

# November Proposals

## State Proposals

### **08-1: A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.
- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

### **08-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN.**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos -

- are created for fertility treatment purposes;
- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
- would be discarded unless used for research;
- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.

Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

## Washtenaw County

### **COUNTY PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Proposition to renew the increase in the tax limitation for County Parks and Recreation purposes including acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of park lands and recreation facilities for the benefit of Washtenaw County citizens "to renew the millage expiring after December 31, 2009, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County be increased as provided in Section 6 Article IX of the constitution of the State of Michigan and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one quarter of one mill, reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 0.2367 (\$0.2367 per \$1,000.00 of State equalized valuation), on the taxable value of such property for a period of ten years beginning with the levy made on December 1, 2010 (which will generate estimated revenues of \$3.6 million in the first year) for the purpose of

acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining park lands and recreational facilities for County citizens?"

## **Ann Arbor City**

### **CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED LAND ACQUIRED FOR OR USED AS PARKLAND**

Shall Section 14.3(b) of the Ann Arbor City Charter be amended to require voter approval for the sale of any land within the City purchased, acquired or used for park land, while retaining the Sections current requirement for voter approval of the sale of any park land that is designated as park land in the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan at the time of the proposed sale?

## **Milan City**

### **STREET AND UTILITIES BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Milan, Counties of Washtenaw and Monroe, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,200,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing street improvements throughout the City, including all related rights-of-way, sidewalks, water, sewer and storm drainage facilities? The estimated millage to be levied in 2009 is 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.99 mills (\$1.99 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

## **Augusta Township**

### **POLICE PROTECTION**

Shall the Charter Township of Augusta be authorized to levy and increase the limitations of the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, 1965, from 0.0 to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000), for a period of four (4) years from 2008 through 2011 both inclusive for the purpose of providing revenue for law enforcement services? The first year of this levy will generate an estimated revenue of \$354,200.

## **Bridgewater Township**

### **POLICE PROTECTION**

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Bridgewater Township of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed at the reduced rate of 1.25 mill (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for two (2) years, 2009 through 2010 inclusive, to maintain the townships contracted police services, raising an estimated one-hundred-nine-thousand dollars (\$109,000) in the first year the millage is levied?

## **Scio Township**

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Shall the entire unincorporated area of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, which specifically excludes the Village of Dexter, be created into a fire protection special assessment district under the provisions of Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, for the purpose of raising money to provide fire protection vehicles, equipment, and services in Scio Township by an annual .9 Mill Special Assessment Levy against the taxable value of all real properties within the Special Assessment District? An annual .9 mill special assessment levy is equivalent to an annual assessment of 90 cents (\$.90) for every \$1,000.00 of taxable value for fire protection. Should this proposal be approved?

## **Lincoln Schools**

### **MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .10 mill (\$.10 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2008 to 2012, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating community recreation programs, including for senior citizens; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program the first year of levy, 2008, is approximately \$106,786?

## **Van Buren Schools**

### **BUILDING AND SITE BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$79,040,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Improving, remodeling and replacing the current Belleville High School, which would include equipping for technology and technology improvements, and furnishing and improving the existing site, including construction renovation and equipping of athletic fields thereon.

### **BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2009 to 2015 inclusive, therefor, the amount of such levy not to exceed 1.13 mills when combined with the 1998 sinking fund levy originally approved by the voters for 1.30 mills? The approved 1998 sinking fund levy is currently 1.26 mills, as reduced by the Michigan Constitution of 1963. If the voters approve this proposition, the 1998 sinking fund will be reduced from 1.26 mills to a levy not to exceed 1.13 mills. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2009 calendar year shall be approximately \$2,232,157 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

## **Washtenaw Community College**

### **MILLAGE RESTORATION**

This proposal will permit Washtenaw Community College to restore the Colleges millage levy for operating purposes for 10 years at the 1 mill previously approved by the electors, which expires with the 2010 tax levy.

**Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the Washtenaw Community College district, State of Michigan, be increased by 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation) for a period of 10 years, the years 2011 through 2020 inclusive, which is a renewal of the portion of the 1 mill approved in 1998 as reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment (currently 0.9480 mill), plus new millage restoring the rolled-back portion of the 1998 millage authorization to the full 1 mill, to provide funds for operating purposes? It is estimated that the 1 mill would generate approximately \$15.6 million for the College when first levied in 2011.**