm
Green

Robert Gale
U.S. Taxpayers

Crystal Van Sickle
U.S. Taxpayers

David A. Brown
Libertarian

Joseph Rosenquist
Libertarian

GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY

Vote for not more than 2

Torion J. Bridges
Republican

Danielle Karmanos
Republican

Paul Massaron
Democratic

Gary S. Pollard
Democratic

Margaret Gutshall
Green

Rick Butkowski
U.S. Taxpayers

Terry Haines
U.S. Taxpayers

Dan Keizer
Libertarian

Nicole Michalak
Libertarian

COUNTY

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Vote for not more than 1

Peter Michael Jaklevic
Republican

SHERIFF

Vote for not more than 1

John W. Sonntag
Republican

CLERK

Vote for not more than 1

Marcee M. Purcell
Republican

TREASURER

Vote for not more than 1

Connie L. Scott
Republican

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Vote for not more than 1

Karen Hahn
Republican

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER

Vote for not more than 1

Randy Maxwell
Republican

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Vote for not more than 1

Jackie Fitzgerald
Republican

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
1ST DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Kevin M. Courtney
Republican

Mark Bolek
Democratic

TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR

Vote for not more than 1

Bob Baldwin
Republican

CLERK

Vote for not more than 1

Janet Clark
Republican

TREASURER

Vote for not more than 1

Denise MacFarlane
Republican

TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than 4

James Peek
Republican

Nancy Stephan
Republican

Gary Dean Todd
Republican

Barbara J. Waldron
Republican

NONPARTISAN SECTION

JUDICIAL

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

Vote for not more than 1

Cliff Taylor
Justice of Supreme Court

Diane Marie Hathaway

Robert W. Roddis

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS
4TH DISTRICT
INCUMBENT POSITION

Vote for not more than 2

Alton T. Davis
Judge of Court of Appeals

Patrick Murphy Meter
Judge of Court of Appeals

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS
4TH DISTRICT
NON-INCUMBENT POSITION

Vote for not more than 1

Michael J. Kelly

Paula Manderfield

JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT
77TH DISTRICT
INCUMBENT POSITION

Vote for not more than 1

Susan H. Grant
Judge of District Court

PROPOSAL SECTION

STATE

PROPOSAL 08-1
A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE
AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR
SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.
- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ←
NO ←

PROPOSAL 08-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE
CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO
AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL
RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos --
 - are created for fertility treatment purposes;
 - are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
 - would be discarded unless used for research;
 - were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.
- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ←
NO ←

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF
MARY LOU PROEFROCK
FROM THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE
REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1) Demonstrating fiscal irresponsibility at taxpayer expense during the current budget crisis, by voting to extend the Superintendent's Employment Contract from three years to five years with the written provision "the Board may terminate this contract at any time, without cause, upon payment of severance in the amount of 110% the Superintendent's current annual salary ..."
- 2) For attempting to solve the current RCAPS budget crisis by ONLY cutting positions at the lower pay scales while making no cuts in positions at the Administrative level and making no monetary concessions in salary levels or benefits at the Administrative level.
- 3) For failure at Board meetings to consider taxpayers' input on critical issues facing RCAPS and failure to have meaningful dialogue at Board meetings relative to those taxpayer concerns.

JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE OF
MARY LOU PROEFROCK

The proposed recall is an unfair attempt to punish board members for voting continued quality education and safeguarding of your tax dollars. Thanks for your show of support by electing me eight times to school board. After thirty years experience, I continue to take my responsibility to educate our school children very seriously. All over Michigan people are in financial crisis. The state government is too. They cannot help us. We must find ways to pay our bills. Unpopular decisions are inevitable to some. We have made over \$5,000,000 in cuts already across the board. Changes in custodial and food service will save another \$900,000 over next three years with no disruption to children's education. The number of community jobs is still here. Raising taxes in an already hurting community is not an option for me. We welcome your attendance at board meetings. Comments from the public are on every board agenda. Monthly board packets are available to anyone interested.

A recall in the midst of such radical change would only plunge Reed City Area School District into added chaos when it can least afford further instability or community discord.

For the sake of our children, support your courageous Board.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Mary Lou Proefrock be recalled from the office of Member of the Board of Education, Reed City Area Public School District, Lake, Mecosta, Newaygo and Osceola Counties, Michigan?

YES ←
NO ←

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF
RICHARD SALADIN
FROM THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE
REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1) Demonstrating fiscal irresponsibility at taxpayer expense during the current budget crisis, by voting to extend the Superintendent's Employment Contract from three years to five years with the written provision "the Board may terminate this contract at any time, without cause, upon payment of severance in the amount of 110% the Superintendent's current annual salary ..."
- 2) For attempting to solve the current RCAPS budget crisis by ONLY cutting positions at the lower pay scales while making no cuts in positions at the Administrative level and making no monetary concessions in salary levels or benefits at the Administrative level.
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JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE OF
RICHARD SALADIN

I've served on the board for over 11 years and have never failed to discuss any issues with any constituent or employee. I have made decisions based on conservative values and fiscal responsibility. Each member of this board has placed an emphasis on preserving curriculum and programs that provide children with opportunities to succeed in and out of the classroom.

Decisions regarding the superintendent's contract were made more than a year ago and help to promote stability and continuity in a position that has seen five new faces over the last 12 years. This recall is an attack on the board and superintendent for making the decision to privatize custodial and food service operations. The decision to privatize was difficult, but will save the district approximately \$300,000 each of the next three years. Each board member was fully aware of the threat of a recall by union supporters. The decision was made to help balance the budget while preserving educational programs. The union, through negotiations, had options to prevent this from happening. Union leadership and representation failed their membership.

Thanks for allowing me to serve until my term expires on 6/30/09. I am not running for re-election.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Richard Saladin be recalled from the office of Member of the Board of Education, Reed City Area Public School District, Lake, Mecosta, Newaygo and Osceola Counties, Michigan?

YES ←
NO ←

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF
SHERI THOMPSON
FROM THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE
REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1) Demonstrating fiscal irresponsibility at taxpayer expense during the current budget crisis, by voting to extend the Superintendent's Employment Contract from three years to five years with the written provision "the Board may terminate this contract at any time, without cause, upon payment of severance in the amount of 110% the Superintendent's current annual salary ..."
- 2) For attempting to solve the current RCAPS budget crisis by ONLY cutting positions at the lower pay scales while making no cuts in positions at the Administrative level and making no monetary concessions in salary levels or benefits at the Administrative level.
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JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE OF
SHERI THOMPSON

Across the state and in our district, schools face tough decisions due to shrinking enrollments, declining funding resources and escalating energy and personnel costs. Our Board has made difficult decisions based on what is best for our students. Understanding answers to the "charges" levied against the Board reveal the real reason for initiating this recall: privatization. Resulting savings of \$300,000 yearly offer classroom opportunities for children. Observing the state economy, we know there will certainly be additional financial adjustments necessary, in spite of cuts totaling \$5 million made during the past 5 years. Our Board, elected to provide quality education for children, has, individually and collectively, made every effort to do that under complicated circumstances. We have no hidden agendas; we are working hard to do what's best for kids. This recall is unwarranted, divisive, and counterproductive at a time when our schools-and our community-need to be pulling together to bring the best we have to offer to our young people. The futures of the children and our community are at stake. Please keep experience and common sense decision-making in place for our students and our schools. My thanks for your trust and support.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Sheri Thompson be recalled from the office of Member of the Board of Education, Reed City Area Public School District, Lake, Mecosta, Newaygo and Osceola Counties, Michigan?

YES ←
NO ←

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF
BRIAN ZAIS
FROM THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE
REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1) Demonstrating fiscal irresponsibility at taxpayer expense during the current budget crisis, by voting to extend the Superintendent's Employment Contract from three years to five years with the written provision "the Board may terminate this contract at any time, without cause, upon payment of severance in the amount of 110% the Superintendent's current annual salary ..."
- 2) For attempting to solve the current RCAPS budget crisis by ONLY cutting positions at the lower pay scales while making no cuts in positions at the Administrative level and making no monetary concessions in salary levels or benefits at the Administrative level.
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JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE OF
BRIAN ZAIS

I was elected to provide RCAPS students the best education possible given shrinking resources. The right decisions in the interest of students are sometimes difficult and unpopular. The recall organizers claim this recall isn't about privatization, so just focus on the three issues they raise. First: the board feels that continuity at the superintendent position is crucial to building and maintaining a quality district. Superintendents need to stay beyond the "learning the ropes" time period in order to provide effective leadership. The 110% severance clause is typical in superintendents' contracts, and protects the superintendent from emotional reactions to individual decisions. Second: RCAPS has made cuts totaling over \$5,000,000 in the past several years, with cuts coming from all areas, including administration. The administrators took the same cut in benefits this year as the teachers and support staff did in their contracts. Third: board meetings are held in public, but are not intended to be times of lengthy discussion with the public. The board welcomes and considers all public input at board meetings, but is not always prepared to answer every question asked, nor respond immediately to every challenge. The listed reasons are insufficient to warrant recall.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Brian Zais be recalled from the office of Member of the Board of Education, Reed City Area Public School District, Lake, Mecosta, Newaygo and Osceola Counties, Michigan?

YES ←
NO ←