

KENT COUNTY DEMOCRATS 2026 VOTER GUIDE

Federal:

US Senate

- Abdul El-Sayed

US House of Representatives

- Hillary Scholten, 3rd District
- Ben Ambrose, 2nd District

Statewide:

Top of the Ticket

- Jocelyn Benson, Governor
- Winnie Brinks, Lt. Governor
- Garlin Gilchrist, Sec of State
- Eli Savit, Attorney General

Education Candidates

- Judith Pritchett, MI Board of Ed
- Tiffany Tilley, MI Board of Ed
- Brianna Scott, MSU Board of Trustees
- Kelly Tebay Zemke, MSU Board of Trustees
- Paul Brown, UofM Board of Regents
- Amir Makled, UofM Board of Regents
- Shereef Akeel, Wayne State Board of Gov
- Richard Mack, Wayne State Board of Gov

MI Supreme Court - Nonpartisan

- Megan Cavanagh
- Noah Hood

State Legislature:

MI Senate

- Anthony Pennock, Dist. 18
- Dale Murney, Dist. 20
- Abbie Groff-Blaszak, Dist. 29
- Carol Glanville, Dist. 30
- Stan Opal, Dist. 33

MI House of Representatives

- Rachel Gross, Dist. 78
- Zach Abbott, Dist. 79
- Lily Cheng-Schulting, Dist. 80
- Stephen Wooden, Dist. 81
- Kristian Grant, Dist. 82
- John Fitzgerald, Dist. 83
- Khristian Silvis, Dist. 84
- Meegan Zickus, Dist. 89
- Rachel Crowther, Dist. 90
- Frank LaFata, Dist. 91

Local Nonpartisan:

City/Township - Nonpartisan

- Lindsey Perez-Plescher, Grand Rapids Ward 1
- David Bulkowski, Grand Rapids Comptroller
- Daniel Rivera, Wyoming At-Large
- Cassandra Kawka-Vlahos, Wyoming At-Large
- Thomas Knapp, Walker Ward 1 Partial-Term

Grand Rapids Library Board

- Christopher Herweyer, Partial-Term
 - **Write-In Candidate*
- Gregory Garner, Full-Term

School Board - Nonpartisan

- Erika VanDyke, GRPS *Partial-Term*
- Amaad Hardy, GRPS *Full-Term*
- Robert Hovenkamp, GRPS *Full-Term*
- Carlos Kulas-Dominguez, GRPS *Full-Term*

- Ismalis Nuñez, GRPS *Full-Term*
- José Rodriguez, GRPS *Full-Term*
- Aarie Wade, GRPS *Full-Term*

****NOTE: There are only 5 open seats for GRPS Full-Term. Vote for only 5***

- Nick Brock, Grandville School Board
- Eric John Roberts, Kenowa Hills School Board
- Matthew J. Nibbelink, Northview School Board
- Tim Russ, GRCC Board of Trustees
- Jamie Gordon, GRCC Board of Trustees

Ballot Proposals & Millages:

- Prop 1 - Constitutional Convention
 - **NO**
- Prop 2 - Money Out of Politics
 - **YES**