<u>BERRIEN COUNTY PROPOSALS</u>
<u>August 4, 2026 Primary Election</u>

CITY OF COLOMA PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations in the City of Coloma of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2455 mills ($0.2455 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $11,100 of which $200 is generated from the new millage?

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH PROPOSAL

RENEWAL OF MILLAGE FOR SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Shall the special voted ad valorem tax levy previously approved by the electors of the City of St. Joseph of .2442 mill ($24 on each $100,000 of taxable value), as authorized by Article IX, Section 6, and subject to Article II, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive (the first levy being in July 2027 and the last levy being in July 2036), for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating the necessary landing, navigational and building facilities for the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport and the continuation of the Airport Authority, thereby raising an estimated $159,241.27 in the first year (this is a reauthorization of a millage which was first levied in 1997 and which expires with the 2026 tax levy)?

CITY OF WATERVLIET PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations in the City of Watervliet of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2420 mills ($0.2420 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $11,200 of which $400 is generated from the new millage?

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the special voted ad valorem tax levy previously approved by the electors of the Benton Charter Township of .10 mil ($10 on each $100,000 of taxable value), as authorized by Article IX, Section 6, and subject to Article II, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive (the first levy being July 2027 and the last levy being in July 2036) for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating the necessary landing, navigational and building facilities for the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport and the continuation of the Airport Authority, thereby raising an estimated $58,005 in the first year. (This is a reauthorization of a millage which was first levied in 2006 and which expires with the 2026 tax levy).

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previous voter approved increase in the authorized charter millage for police and fire protection for the Charter Township of Benton of 6.0 mills ($6.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), which expired following the 2025 levy, be renewed at 6.0 mills ($6.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), which is the rate as rolled back by any required millage rollbacks, for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 thru 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for police protection and fire protection in the Township, raising an estimated $3,480,284 in the first year the millage is levied.

BERRIEN TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Berrien Township, of 1.0 mill ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to $0.9804 mills ($0.98 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.0 mill ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), and levied for four (4) years, 2026 though 2029, inclusive, for the continued emergency fire prevention and protection services to residents of Berrien Township, for the acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related equipment for the Berrien, Pipestone Township, and Eau Claire Fire Department, raising an estimated $229,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under the Michigan Charter Township Act, in the Charter Township of Coloma of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2437 mills ($0.2437 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $73,500 of which $1,900 is generated from the new millage?

GALIEN TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

GALIEN TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT MILLAGE

In support of road maintenance, repair and replacement in the Galien Township, Berrien County, Michigan, and in order to continue to provide road maintenance, repair and replacement, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all real and personal property in Galien Township liable for taxation, including that land lying in the Village of Galien, be set at one mill (1.0) which is equal to $1.00 (One Dollar) for each $1,000.00 of real and personal property subject to taxation. Said millage will be used to continue to provide road maintenance, repair and replacement. Said millage, if approved by the electors of Galien Township, will be levied for a period of four (4) years, starting in 2026 and ending in 2029. It is estimated that the levy will generate $71,740.00 in the first year.

HAGAR TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Hagar of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2439 mills ($0.2439 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $60,700 of which $1500 is generated from the new millage?

OPERATING MILLAGE INCREASE TO OFFSET THE HEADLEE ROLLBACK

Shall the authorized allocated millage for Hagar Township general operating purposes, pursuant to the Michigan Property Tax Limitation Act, Public Act 62 of 1933, MCL 211.211(4), established at 1.0 mill (1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.6121 mills ($0.6121 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be increased by up to 0.3879 mills ($0.3879 per $1,000 of taxable value) to the original authorized allocated millage rate of 1.0 mills, to recover that millage reduction, which said 0.3879 mills increase will raise an estimated $99,935 in the first year the millage is levied.

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP MILLAGE PROPOSAL FUNDING FOR SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT

Shall the previously approved millage authorization in support of funding for the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport Authority, reduced by required millage rollbacks and which will expire in 2026, be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy a new millage of not more than 0.10 mill ($0.10 per $1,000 of State Taxable Value) annually, for a period of ten (10) years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive (the first levy being July 2027 and the last levy being in July 2036), on all taxable property within Royalton Township, Berrien County, Michigan, for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating the necessary landing, navigational and building facilities for the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport and the continuation of the Airport Authority, thereby raising an estimated $38,754 in the first year (this is a reauthorization of a millage that was first levied in 2006 and will expire with the 2026 tax levy). To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues collected from this millage (estimated to be approximately 1.2% in the first year), will be captured by or disbursed to the Berrien County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

SODUS TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT LIBRARY DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Eau Claire District Library, County of Berrien, be authorized to levy a new additional millage annually in an amount not to exceed 0.75 mill ($0.75 per each $1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within Sodus Township for ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, for the purpose of Sodus Township Library joining the Eau Claire District Library and providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law?

The estimate of the revenue the Eau Claire District Library will collect within Sodus Township if the millage is approved and levied by the Eau Claire District Library in the first year (2026) is approximately $73,000.00.

ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

PARKS AND TRAILS MILLAGE

In support of continued upgrades, improvements, and development to the Township parks and trails, shall the amount of ad valorem taxes previously approved by the voters of St. Joseph Charter Township under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by required rollbacks at .2483 mills ($0.2483 or 24.83 cents per each $1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized) be renewed and increased by .04 mills ($0.04 or 4 cents per $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a total millage rate of .2883 mills ($0.2883 or 28.83 cents per $1000.00 of taxable valuation)? The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of ten (10) years, being the years of 2028 through 2037. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage in the first year of the levy (2028) will be approximately $165,725.33.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT RENEWAL MILLAGE

Shall the special voted ad valorem tax levy previously approved by the electors of St. Joseph Charter Township under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 0.1 mills ($0.10 or ten cents for each $1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 0.0992 mills ($.0992 or 9.92 cents for each $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original 0.1 mills ($0.10 or ten cents for each $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, being 2027 to 2036, inclusive (the first levy being December 2027 and the last being in December 2036) for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating the necessary landing, navigational and building facilities for the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport and the continuation of the Airport Authority, thereby raising an estimated $57,483.64 in the first year (this is a reauthorization of a millage which was first levied in 1997 and which expires with the 2026 tax levy).

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under the Michigan Charter Township Act, in the Charter Township of Watervliet of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2490 mills ($0.2490 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $55,900 of which $200 is generated from the new millage?

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Bainbridge of .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to 0.2465 mills ($0.2465 per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills ($0.25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated $34,700, of which $500 is generated from the new millage?

BERTRAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMBULANCE) MILLAGE RENEWAL

In support of Ambulance and emergency medical services in Bertrand Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, shall Bertrand Charter Township levy an extra-voted Ambulance millage of up to .25 mills ($0.25 or twenty-five cents per $1,000 of taxable value of real and personal property in the Township), which includes a renewal of the previous-voted millage that has been reduced by required rollbacks to .2486 mills ($0.2486 or 24.86 cents per $1,000 of taxable value) plus an increase of .0014 mills ($.0014 or 0.14 cents per $1,000 of taxable value)? Said millage totaling .25 mills ($0.25 or twenty-five cents per $1,000 of taxable value) will be used to continue to provide Ambulance and emergency medical services in Bertrand Charter Township. Said millage, if approved by the electors of Bertrand Charter Township, will be levied for a period of five (5) years, starting in 2027 and ending in 2031. It is estimated that the levy will generate $58,439.41 in the first year.

LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY RENEWAL

Shall the previously approved increase in the tax limitation imposed by Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Charter Township of Lincoln of .10 mills ($10 per $100,000 of taxable value), reduced to .0991 mills ($9.91 per $100,000 of taxable value), be renewed at up to .0991 mills ($9.91 per $100,000 in taxable value) and levied for a period of 10 years, 2027 through 2036 inclusive, for the purposes of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, raising an estimated $95,171 in the first year the millage is levied.

NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NILES RENEWAL MILLAGE TO EQUIP, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FIRE PROTECTION

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under MCL 42.27 in the Charter Township of Niles, of four (4) mills ($4.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to $3.9553 mills ($3.9553 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted four (4) mills ($4.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost to equip, operate and maintain fire protection services provided by the Township, raising an estimated $2,326,036 in the first year of such levy?

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NILES MILLAGE TO CONTRACT WITH THE BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION

Shall the Charter Township of Niles impose an increase of up to two (2) mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the charter township tax levy limitation imposed under MCL 42.27, and levy it for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost to contract with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department for police protection provided by the Township, raising an estimated $1,163,018 in the first year of such levy?

PIPESTONE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR ROAD MILLAGE

Shall Pipestone Township impose an increase of up to 1 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 four years, 2027 through 2030 inclusive, for road maintenance, repair and construction, raising an estimated $100,580.00 in the first year the millage is levied? This millage will replace the current assessment for road maintenance, repair and construction which will expire in 2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

In support of providing continued emergency fire prevention, protection services and for the acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related equipment for the residents of Pipestone Township; shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable value of all real and personal property in Pipestone Township liable for taxation be set at one mill ($1.00 per each $1,000 of taxable valuation), as equalized, for a period of four (4) years, being the years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the millage in the first year of the levy (2026) will be approximately $100,580.00.

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Three Oaks Township, of .3750 mills ($0.3750 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.3511 mills ($0.3511 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 0.3511 mills ($0.3511 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 10 years, 2026 through 2035 inclusive, for purposes of maintaining and improving roads with Three Oaks Township? This millage renewal will produce an estimated $50,939.34 in 2026, the first calendar year the millage is levied.

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSITION

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of up to 0.9 mills ($ 0.90 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for ten years, 2026 through 2035 inclusive, for the purpose of maintaining and improving roads within Three Oaks Township? This millage renewal will produce an estimated $130,576.50 in 2026, the first calendar year the millage is levied.

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township, Berrien County, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.20 mills ($1.20 per each $1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property in the Township for a period of twenty (20) years, 2026 through 2045, inclusive, to provide funds for the construction, expansion and improvement of the Township's fire station facilities; the purchase of new apparatus and equipment; and any other purpose authorized by law for fire department or fire service purposes? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2026) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately $174,102.00.

COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 18 OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 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. The remaining .9788 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the Michigan

Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

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 Covert Public Schools District No. 18, Van Buren and Berrien Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.9788 mills ($18.9788 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2027 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $8,800,000 (this is a renewal of millage that expired with the 2026 tax levy)?

COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the rate of not to exceed 17.8248 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 2026 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.8248 mills ($17.8248 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 Coloma Community Schools, Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 8 years, 2027 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 17.8248 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $4,791,467 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?