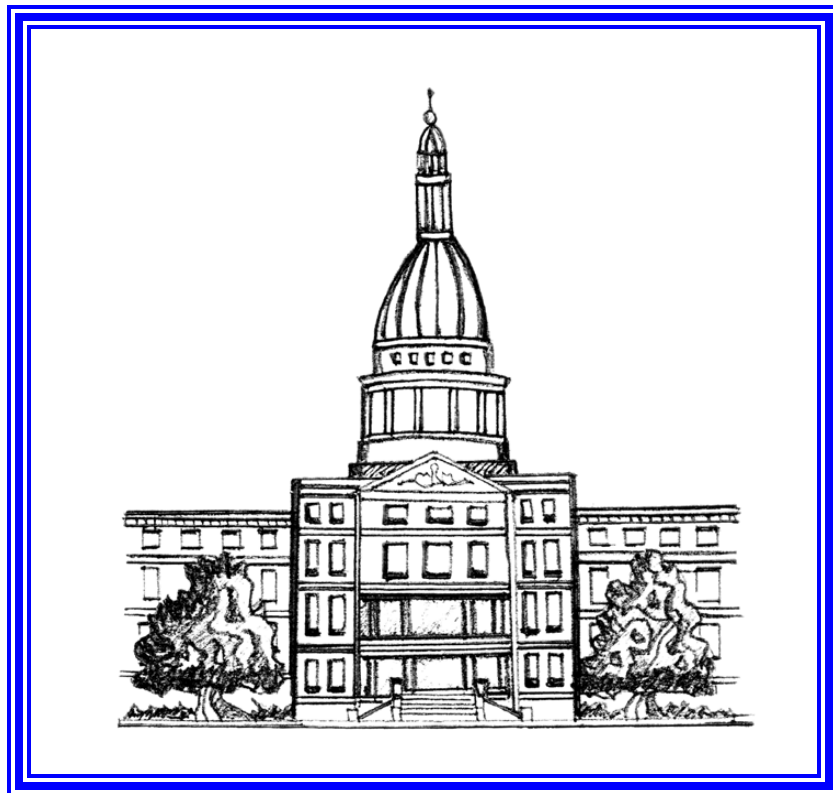




# League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Voter Guide



## SUMMER PRIMARY ELECTION August 5, 2008

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE SUMMER PRIMARY ELECTION

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This guide was prepared with the help of League members, students and members of the community interested in the issues. The personal statement is limited to forty-five (45) words or fewer. The response to each question is limited to thirty-five (35) words. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceed the stated word limitations. If the candidate does not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Did not reply in time for publication" appear by the candidate's name. When a candidate exceeds the word limit the answer ends with an ellipse (...). They respond in alphabetical order by Party. The Michigan Secretary of State's Party will always appear first on the ballot. **All candidate responses are in bold.**

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Ingham County is holding a Primary on August 5, 2008. Candidates have been gracious enough to draft responses for this Voter's Guide. **All candidate responses are in bold.** The following races are covered in this Voter Guide.

State Representative 68<sup>th</sup> District – 2 year term – Vote for 1 candidate  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner - 4 year term – Vote for 1 candidate  
Ingham County County Commissioner District #3 – 2 year term – Vote for 1 candidate  
Ingham County County Commissioner District #9 – 2 year term – Vote for 1 candidate

Kathy Esselman  
President  
League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area

# State Representative

**Election assigned to this office:** Primary Election 8/05/2008

**Office Description:** Michigan's State Representatives serve in the lower house of the legislature. They must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a registered voter in the district they represent and never have been convicted of a felony. They cannot have any employment with either the United States, state or local governments and dual office holding is prohibited. State Representatives are limited to three 2-year terms.

**Salary:** \$79,650 plus expenses, plus a \$20, 000

**Term of Office:** 2 years

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for 1**

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 68<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - 2 YEAR TERM

**DAVID C. IRONS Republican (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I am the champion of the Constitution. I would shrink government to its constitutional size and function. I would protect our citizens from the abuses of government. The question is: Do you want more government control or more control of your own life?**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**I would eliminate the income tax. I will hold our public servants to their oath of office. Our public officials only oath is to support the Constitution.**

2. How would you balance this year's budget? What three areas would you cut? What three areas would you protect? Do you have a different approach?

**I would eliminate many of the tasks now performed by government and return those tasks to the free market, as the founding fathers intended.**

3. Is there any way that the state can help cities or townships expedite the removal of burned buildings, which pose a safety hazard for the neighborhood?

**This is a property rights issue. The best way to remove old buildings is by hand, salvaging old materials in an environmentally responsible way. This method is an inherently green construction technique.**

4. What is your view of the Energy Bill now before the State Senate? How will it impact households and businesses in the Capitol Area?

**The private sector is best suited for solving the energy crisis through the free market. Tampering with the market is what created this crisis.**

5. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**No. It would divert power and control to the government, a power not granted by the constitution.**

## **JOAN BAUER Democrat (D)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**It is my honor to serve as the 68<sup>th</sup> District State Representative. My experience as a teacher, healthcare manager, eleven year member of the Lansing City Council, director of the LCC Foundation, and State Representative help me be an effective voice in the Michigan Legislature.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**My top priority is to strengthen Michigan's economy and create good paying jobs. To accomplish that, we must ensure that our local schools, community colleges, and universities provide a high quality education for students.**

2. How would you balance this year's budget? What three areas would you cut? What three areas would you protect? Do you have a different approach?

**The Legislature passed a balanced budget. I fought to protect funding for education, revenue sharing, and human services. We must continually analyze the budget for areas where we can reduce expenses and increase efficiencies.**

3. Is there any way that the state can help cities or townships expedite the removal of burned buildings, which pose a safety hazard for the neighborhood?

**Local governments often need financial assistance to remove burned buildings. The State could expand Cities of Promise so more communities could receive funding for blight removal. A low interest loan program could also be established.**

4. What is your view of the Energy Bill now before the State Senate? How will it impact households and businesses in the Capitol Area?

**It will help meet Michigan's energy needs, establishes renewable energy standards, and supports energy efficiency. Does not apply to municipal power companies so rate increases resulting from the legislation will not impact BWL customers.**

5. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

Yes

## **STEVE HARRY (D)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I have little political experience, but have always been interested in government. In the jobs I've had, I've been good at analyzing problems and finding solutions. I want to put that ability to use in solving the problems of this state.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**Reduce the power of unions, repeal the prevailing wage law, make taxes fairer, eliminate the Senate and the Lottery, put more decision-making power directly in the hands of the voters, and legalize gay marriage.**

2. How would you balance this year's budget? What three areas would you cut? What three areas would you protect? Do you have a different approach?

**My approach would be to increase revenues by removing the inequities in the state income tax. I would tax pensions, social security and seniors' investment income to the same extent the federal government does.**

3. Is there any way that the state can help cities or townships expedite the removal of burned buildings, which pose a safety hazard for the neighborhood?

**I doubt that the state needs to be involved. I am not aware of any state law that prevents a local government from dealing with this situation.**

4. What is your view of the Energy Bill now before the State Senate? How will it impact households and businesses in the Capitol Area?

**I believe the public is better served by less regulation and more competition in the energy industry. I am against guaranteeing a share of the market to Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison.**

5. In a recent poll of Michigan citizens, 80% said that they believe public funding for election of judges rather than candidates asking for contributions from lawyers and interest groups would make Michigan's court system work better. Would you support legislation to achieve this?

**I cannot believe that case decisions are not influenced by campaign contributions, and even when that is not the case, the appearance of influence must be avoided. I would support public funding of judicial elections.**

# Ingham County Drain Commissioner

**Election assigned to this office:** Primary Election 8/05/08

**Office Description:** According to the Ingham County Directory, the Drain Commissioner provides for construction, maintenance and improvement of county public storm drains. Responsible for the legal establishment and administration of drainage districts. Assesses benefited property owners to pay for costs of the drains. Other responsibilities include lake level control, soil erosion control (through issuance of permits), acting as the County Board of Public Works, and review of proposed subdivision plats. (see Plat and Drainage Boards, which are related to this office.

**Salary:** \$79, 596

**Term:** 4 years

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for One (1) Candidates.**

## **JEFFREY OESTERLE (R)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**Jeff and Dawn Oesterle, with their two sons, own a family farm south of Mason. Jeff is president of the Ingham County Farm Bureau. He has been a township supervisor, church president, chamber of commerce board member, and member of Ingham County's Extension Advisory Council.**

1. What would be your major priorities, if elected?

**Putting the focus back on our citizens, our employers and those prospective employers who can help create jobs and career opportunities for our residents. This starts with leadership and accountability—at the top.**

2. The Drain Commissioner administers major projects. When the Drain Commission contracts are awarded, should they try to hire local companies and/or consider whether contractors pay a living wage?

**Hiring locally, while also being responsible with the citizens' monies, is the most important. Whether the contractor pays a living wage should not be the determining factor, despite the current Board of Commissioners requirement.**

3. What proportion of storm drains and sewers are separated throughout the County?

**I believe all storm drains and sewers under the Drain Commissioner's jurisdiction are separated. There are still some within the borders of incorporated units, like the city of Lansing, that need to be separated.**

4. How should the requirements for development and conservation be balanced?

**A well-planned development will have already incorporated conservation measures into the overall plan. Possibly the most important consideration is, does the plan follow the rules of “common sense”?**

5. How can Ingham County improve the quality of its lakes and wetlands?

**The water quality of Ingham County’s largest lake, Lake Lansing, could be improved by reducing the amount of effluent running into it from septic fields. Wetlands need to be treated as wetlands, not parks.**

## **PATRICK E. LINDEMANN (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**I am honored to have been elected four times as your Ingham County Drain Commissioner. This experience has taught me that jobs development and environmental protection must be balanced to respond to our community’s needs. I am the only candidate with this experience.**

1. What would be your major priorities, if elected?

**Continuing the highest level of service and response to the public, protecting the environment and implementing green infrastructure, promoting regional cooperation for sustainable growth and jobs creation, and squeezing the most from every dollar.**

2. The Drain Commissioner administers major projects. When the Drain Commission contracts are awarded, should they try to hire local companies and/or consider whether contractors pay a living wage?

**Yes. I require, in every contract, that the contractors pay prevailing wages and I audit them to ensure compliance. Preference is given to local contractors. This has always been my policy.**

3. What proportion of storm drains and sewers are separated throughout the County?

**All County Drains under the jurisdiction of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner were separated by 1998. Outside of my jurisdiction, East Lansing and Lansing cities still have drains requiring separation.**

4. How should the requirements for development and conservation be balanced?

**I balance private development interests and jobs creation with the public trust in natural resources daily, reviewing plans so that both can be accomplished: sustainable growth is the condition in which we leave the environment.**

5. How can Ingham County improve the quality of its lakes and wetlands?

**Internal plan reviews require that developers protect wetlands and lake quality. Project approval required the protection, preservation, creation and/or restoration of wetlands of over 2500 acres in 16 years. I support a County wetland ordinance.**

## **GARY MARX (D)**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I'm running because Ingham County deserves to have an environmental professional as their top water quality officer. My 30 plus years experience and Ph.D. in freshwater ecology have taught me that it's possible to have strong environmental protection programs without discouraging economic growth.**

1. What would be your major priorities, if elected?

**I would run the drain office as a professional, not a political office, and would hire qualified professionals as deputies. Innovative environmental protection efforts and quality customer service would be my highest priorities.**

2. The Drain Commissioner administers major projects. When the Drain Commission contracts are awarded, should they try to hire local companies and/or consider whether contractors pay a living wage?

**The drain office should make every effort to hire local companies when awarding contracts. I would adhere to the relevant ordinances of the county.**

3. What proportion of storm drains and sewers are separated throughout the County?

**According to the DEQ, most of the sewers outside of Lansing are either separated or are provided treatment. The Lansing project is more than half completed and is scheduled to be completed in 2020.**

4. How should the requirements for development and conservation be balanced?

**Strict enforcement of our laws that protect our natural resources is critical, but they should be enforced fairly and equally. Economic growth and conservation can coexist and they must if our economy is to survive.**

5. How can Ingham County improve the quality of its lakes and wetlands?

**The quality of these systems can be improved by enforcement of existing laws and by working with farmers, builders, local government, and the public to develop innovative solutions for these complicated problems.**

# Ingham County Board of Commissioners

**Election assigned to this office:** Primary Election 8/05/08

**Office Description:** The Board acts as a policy-making body for all county affairs and has the power to pass ordinances pertaining to county matters. It appoints the equalization Director, the Controller, Health Officer, Medical Examiner, Animal Control Director and the County Attorney, in addition to many members of the various board and commissions functioning within the county. The budget must be approved and all spending authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The following committees cover all phases of the Board's duties: County Services, Finance, Human Resources, Law Enforcement and Judiciary. These committees report their recommendations to the entire Board for action.

**Salary:** \$10,971.00 a year and a per diem of \$60 for committee and Board meetings up to 6 per month

**Term:** 2 year term

**Partisan Election**

**Vote for One (1) Candidates.**

## Ingham County Commissioner #3

**CYNTHIA A. MOQUIST (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I have lived in Michigan all of my life, and have been a resident of Ingham County for many years. After living and working here, I would like to contribute more to the community by running for public office.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

***My goal as County Commissioner will be to work as an Advocate and to encourage partnership and involvement of the people and businesses in our neighborhoods.***

2. On which Ingham County Committee would you choose to serve, if you are elected?

***Human Services and Law Enforcement Committees. All Committees need to work together to ensure that everyone has a safe environment to live and the resources to provide them with what is promised in our Constitution.***

3. What are the particular needs and strengths of your district?

***The location of District 3 is a major strength of our community. We are in the center of what is happening in Lansing. We are in a District perfect for small business and unique opportunities in Lansing.***

4. What is your philosophy of development?

***My philosophy for development is to have balance, keep our green fields and make informed decisions.***

5. Should some of Lansing's resources, which benefit county residents, like the golf courses, be administered by the county?

**Lansing's resources which benefit the county should be administered by the county.**

## **HAROLD J. LEEMAN JR. (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**I am a lifelong resident of Lansing for 50 years. I am a graduate of the Lansing School District, Lansing Community College and Michigan State University. I was elected to the Lansing City Council in 1995 and served until January 2008.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**A) Respond to voters from the third district in 24 hours.**

**B) Continue to move the county forward in a positive direction.**

**C) Work with Leaders of Lansing Township and the City of Lansing . . .**

2. On which Ingham County Committee would you choose to serve, if you are elected?

**There are five committees set up within the Board of Commissioners. Those are County Services, Human Services, Finance, Judiciary and Law Enforcement. I would like to serve on Human Services and County Services.**

3. What are the particular needs and strengths of your district?

**Human Services the county offers is one example in regard to the needs of the third district. Strength of the district is having two governments: Lansing and Lansing Township.**

4. What is your philosophy of development?

**I look at all the facts in regard to a issue, and then decide to support or amend or not to support.**

5. Should some of Lansing's resources, which benefit county residents, like the golf courses, be administered by the county?

**Yes and no. I supported the county when it came to the City of Lansing leasing the Potter Parke zoo to the county. I will be open minded on any issue.**

## **BRIAN McGRAIN (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**It is my goal to assist in implementing policies that build on our assets and increase the vibrance of our communities. I plan to put my experience to use to achieve a renewed vigor in Ingham County and heightened prosperity for ourselves and future generations.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**To advance policies that balance regional growth with appropriate provision of services for our residents. I support promoting sensible land use and policies that improve our neighborhoods and contribute to a high quality of life.**

2. On which Ingham County Committee would you choose to serve, if you are elected?

**I believe my talents will be put to best use through the County Services and Human Services committees. I am also interested in involvement with the Land Bank and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.**

3. What are the particular needs and strengths of your district?

**My district has many strong neighborhoods and many regional assets, including some of our area's largest employers, retail destinations, and entertainment venues. Our challenge is to balance future growth while increasing our quality of life.**

4. What is your philosophy of development?

**Sound development should be coordinated in a regional manner (with many partners at the table), responsibly planned, and should positively impact the residents of my district and of surrounding communities.**

5. Should some of Lansing's resources, which benefit county residents, like the golf courses, be administered by the county?

**Yes. As a proponent for regional cooperation, I support finding ways to sustain assets that benefit our entire community (like city golf courses, other parks, and mass transit) through regional efforts.**

## **JOHN F. MERTZ (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**My community service has benefited all City and Township citizens with safer lighting for the Avenue of Michigan, protection of recreational open space and support for entrepreneurs. Please vote for me by absentee or on August 5 as your Commissioner. I'll Stick By You!**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**To promote common interests; To manage scarce resources beneficially for all citizens of District 3; To increase all landowner values; To expand health and recreational support; To expand entrepreneurial and educational support.**

2. On which Ingham County Committee would you choose to serve, if you are elected?

**Judiciary would most effectively continue support of Commissioner Grant's youth initiatives; Appropriations would most leverage District influence when allocating scarce resources. Parks would leverage my highly developed property lawyer skills.**

3. What are the particular needs and strengths of your district?

**Citizens and businesses share interests in quiet enjoyment of their property, paying bills, and having something left over. The Fighting Third needs leadership which accepts diversity and energizes factions and actions for common benefit.**

4. What is your philosophy of development?

**Citizens live here by right; businesses operate by permission. Good decisions are not based merely on government boundary lines. Land use decisions that claim public interests should define countable direct benefits.**

5. Should some of Lansing's resources, which benefit county residents, like the golf courses, be administered by the county?

**Better to ask, what resources are needed and how do we fund them? Government mismanagement doesn't justify closings. The Lugnuts lose far more. Golf courses provide better health and other desirable public benefits.**

## **Ingham County Commissioner # 9**

**LA'SHUNDA GRIFFIN (R)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I am running for county commissioner to affect change; in the way the county is run, change in partisan politics, and change that benefits the people of Ingham County. The people of Ingham County deserve better from their elected officials.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**My goals would be to address the issues that plague our community such as maintaining a strong Health Department, insuring the safety of the public, and adopting a budget that will be within current revenues.**

2. On which committee would you like to serve, if you are elected to the Board of Commissioners?

**I would like to serve on the County Services and Law Enforcement Committees. Membership on the two committees I mentioned would allow me to realize the goals I outlined in question 1.**

3. The Northwest Ordinance established Michigan's mixed county, city and township system of government, which was inspired by governmental structures in upstate New York and Connecticut. Should we still use this system of local governance?

**Township government has proven itself to be most efficient when it comes to local constituents; there are responsibilities the government could shift to counties such as building inspections, as well as the assessment of property.**

4. What is the proper relationship between Ingham County and the East Lansing city government?

**The proper relationship between Ingham County and East Lansing would be to cooperate and work together whenever possible, albeit they are separate entities they should work together as one for the constituency of Ingham County.**

5. What has been done to combine local and county services?

**As far as local and county services combining together little has been done besides the tri-county regional planning and the combined 911 dispatch system.**

## **BEVERLY BATEN (D)**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

**My background in public service includes leadership roles in community activities, boards and commissions for over 25 years as well as eight years on EL City Council. Former business owner in downtown EL and currently a staff member for a national retailer. Attended MSU.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**I will work with commissioners to provide enhanced county services and help prioritize goals and objectives of the Board using my legislative skills and background.**

2. On which committee would you like to serve, if you are elected to the Board of Commissioners?

**I am interested in serving on the Human Services committee to continue the study of wise growth and land use to build healthy communities while preserving the environment.**

3. The Northwest Ordinance established Michigan's mixed county, city and township system of government, which was inspired by governmental structures in upstate New York and Connecticut. Should we still use this system of local governance?

**The system of mixed government for Michigan serves the population in different ways and should not be changed unless local government takes it to a vote of the citizens.**

4. What is the proper relationship between Ingham County and the East Lansing city government?

**The county and city should maintain separate governmental bodies and engage in dialog when essential services could be shared.**

5. What has been done to combine local and county services?

**I am not aware of any combined services other than 911 emergency or a mutual aid agreement with ELPD for special events.**

## **CAROL N. KOENIG (D)**

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

**I'm an attorney and President of the Lansing ACLU. I believe that local government can make a difference in our lives. I'm endorsed by Lynn Jondahl, Curtis Hertel (our 9th District Commissioner) and Commissioners Mark Grebner, Dianne Holman, Deb Nolan, Marc Thomas and many others.**

1. What are your goals, if elected?

**Ingham County is projected to have a \$4 million revenue shortfall in 2009. I will work hard to protect the things that matter most, including the Ingham County Health Plan, the environment and alternative education.**

2. On which committee would you like to serve, if you are elected to the Board of Commissioners?

**Each Commissioner sits on two committees. While I have broad experience that would benefit each committee, I believe I can make the biggest difference initially on Judiciary and Law Enforcement because of my legal background.**

3. The Northwest Ordinance established Michigan's mixed county, city and township system of government, which was inspired by governmental structures in upstate New York and Connecticut. Should we still use this system of local governance?

**Yes. But our layered system of government-village, city, township, county-could be more collaborative. I will work to find improvements to our current operations, but I doubt a radical change in structure is necessary.**

4. What is the proper relationship between Ingham County and the East Lansing city government?

**As appropriate, Ingham County and East Lansing have developed good partnerships. One example is county support for the city's Active Living for Adults respite care program for seniors. Together, we can do more.**

5. What has been done to combine local and county services?

**To improve cost effectiveness, Ingham County is working on consolidating the Lansing and East Lansing/Meridan 911 dispatch centers. We also are leading efforts to improve the sometimes fragmented local food bank distribution system.**

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE  
(911 SERVICE) MILLAGE RENEWAL AND  
RESTORATION QUESTION**

For the purpose of renewing and restoring funding for a comprehensive countywide 911 Emergency Telephone and Dispatch System at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 1996, 2000, and in 2004, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, be renewed at 0.8431 of one (1) mill, and shall the previously authorized reduced millage of 0.0069 of one (1) mill be restored, for a return to the previously voted total limitation increase of 0.8500 mill (\$0.8500 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years (2008-2011) inclusive?

*(If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$6,790,381 for the countywide 911 Emergency Telephone and Dispatch System in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. If approved and levied, a portion of the millage may be distributed to the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing for 911 operations in the Ingham County 911 Service Plan. In accordance with State law, a portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Leslie, Mason, Williamston, and the Townships of Delhi, Ingham, Lansing, Leroy, Meridian, and Vevay; the Tax Increment Finance Authorities of the Cities of East Lansing, Lansing, and Williamston; the Local Development Finance Authorities of the Cities of Leslie and Mason; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of the County of Ingham, the Cities of East Lansing and Lansing, and the Townships of Delhi and Ingham.)*

**YES  
NO**

**INGHAM COUNTY FARMLAND AND  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION INITIATIVE  
MILLAGE QUESTION**

For the purpose of protecting farmland and other open space lands, including waterways, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and other natural lands, and to encourage urban development, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, be increased by 0.1400 mills (\$0.14 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years (2008-2017) inclusive?

*(If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional \$1,056,323 for farmland and open space preservation in the first calendar year of the levy based on state taxable valuation. If approved and levied, a portion of the millage may be disbursed, in accordance with State law, to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Leslie, Mason, Williamston, and the Townships of Delhi, Ingham, Leroy, Meridian, and Vevay; the Tax Increment Finance Authorities of the Cities of East Lansing, Lansing, and Williamston; the Local Development Finance Authorities of the Cities of Leslie and Mason; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of the County of Ingham, the Cities of East Lansing and Lansing, and the Townships of Delhi and Ingham.)*

**YES  
NO**

**CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
PROPOSAL**

Shall the Capital Area District Library levy a new additional millage not to exceed .96 of one mill (\$.96 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for the period 2008 through 2029 inclusive for the purpose of: acquiring, developing and improving sites; constructing, expanding and renovating public library buildings; providing space which may be used for the Impression 5 Science Center; equipping and furnishing the library buildings and supporting public library services in those buildings? The amount of revenue raised by the levy in 2008 is estimated to be \$6,628,000.

If this proposal passes, the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 would pay an additional \$48 in property taxes.

New buildings are planned to be constructed in the following communities: City of Lansing, Delhi Township (Holt), City of Mason, Meridian Township (Okemos), and the City of Williamston. The following facilities are planned to be expanded: Aurelius Library, Dansville Library, Meridian Township (Haslett Library) Leslie Library, South Lansing Library, Stockbridge Library. The Foster Library and Webberville Library are planned for renovation.

**YES  
NO**



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The total annual dues for 2008-2009 are \$59.00. This includes \$28.00 for LWV-US, \$21.00 for LWV-MI, and \$10.00 for LWV-LA. If another member resides in the same household, the dues for the second member are \$29.50. National and state dues are assessed to our local league based on the national membership list as of January 31, 2009.

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