

Oakland County
Official Proposal List
November 3, 2020 General Election

Proposal Section
State of Michigan
Proposal 20-1
A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 20-2
A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Oakland County
Millage Replacement and Increase to Improve, Operate, and Maintain Parks, Open Space Areas, Trails, and Recreation Activities in Oakland County, Michigan

The Oakland County Parks System includes 7000 acres and 80 miles of trails preserving and protecting the environment. There are 13 Oakland County Parks and recreational activities throughout the County including campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, water parks, and mobile recreation units.

To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, shall the current millage, which has been reduced by required rollback, be replaced and increased to .35 mills for 10 years from 2020 to 2029? The .35 mills is equal to 35 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if approved and levied, will generate approximately \$22,026,860.00 in 2020. The purpose of the millage is to improve, operate, and maintain parks, open space and water areas, trails, and recreation facilities; to allow for free day-use park admission for seniors (62 and over), military, veterans, and residents with permanent disabilities; to expand trails; to enhance local recreation programs; and to increase environmental conservation and recreation activities. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission with external audits and oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Birmingham**Parks and Recreation Bond Proposal**

Shall the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$11,250,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series, payable over a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years from the date of issuance, to be used by the City for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping and renovating parks and recreation improvements, including parks, playgrounds and trail system improvements and renovations to the Birmingham Sports Ice Arena, including all appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2021 is 0.0485 mills (\$0.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.2064 mills (\$0.21 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

Lathrup Village**Street Improvements Bond Proposal**

Shall the City of Lathrup Village, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$5,845,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issue, to pay the cost of constructing street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving streets? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in 2021 is 3.9307 mills (\$3.93 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.9176 mills (\$3.92 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

South Lyon**Charter Amendment Proposal**

Shall Section 4.5 of the South Lyon City Charter be amended to change the number of city council members required to constitute a quorum from three to a majority of the seven-member city council, making this section consistent with the existing Section 13.4 of the City Charter which provides that a majority of the number of members of the city council shall constitute a quorum?

Southfield**Proposed Charter Amendment**

Shall Chapters III and XI of the City Charter be amended to reinstate Primary Elections as provided for prior to 2015.

Sylvan Lake**Charter Amendment Proposal 1**

Shall the Charter be amended to add a new Section 13.5(c), establishing a single new additional millage of 3.0 mills for infrastructure maintenance and improvements for the City's water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street (including roads and sidewalks) systems, commencing July 1, 2023 and effective through and including July 1, 2037. It is estimated that if levied, 3.0 mills would raise approximately \$315,000 when first levied in 2023. The City's other Charter authority to levy taxes would be unaffected.

Troy**City Council Would be Authorized to Levy up to 1.1 Mills for Ten Years for Dedicated Library Funding with the Passage of the Following Question:**

In 2011, the City of Troy voters approved a levy of .70 mills against all property for the operation and maintenance of the library, and then approved a renewal in 2015. This levy is scheduled to expire June 30, 2021. Should the City of Troy replace and increase the expiring millage, and levy up to 1.1 mills against all taxable property for a 10 year period of time for the dedicated purpose of operating and maintaining the library and making capital improvements to the library building? 1.1 mills is equal to \$1.10 on each \$1000 of taxable value. If approved, the millage would raise approximately \$5,787,978 in 2021, the first year it is levied. The majority of the revenue from the levy millage would be disbursed to the City, and could be used only for library operations, maintenance, and capital improvements. State law also requires disbursement to the Troy Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Walled Lake

Explanatory Caption Regarding Proposed Amendment to Section 4.7 of the City of Walled Lake Charter

Caption

State law requires that an initiatory ballot proposal to amend a City Charter must be submitted to the state Attorney General and Governor for review prior to submission to the voters. Both the Governor and State Attorney General reviewed and disapproved the initiatory proposal to amend section 4.7 of the Walled Lake City Charter because it fails to comply with state law requirements, as determined by the state Attorney General. The proponents of the proposal disagrees with the Attorney General and Governor's determinations. The proposed Charter Amendment proposes to abrogate City Council's current authority under section 4.7 to employ the City Manager for an indefinite period of time and further proposes to effectuate the immediate termination of the current City Manager's employment. The City Manager's employment contract contains provisions for payment of severance benefits that include, but are not limited to, full payment of the City Manager's \$160,000.00 yearly salary through January 2025.

Ballot Language

Shall Section 4.7 of the City Charter be amended to prohibit an individual from serving as city manager for more than 10 years in total, including any time accrued as city manager before the charter amendment takes effect?

Wixom

Renewal of an Additional Operating Millage for Municipal Operating Purposes Including Police and Fire, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation

Shall the previously approved additional operating millage in Section 9.2 of the Wixom City Charter of up to 3.5 mills (which is equal to \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed for an additional four (4) years, commencing July 1, 2021, and effective through and including July 1, 2024, to provide funds for municipal operating purposes including police and fire, public works, and parks & recreation?

Oakland Township

Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of .9975 mills for a period of 8 years beginning December 2021 and expiring December 2028 for purposes of providing fire protection services, including the operation and maintenance of the Oakland Township Fire Department and purchase of equipment and buildings to serve the Charter Township of Oakland. If levied in 2021, approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of \$.9399 per \$1000 of taxable value on all property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect approximately \$1,429,865 in the first year (2021) if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be taxed \$93.99 for the millage.

Renewal of the Historic District Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy of up to .1096 for a period of ten (10) years, starting with the December 2022 levy, for the purpose of continuing to fund historic preservation, education, restoration, acquisition, and maintenance within the Charter Township of Oakland? As part of this purpose, this millage includes funding for the development and maintenance of the Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, a site listed as a Community Historic Center on the National Register of Historic Places.

Approval of this proposal would renew the previously authorized tax limitation increase of approximately 11 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township, or \$10.96 per year on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000. Revenue from the levy renewal shall be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland. Based upon the projected 2022 Township wide taxable value, it is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect up to \$176,888.10 of revenue in the first year (2022) if this millage renewal is authorized and levied.

Oxford Township

Millage for Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Life Support Services

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law upon all taxable property within the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan be increased by new additional millage of 4.5 mills (4.5 mills being equal to \$4.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of 4 (four) years, beginning with the December 2020 tax levy through the December 2023 tax levy, for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS) and advanced life support (ALS) services for the Charter Township of Oxford, which new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services and advanced life support services which, after the required rollback, last resulted in a levy of 3.3472 mills, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during this period, which will raise in the first year if levied an estimated revenue of Four Million Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,276,620.00) of which a portion will be disbursed to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority?

Beverly Hills Village

Ballot Proposal 1

It is proposed that Section 9.1 of the Charter of the Village of Beverly Hills be amended to read as follows:

Power to Tax:

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The Village shall have the power to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes. The general ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed 12.9184 mills, times the taxable value of all real and personal property, subject to taxation in the Village, exclusive of any levies authorized by general statute to be made beyond Charter tax limitations, for a period of ten (10) years 2021 to 2031 inclusive. This 12.9184 millage authorization shall include the following components specifically dedicated to the operation of the Village:

- a) 9.9 mills for public safety/police/fire operations;
- b) 1.88 mills for general administrative purposes;
- c) 0.8184 mills for Baldwin Public Library services;
- d) 0.32 mills for capital park improvements/replacements for village wide parks.

It is estimated that the renewal of 9.9 mills for public safety/police/fire will raise approximately \$6,288,904.00 when first levied in 2021;

It is estimated that the reduction of the prior millage for general administrative purposes to 1.88 mills will raise approximately \$1,194,238.00 when first levied in 2021;

It is estimated that the reduction of the prior millage for Baldwin Public Library services to 0.8184 will raise approximately \$519,874.00 when first levied in 2021; and

It is estimated a new park millage for capital park improvements/replacements for village wide parks will raise approximately \$203,274.00 when first levied in 2021.

Upon expiration of this renewed millage on June 30, 2031, the maximum allowed under Charter millage rate will revert to 11.00 mills for municipal purposes.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

Franklin Village

Renewal of Special Millage for Police Services and General Fund

Shall the currently authorized special millage rate of 0.3802 mill (\$0.3802 on each \$1000 of taxable value) on real and personal property in the Village for police services and general fund stabilization (Police services are paid from general fund) be renewed for 10 years, 2021 through 2030? The current millage expired with the July 2020 tax levy. If voters approve this millage renewal, it will raise approximately \$144,650 in the first year if levied in full.

Holly Village
Charter Amendment

Shall section 3.4 of the Village Charter, which calls for the President and each council member to receive as compensation for his/her services to the Village the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) be amended to read as follows:

3.4 Compensation of members of the Council.

Each member of Council shall receive as compensation for his/her service to the Village a sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) beginning November, 2022, when each current Council term has expired. The Village President shall receive as compensation for his/her service, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) beginning November, 2020. Such salaries shall be payable annually as determined by the Council and shall constitute the only salary or compensation which may be paid for services performed by the President or any Council Member for the discharge of any official duty for or on behalf of the Village during their term of office. Upon prior authorization of the council, reasonable expenses may be allowed when actually incurred on behalf of the Village. Until November, 2022, each member of Council shall receive as compensation for his/her service to the Village a sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per year.

Lake Orion Village
Legalize Marihuana Facilities and Establishments

Shall the Village of Lake Orion enact an ordinance to regulate the sale of marihuana in the Village; to allow certain medical marihuana facilities and recreational marihuana establishments to operate in the Village pursuant to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act; to provide for standards and procedures to permit and regulate such facilities; to provide for the imposition of permit application fees; to provide penalties; and to impose conditions for the operation of such facilities?

Holly Area School District
Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed by 17.9047 mills (\$17.9047 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 12 years, 2021 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and .0953 mill of the additional .5 mill is levied in 2021 is approximately \$4,323,146 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy and the addition of millage to restore millage lost as a result of a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, which will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

Royal Oak Schools
Operating Millage Proposal

County of Oakland
State of Michigan

This proposal would restore and extend the authority of the Royal Oak Schools to levy the number of mills for operating purposes on taxable property in the School District required for the School District to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the State and allow the district to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non homestead property in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 1.25 mills. The existing authority expired with the School District's 2020 tax levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Royal Oak Schools, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased to 19.25 mills (\$19.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extend such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 3.4 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for ten (10) years, the years 2021 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district? This millage would raise approximately \$18,588,941 in the first year of levy.

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency
Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would be raised approximately \$90.4 million when first levied in 2022.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts:

- Allen Park Public Schools
- Crestwood School District
- Dearborn City School District
- Dearborn Heights School District #7
- Detroit Public Schools Community District
- Ecorse Public School District
- Flat Rock Community Schools
- School District of the City of Garden City
- Gibraltar School District
- Grosse Ile Township Schools
- The Grosse Pointe Public School System
- Hamtramck Public Schools
- City of Harper Woods Schools
- School District of the City of Highland Park
- Huron School District
- School District of the City of Lincoln Park
- Livonia Public Schools
- Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools
- Northville Public Schools
- Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- Redford Union School District
- River Rouge School District
- Riverview Community School District
- Romulus Community Schools
- Southgate Community School District
- South Redford School District
- Taylor School District
- Trenton Public Schools
- Van Buren Public Schools
- Wayne-Westland Community School District
- Westwood Community Schools
- Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
- Wyandotte City School District