

St. Joseph County GOP Top Five Issues for October, 2023

1) Election Integrity

A. Rank Choice Voting

There is a push for ranked choice voting in the state of Michigan. Signature campaigns are underway in Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, East Lansing, & Royal Oak. www.rankmivote.org They claim this method of voting improves democracy, but it eliminates primaries and deprives winners from winning! The concept of how it works is difficult to explain, but essentially it says the winner must have at least 50% of the votes. If the race is between 3 people and the winner in the first round only has 45% of the vote, the votes from third place are eliminated and allocated to the other two candidates. Many times, a second or third place candidate is announced the winner, or, although two candidates from the same party had a much higher percentage together, the opposite party wins the race.

What is the problem with ranked choice voting?

- It is no longer one person, one vote. Your vote may only count once, and another individual's could count two or three times.
- It is an unconstitutional disenfranchisement. If our founders had felt this was a good method of voting, they had plenty of time to adopt it. They did not.
- It provides even more avenues for fraud.

What can we do? Educate! We must speak out against ranked choice voting. Kelly W.

B. LAWSUIT brought by our 11 legislators/senators Including Steve Carra and Jonathon Lindsey. Against Mi. SOS and Director of Elections...Sept 28th 2023

Lawsuit Submitted on September 28, 2023 by Eleven Michigan Legislators

1. Filed in Federal Court District Court in Western District of Michigan
2. Defendants named: Jocelyn Benson (D) – MI Secretary of State,
Jonathan Brater – MI Bureau of Michigan Elections
3. Plaintiffs Include: MI State Senators Jonathan Lindsey, and Jim Runestad;
State Representatives Steve Carra, James DeSana, Joseph Fox,
Neil Friske, Matt Maddock, Brad Paquette, Angela Rigas, Joshua Shriver, Rachele Smit
4. Lawsuit Sponsors: Michigan Fair Elections and Great Lakes Justice Center

5. Basis of Lawsuit: Lawsuit claims the 2018 and 2022 State Constitutional Amendments are legally Null and Void. Proposal 3 of 2018 and Proposal 2 of 2022 bypassed the state legislature and in doing so usurped the legislatures federally and state mandated constitutional authority.

a) US Constitution Article I, Section 4:

“The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be proscribed in each State by the legislature thereof, but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except at to the choosing of Senators.”

b) (Excerpt) of Michigan State Constitution § 4: Place and manner of elections, Section 4

“(2) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution or laws of the United States the legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place, and manner of all nominations and elections, to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting.”

6. Proposition 3 passed in November 2018 by **68.2% YES** vs **33.2 % NO**. This proposal 3 called “Promote the Vote” was largely funded by the ACLU, and The League of Women Voters, and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

a) Here’s what Proposal 3 (Passed November 2018) did without legislature input or approval:

- Protects the right to vote a secret ballot
- Ensures military service members and overseas voters can obtain ballots
- Provides Michigan residents with the option to vote straight party
- Automatically registers citizens to vote at the Secretary of State’s Office unless the citizen declines
- Allows a citizen to register to vote anytime with proof of residency
- Provides all registered voters access to an absentee ballot for any reason
- Ensures the accuracy and integrity of elections by auditing election results

7. Proposition 2 Passed in November 2022 by **59.99% YES** vs **40.01% NO**. This Proposal 2 was called **“Promote the Vote 2022”** and was funded by the ACLU of Michigan, League of Women Voters, and NAACP Michigan State Conference **\$23.6 million dollars** from out of state sources, compared to **\$8.9 Million** from Secure MI Vote, Protect MI Voter ID, and two additional PACs including Liberty Initiative Fund.

a) Here's what Proposal 2 (Passed November 2022) did without legislature input or approval:

- creating a nine-day early voting period;
- requiring voters to present photo identification or sign an affidavit when voting in person or applying for an absentee ballot; **(NOT TRUE AT ALL)**
- requiring that military and overseas ballots postmarked by election day are counted;
- providing voters with a right to request an absentee ballot;
- requiring the state to fund prepaid stamps and a tracking system for absentee ballots;
- requiring the state to fund a number of absentee ballot drop boxes;
- providing that local governments can accept charitable and in-kind donations to assist with running elections as long as donations are disclosed and aren't from foreign entities; and
- providing that election officials are responsible for election audits, requiring election audits to be conducted in public, and requiring election results to be certified based on votes cast.

Proposal 2 also added constitutional language saying that "harassing, threatening, or intimidating conduct," as well as laws, regulations, and practices, that have "the intent or effect of denying, abridging, interfering with, or unreasonably burdening the fundamental right to vote" are prohibited.

**D. Lawsuit Filed against Dishonest MI SOS Benson September 21, 2023
Claimed that she Broke the Law when she Outsourced Voter Roll Cleanup to Leftist ERIC Org.**

1. Complaint filed against MI Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson in accordance with SOS – **HAVA (Help America Vote Act)** requirements
2. Complaint filed by Thomas More Society Attorneys on behalf of non-profit Pure Michigan Integrity Michigan Elections (PIME)
3. Basis for Lawsuit Complaint: Federal Law prohibits states from sharing voters confidential information, let alone with an opaque 3rd party organization that refuses to respond to Freedom of Information requests and shares resident's legally protected information with biased contractors and subcontractors.
 - a) When SOS Benson joined Michigan in **ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center)** she stated her goal was to clean up Michigan Voter Rolls.
 - b) Today Michigan Registered Voters are 104% of its voting age population. Patrice Johnson (Chair of PIME) stated "**ERIC does not Clean the voter rolls, It Bloats them**"
 - c) The congressionally enacted **HAVA** requires the SOS to maintain and Implement the Michigan Qualified Voter File, the secure voter list used by the Bureau of Elections and more than 1500 Michigan Election clerks. Benson violated the law by outsourcing this task of Clean Voter Rolls to ERIC, instead of doing this herself, with her staff.

E. Legal Victory for Republicans, Court Order Invalidates Benson Election Challenger Rules

1. State Supreme Court Judge Brock Swartzle Ruled on October 20, 2022 invalidating new instructions issued for election challengers created by the Bureau of Elections
2. Swartzle's order bars election officials from using the manual and requires SOS and the Michigan Bureau of Elections Jonathan Brater to rescind the manual or revise it to comply with Michigan Election Law.
3. Some of the unlawful provisions in the manual include:
 - a) Ban on use of electronic counting devices at absentee counting boards
 - b) Ban on using cell phones, tablets and computers in counting rooms where absentee ballots are processed. Michigan law prohibits challengers from communicating information from absentee counting boards related "to processing or the tallying of votes" before polls close. (Not So after Polls are Closed)
 - c) Changes in requirements for challengers to submit credentials from SOS office
 - d) These changes were done without input or approval by the State Legislature as required

Carl M.

2) Ukraine funding, ie the never ending wars!

Continue to write and call Congressman Tim Wallberg's office in Michigan and D.C. The US has spent well over \$100,000,000,000 in funding largely the military disaster that is UKRAINE. We have contributed to the death of hundreds of thousands of civilians and displacement of millions. Is this wise use of our tax dollars? Of course not. Contrary to mainstream (lame-stream, really) Ukraine is bravely fighting for their freedom and grinding its slow, but sure way to victory. Reality alert! Ukraine gained back only .25 % of the area lost to Russia in the vaunted spring offensive that sputtered to a blood soaked halt earlier this month. With the loss of tens of thousands of poorly trained Ukrainians used as cannon fodder. This also cost in the tens(?) of billions of already wasted US dollars and equipment destroyed. This past week the Russian military shifted gears and began another full blown offensive to take more of the Russian speaking sections of the Ukraine. Lets face it, Putin is an animal and warned Ukrainian leaders for years previous to the start of this war, to cease laundering money. That via chemical/biological labs, corrupt laundering of military aid and reselling of weapons and fuel to third parties etc. Now sources are indicating weapons given to Ukraine are turning up in the hands of HAMAS that were used against unarmed citizens of Israel in that recent war. We agree Putin is immoral and should be sanctioned in every way. But our tax dollars are absolutely not to be used to challenge Russia by proxy and bait for WWII. Sources Gateway Pundit.com, Epoch Times.com, OANN.com, Sons of Liberty, SOL SOL1773@telegram.

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3) Gretchen Whitmer kidnapping and the FBI manipulation.

In 2020 14 men were involved in a plot to kidnap Gretchen Whitmer. In October of that year all 14 men were arrested under federal laws related to the kidnapping plot. I will not get into the details of the trials and exact time lines in the interest of brevity. Sources for this article will be stated at the end. You're encouraged to read the various (numerous) articles related to the details and timelines of each trial etc in the sources below.

First a few facts to note.

- A. The director of the Detroit office of the FBI ran this operation, its easy to see the similarities between this operation and similar methodologies run by the FBI and other agencies in the J6th Fed-surrection. NOT BY ANY COINCIDENCE THE MAN RUNNING THE DETROIT FBI OPERATION WAS THE SAME MAN IN CHARGE OF THE J6 DC OPERATION. HE WAS TRANSFERRED A FEW MONTHS BEFORE J6 TO WASHINGTON AND ASSIGNED TO THE CAPITAL SECURITY OPERATION.
- B. 14 Defendants were tried. 9 were convicted most of vastly reduced sentences due to agreeing to testify against fellow defendants, or the jury's involved acquit THEM on most of the major charges. 5 men were completely exonerated during trials.
- C. The main PAID trial informant was arrested for beating his wife following a swingers party and later fired by the FBI.
- D. The FBI admitted numerous times during several trials they used AT LEAST 12 SUCH INFORMANTS TO RUN THIS OPERATION.
- E. Several informants offered money to most of the 14 defendants to buy ammunition, offer training manufacturing bombs, and even used a FEMALE AGENT TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN HOTEL ROOM TOGETHER AND USE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TO INFLUENCE SEVERAL OF THE MEN.
- F. The plan though heavily influenced by the FBI, more like COMPLETELY DESIGNED BY THE FBI, amounted to leaving the governor adrift in a boat in the middle of a great lake. No hanging, no shooting, just red neck justice.

Conclusion: This whole affair SMELLS SHADY AT THE VERY LEAST.

AT WORST ITS A REHEARSAL FOR THE FAKE COUP WE SEE UN FOLDING SLOWLY BUT SURELY IN SIMILAR FASHION IN THE DC GULAGS. Craig c

Sources; Detroit news 4, CNN news, Gateway Pundit.com, Revolver News.com, Conservative Daily, Buzzfeednews.com, Dailymail.co, [MidnightRider@Telegram](#), [RSBN@Telegram](#). SEE ALSO RECENT TUCKER CARLSON SEGMENT OF FBI PLOT/WHITMER

4) ESG aka Environmental, Social, and (corp) Governance

In Wyoming, Teton County and the town of Jackson's joint Southern Teton Area Rapid Transit (START) system purchased eight electric buses to augment the 31 diesel buses in its fleet. *The Jackson Hole News & Guide* reported that the last of the electric buses went out of service in July. Some of the broken buses have been awaiting parts for months because the electric bus company, Proterra, filed for bankruptcy in August. Proterra had seemed like a solid company when the buses were ordered since it had support from the federal taxpayers and praise from President Biden.

START Director, Bruce Abel, noted that the often criticized ridership of the buses is actually going up—14% more than 2022 and 2022 ridership was 47% higher 2022. “When buses are driving around empty, they’re often returning from trips with full loads. So, buses going up to the ski areas in the morning, and then will come down the mountain empty.”

The START buses suffered from degradation of performance in cold weather when they were running. This seems to plague all types of electric vehicles. Batteries lose considerable range when temperature drops.

More electric buses are headed to Teton County as START works to replace as many of its diesel buses as possible.

According to the *News & Guide*, the eight buses in its fleet cost \$2.3 million, 80% of which was covered by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant in 2019. Between 2020 and 2021, similar grants provided another \$2.6 million, and START plans to spend \$3.3 million for four more electric buses.

This time another company other than Proterra will be filling the order, and delivery is years away.

Cowboy State Daily reported in June that the Teton Village Association was awarded nearly \$1 million in funding from the FTA, which the Village contributed a 20% match toward.¹

² <https://cowboystatedaily.com/2023/09/26/jackson-buys-8-electric-buses-for-transit-system-but-none-are-working/>

Other items of interest related to electric vehicles:

<https://www.visiontimes.com/2022/07/27/connecticut-electric-bus-fire-fleet-replaced-diesel.html>

<https://stnonline.com/news/advanced-warning-of-electric-school-bus-fires-key-to-prompt-evacuation/>

Ron A.

5) BORDER, BORDER, BORDER, AND WE SAY AGAIN B-O-R-D-E-R!!!

Once again we have set a new record of ‘unique enforcement encounters’ (232,972) compared with our previous month. The August numbers are a 14% increase compared to August of last year and over 100% increase compared to ALL of fiscal year 2019. Of these encounters 181,059 were apprehended attempting to cross illegally between ports. This is a 36% increase over the previous month! I think that it is important to note that this are just the illegals that were ‘encountered’ not the actual numbers that are entering our country.

So far this year:

- 45,400 inadmissible aliens were processed by OFO in august. Almost all of these inadmissible aliens will be released into the interior regardless of whether they are granted parole or claim asylum.

- 151 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist were stopped trying to cross between ports of entry
- CBP has arrested 32,097 aliens with criminal convictions
- CBP has arrested 564 gang members with 167 of those being MS-13 members
- CBP and military has seized 25,901 pounds of fentanyl, coming across the southwest border. ENOUGH TO KILL 6 BILLION PEOPLE!
- Federal officials estimate that they only seize about 5-10% of all illegal drugs smuggled across the southwest border.
- 20,273 Chinese nationals have been encountered along the southwest border a 831% increase over last year. <https://homeland.house.gov>
- more than two-thirds of all southwest border crossers are single adults.
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom>

And that's just the southern border. The August numbers for the Northern border were reported at 19,835 which is a 345% increase over 2021. Three suspected terrorists were stopped through the northern route.

<https://homeland.house.gov/> (border crisis stats)

Many people in the know think that these numbers can probably be doubled!

There are 85,000 unaccompanied alien children that have been LOST in the system after being released into the US interior after being sent to live with unvetted adult sponsors. DHS secretary Mayorkas admitted in March that many of these children ended up in a growing migrant child labor trafficking pipeline. <https://www.breitbart.com>

Sanctuary cities are receiving busloads and planeloads of illegal migrants and they are not happy about it. We are seeing pro 'Border Security' protests in blue sanctuary cities with mayors and governors calling for a change in the current policies. Mayor Adams of NYC warns that the migrant crisis will 'destroy New York City'. Good News!

Border wall support is at a high of **57% of registered voters support a wall, 40% oppose**. And we are now building (a little piece) of the border wall.

I feel it is important to note that in Michigan we have several 'sanitary' cities and counties: Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, East Lansing, Kent County, Wayne county and Ingham County

<https://cis.org/map-Sanctuary>

In light of all this, the terrorist attacks on Israel (a country with very intense border security) and the threats against our country I believe that we ,as a community and individually, need to be vigilant and prepared. Lucinda K.