

# November 6, 2012 Proposals - All

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12-1	City of Ann Arbor	Lincoln Consolidated School District	Ann Arbor District Library	Chelsea Area Fire Authority
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## Statewide - 6 Proposals

### PROPOSAL 12-1

#### A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 – THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

### PROPOSAL 12-2

#### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.

- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

### **PROPOSAL 12-3**

#### **A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

### **PROPOSAL 12-4**

#### **A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS**

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of

employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

## **PROPOSAL 12-5**

### **A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION**

#### **TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT**

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

## **PROPOSAL 12-6**

### **A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION**

#### **REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF**

#### **INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS**

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” that means, “any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012.”

Should this proposal be approved?

## **City of Ann Arbor - 2 Proposals**

### **PROPOSAL A**

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
AUTHORIZING TAX FOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Shall the Charter be amended to authorize a tax up to 1.10 mills for park maintenance and capital improvements for 2013 through 2018 to replace the previously authorized tax for park maintenance and capital improvements for 2007 through 2012, which will raise in the first year of the levy the estimated total revenue of \$5,052,000.

**PROPOSAL B**

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
TAX FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Shall the Charter be amended to limit sources of funding for art in public places and to authorize a new tax of up to one-tenth (0.10) of a mill for 2013 through 2016 to fund art in public places, which 0.10 mill will raise in the first year of levy the estimated revenue of \$459,273?

**City of Ypsilanti - 2 Proposals**

CITY CHARTER REVISION QUESTION

Shall the City of Ypsilanti Home Rule Charter, proposed by the Ypsilanti Charter Revision Commission be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO MAKE USE/CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA LOWEST POLICE PRIORITY

Shall the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended such that the use and/or consumption of one ounce or less of usable marijuana by adults 21 years or older is the lowest priority of law enforcement personnel?

**Augusta Township - 1 Proposal**

Proposal

(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 1.7 mills (\$1.70 per \$1,000), for a period of four (4) years from 2012 through 2015 both inclusive for the purpose of providing revenue for law enforcement services? The first year of this levy will generate an estimated revenue of \$326,635.

# **Bridgewater Township - 2 Proposals**

## **Proposed Extra Voted Millage for Police Services**

Shall Bridgewater Township impose an increase of up to 1.50 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 2 (two) years, 2012 through 2013, inclusive, to maintain the township's contracted police services with the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, raising an estimated \$124,877 in the first year the millage is levied.

## **Proposed Extra Voted Millage for Roads**

Shall Bridgewater Township impose an increase of up to 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 4 (four) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, for road improvements and maintenance of roads in Bridgewater Township, raising an estimated \$83,251 in the first year the millage is levied.

# **Dexter Township - 1 Proposal**

## **DEXTER TOWNSHIP**

### **ESTABLISH AND CONSTRUCT A PERMANENT FIRE SUBSTATION**

#### **MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall Dexter Township impose an increase of up to 1.00 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for seven (7) years, 2012 through 2018 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for the establishment and construction of a permanent fire substation in the township which 1.00 mill increase will raise an estimated \$287,000.00 the first year the millage is levied.

# **Salem Township - 1 Proposal**

## **SALEM TOWNSHIP REZONING REFERENDUM**

Ordinance 2012-05-08-01 was adopted by the Salem Township Board of Trustees on May 8, 2012, to amend the Official Zoning Map of Salem Township to rezone Parcel Nos. A01-25-300-018, A01-25-300-019, A01-25-300-020, A01-25-300-021, A01-25-300-009, A01-25-400-007 (affecting a total of approximately 91.61 acres, in the Urban Services District (USD), generally located on the north side of M-14 between Gotfredson Road and Napier Road) from Agriculture Residential (AR) to General Commercial (GC). Shall this rezoning be approved?

# **Scio Township - 1 Proposal**

## **TOWNSHIP OF SCIO**

### **FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE LAND PRESERVATION**

#### **MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the previously authorized increase in tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 on all taxable real and tangible personal property in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, be renewed in an amount not to exceed .4942 mill (\$.4942 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2014 to 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of continuing to fund the voluntary purchase of land or interests in land throughout the Township, and enabling the Township to take advantage of matching funds from the City of Ann Arbor and elsewhere in order to preserve farmland, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic views, protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers and streams, and provide new parks, recreational opportunities and trails; and shall the Township levy such millage for said purpose? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Township in the 2014 calendar year is approximately \$ 631,000. A portion of the revenue collected will be required to be distributed to the Scio Township Downtown Development Authority and the Village of Dexter Downtown Development Authority.

## **Lincoln Consolidated School District - 2 Proposals**

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL TO  
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS  
TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS,  
INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of .1 mill (\$.10 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2013 to 2018, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating community recreation programs, including for senior citizens; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreation program if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$78,224 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2012 tax levy)?

### **OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.2105 mills (\$18.2105 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$2,720,614 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

## **Willow Run Community Schools - 2 Proposals**

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL**

Shall the territory of the following school districts be united to form one (1) school district?

Willow Run Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and

School District of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan

### **OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the consolidated school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the consolidated school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. This proposal will be effective only if the question of consolidation is approved by the electorate at this same election.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in the consolidated territory of Willow Run Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and School District of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2013 to 2017, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes for the consolidated school district; the estimate of the revenue the consolidated school district will collect if the consolidation proposition and the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$8,920,000 from the local property taxes authorized herein (to be effective only if the question of consolidation is approved by the electorate at this same election)?

## **Ypsilanti Public Schools - 2 Proposals**

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL**

Shall the territory of the following school districts be united to form one (1) school district?

Willow Run Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and

School District of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan

### **OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the consolidated school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the consolidated school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. This proposal will be effective only if the question of consolidation is approved by the electorate at this same election.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in the consolidated territory of Willow Run Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and School District of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2013 to 2017, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes for the consolidated school district; the estimate of the revenue the consolidated school district will collect if the consolidation proposition and the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$8,920,000 from the local property taxes authorized herein (to be effective

only if the question of consolidation is approved by the electorate at this same election)?

## **Ann Arbor District Library - 1 Proposal**

### **Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Building Proposal**

Shall the Ann Arbor District Library, formed by the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issuance of such bonds, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new main library building to be located at the current site of the downtown library building, including costs related thereto?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage to be levied in 2013 to pay the debt service on such bonds is 0.56 mills (\$0.56 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.47 mills (\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value). In accordance with State law, a portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the City of Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority and the Scio Township Downtown Development Authority.

## **Chelsea Area Fire Authority - 1 Proposal (Chelsea City, Lima Twp, Lyndon Twp, Sylvan Twp)**

### **Chelsea Area Fire Authority Renewal Millage Proposal**

Shall the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, renew the previously voted increase in tax limitation in an amount not to exceed 1.80 mills (\$1.80 on each \$1,000 dollars of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the limits of the Chelsea Area Fire authority for a period of five (5) years, 2014 to 2018 inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by statute, including operating and equipping the Chelsea Area Fire Authority; and shall the Chelsea Area Fire Authority levy such millage for said purpose? The estimate of the revenue the Chelsea Area Fire Authority will collect if 1.80 mills is approved and levied by the Chelsea Area Fire Authority in the 2014 calendar year is approximately \$1,260,000. By law, the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority will receive a portion of the mills collected from the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority District only.

## **Columbia School District - 1 Proposal**

### **OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.



Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.4542 mills (\$18.4542 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Columbia School District, Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw and Hillsdale Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$4,427,103 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy and will only be levied to the extent necessary for the district to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance)?

## **Northville Public Schools - 1 Proposal**

### **BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$20,870,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in two series, for the purpose of:

acquiring and installing instructional technology improvements, communication and building security systems and

related equipment, infrastructure and remodeling, and purchasing school buses?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2013, is .40 mill (\$.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a net increase in the debt levy over 2012 of -0- mills. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is nine (9) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.09 mills (\$1.09 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.