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2026 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

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WHO WE ARE

We're a grassroots, Indivisible-affiliated movement in Macomb County standing up to authoritarianism, building community power, and shaping a just, inclusive future.

Macomb Defenders Rising (MDR) was founded on the day of Donald Trump's second inauguration. We came together – neighbors, parents, students, veterans, faith leaders, union members, and everyday people – to build something bigger than outrage: a sustained, people-powered movement for renewal.

OUR VALUES

- ▶ **Moral Courage** | We speak truth to power, even when it's uncomfortable.
- ▶ **Renewal** | We believe in second chances: for our country, our systems, and ourselves.
- ▶ **Community** | Real change starts locally, through connection and care.
- ▶ **Integrity** | Transparency and accountability are non-negotiable.
- ▶ **Education** | Knowledge is power, and informed citizens are unstoppable.
- ▶ **Inclusion** | Everyone belongs. Every voice matters.

OUR STRATEGY

Our goal is to build an effective opposition party capable of defeating authoritarianism. We believe the antidote to authoritarianism is an engaged, informed electorate.

Voters deserve principled FIGHTERS who will stand up to Trump and represent YOUR INTERESTS over that of a wealthy donor class.

This guide is for informational purposes on where the candidates stand. It does not constitute an endorsement of any candidate.



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MAY 19

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ELECTION DAY

AUG 04

POLLS CLOSE @ 8PM

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR PRIMARY



JOCELYN BENSON

jocelynbenson.com

Secretary Of State (2019-)

94% of donations \$100 or less. Increase disclosure requirements for political spending. Close revolving door between lawmakers & lobbyists. ✓

Incentivize affordable housing. Lower cost of child care. Expand RX Kids. Fight corporate price gouging. ✓

Modernized SoS offices. Expand light rail. Regulate data centers. Hold energy companies accountable. Protect the Great Lakes. ✓

Fight privatization schemes. Fix Department Of Health And Human Services. Stand with striking workers. ✓

Continue free breakfast and lunch program. Decouple K-12 funding from property wealth. Free community college and pre-K. ✓

Strong proponent of mail in voting and independent redistricting. Protect election workers. Combat disinformation. ✓



CHRIS SWANSON

swansonformichigan.com

Genesee Country Sheriff (2019-)

Fight for people, not special interests. Close revolving door between lawmakers & lobbyists. Require 'cooling off period' for regulators returning to private sector. ✓

Address housing supply shortages. Expand affordable child care. Grow well paying union jobs, protect prevailing wages. ✓

Make infrastructure a priority, beyond roads and bridges. Sustainable sewer and water. Hold energy companies accountable. Expand broadband access. ✓

Fill gaps caused by federal cuts. Ensure access to mental health care, addiction treatment, emergency, & preventive care for our most vulnerable citizens. ✓

Continue free breakfast and lunch program. Protect K-12 funding. Oppose private vouchers. Expand programs which help inmates access education. ✓

Ensure that Michiganders don't live in fear. Defend Constitutional Rights from current unprecedented attacks. ✓

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DEMOCRATIC SENATE PRIMARY



ABDUL EI-SAYED

abduforsesenate.com

Director Of Health And Human Services: Detroit, Wayne County (2015-2025)

Does not accept corporate PACs. Small donor funded. ✓

Empower workers. Hold corporations accountable. Guarantee robust social safety net. ✓

Replace Affordable Care Act with Medicare For All. Abolish medical debt. ✓

Make college and trade schools tuition-free. Universal pre-k. ✓

Fully dismantle ICE: "ICE is a paramilitary force ... [in] service of a would-be dictator." ✓

First candidate to speak out against the genocide in Gaza. ✓



MALLORY MCMORROW

mcmorrowformichigan.com

Michigan Senate 13th District (2019 - 2023), 8th District (2023 -)

Does not accept corporate PACs. Small donor funded. Controversy over potential ties to pro-Israel lobby. ?

Lower housing, child care, & healthcare costs. Raise wages & cut taxes for working families. ✓

Strengthen and expand the Affordable Care Act. Add a Public Option. ✓

Tuition-free community college. Lower costs for 4 year colleges and trade schools. Universal pre-k. ✓

Demand sweeping overhaul of ICE. Tie funding to oversight & accountability reforms. ✓

Conflict is a "moral abomination"; by definition a genocide. ✓



HALEY STEVENS

haleyformi.com

Michigan House 11th District (2019 -)

Accepts corporate PACs. Taken over \$9m from AIPAC and other pro-Israel lobbyists. !

Bolster manufacturing. Support workers. Pursue pragmatic, bipartisan policy solutions. ✓

Strengthen and expand the Affordable Care Act. Filed to impeach RFK Jr. ✓

Advance equity and affordability. Expand STEM and workforce training. ✓

Voted with Republicans to thank ICE (2025). Has since called for oversight & accountability. -

Supports Israeli war effort. Did not call for immediate ceasefire. !

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DEMOCRATIC MI-10 PRIMARY



ERIC CHUNG

ericchungformichigan.com

US Dept. of Commerce Attorney (2023-2025), Senate Judiciary Committee (2022)

Does not accept corporate PACs. Individual donor funded. ✓

Raise wages and reduce taxes on working families. Crack down on price gouging. Roll back tariffs. ✓

Reverse Medicaid cuts. Restore ACA tax credits. Add public option. Expand drug price negotiation. ✓

Tuition-free community college. Universal Pre-K. Expand Pell Grants. Ensure equitable funding for K-12. ✓

Overhaul ICE / DHS. Tie funding to oversight & accountability reforms. ✓

Constitutional lawyer who will defend civil rights and hold the Trump admin accountable. ✓



TIM GREIMEL

timgreimel.com

Mayor Of Pontiac (2022-2026) MI House Minority Leader (2013-2017)

Accepts corporate PACs. Potential ties to pro-Israel lobby. Wants stronger disclosure requirements. ✗

Fight Trump's reckless tariffs. Increase federal minimum wage, index to inflation. Pass PRO Act. ✓

Successfully expanded Medicaid access. Add public option. Ensure drug price negotiation. ✓

Tuition-free community college. Expand access to apprenticeship programs. Fight right-wing meddling. ✓

Vetoed unanimous city council resolution opposing immigration raids (2025). Has since called for an end to inhumane detentions. ✗

Use Congress's oversight, funding, and subpoena authority to rein in ICE and defend civil liberties. ✓



CHRISTINA HINES

christinahinesforcongress.com

SVU Prosecutor, Wayne & Washtenaw Counties (2014 - 2024)

Does not accept corporate PACs. Ban Congressional stock trading. End Citizens United. ✓

↓ Taxes for Middle Class. ↑ Taxes for Billionaires. Good jobs and fair wages. ✓

Universal Healthcare ✓

Universal childcare. Expand apprenticeships. Invest in public ed and teachers. ✓

Bipartisan immigration reform. Rein in ICE/DHS. Safe communities. ✓

Protect Voting Rights. Repro Freedom Champ. Freedom for ALL ✓

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RAY POOLEY

pooley4congress.com

CNC Machinist And Programmer

Get big money out of politics. Overturn Citizens United. Ban insider trading. Term limits for Congress (3 terms in House, 2 in Senate). Term limits for SCOTUS (one 12 year term). Implement Ranked Choice Voting. ✓

Bring back American manufacturing. Ensure that an honest day's work pays a living wage. Lower working class taxes. Close tax loopholes AND tax the rich. Stand with unions, small businesses, and family farms. ✓

Medicare For All. Free IVF. Expand mental healthcare access. Paid maternity and paternity leave for all. Protect our Great Lakes and our planet. Expand clean energy and regenerative farming practices. ✓

Protect our children without eroding our freedoms. Safe communities and 2A rights NOT mutually exclusive. Expand trade schools. Build up skilled workers right here within the United States. ✓

Abolish ICE: no more fear and chaos on our streets. Fix our immigration system to be efficient and secure. Stand with Ukraine and Palestine. No more forever wars. ✓

Stand with women. Stand with LGBTQ+ communities. Defend reproductive rights. Legalize marijuana. Protect unions. Right to a healthy planet and clean environment. ✓

NOTE: Ray Pooley is running in MI-9 as a Democrat.

He does not have a primary challenger at the time of this printing (April 1st, 2026).



If you would like to help Ray Pooley **collect signatures** to get on the ballot scan this **QR Code to volunteer!**



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HOW TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN

1. Make sure you are registered.

You must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- 18 by Election Day
- A Michigan resident

To check if you are registered, go to Michigan.gov/Vote or call your city or township clerk.

You can register online, by mail, or in person at your clerk's office, *even on Election Day*.

2. Choose how you want to vote.

Vote early by mail

- Request an absentee ballot from your clerk.
- Fill it out at home.
- Return it by mail or drop box.

Vote early in person

- Macomb County has early voting sites before Election Day.

Vote on Election Day

- Go to your assigned polling place.
- **Bring ID** (if you have one). A Michigan driver's license or state ID works best.
- If you don't have ID, you can still vote by signing a form.

3. Fill out your ballot.

- Read each section.
- Fill in the ovals completely.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

4. Turn it in.

- If voting in person, put your ballot in the tabulator machine.
- If voting absentee, return it before 8 PM on Election Day.

Need help?

- You can **register** and vote even if you forget ID.
- Ask a poll worker for help.
- Call your city or township clerk.

Voting is free.

Voting is private.

Your vote matters.

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