



Message from the Board...

In deciding to dedicate her full attention and energies to her campaign for the Michigan District 106 State House race, former ACDP chairperson, Marie Fielder, in early August, announced her resignation from the position of ACDP Chair, effective Friday, August 12, 2022. The leadership team of ACDP supported Marie's decision. At the ACDP County Committee Meeting (Membership Meeting) held on August 18, a motion was made to elevate David Dunn, ACDP Vice-Chair, to the position of Acting Chair for the remainder of 2022 and the motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made to nominate Diane O'Connor, ACDP Activism Committee Chair, to the position of Acting Vice-Chair, for the remainder of 2022 and that motion passed unanimously. Todd Koss, Secretary, and Dan McNeil, Treasurer, will remain in their positions.

This smooth transition of Executive Board leadership will ensure that the ACDP will continue to move forward during this most important Mid-Term election year. We will continue our efforts to promote our great Democratic candidates at the National, State and Local levels. We will continue our efforts to get out the vote so that all our Democratic candidates are successfully elected on November 8.

In the next days and coming weeks you will see our dedicated volunteers canvassing in the city of Alpena and surrounding area neighborhoods, promoting our great slate of candidates, including Marie. It is very important that we turn Northeast Michigan BLUE, including the election of Marie to the State House!



David Dunn
ACDP Acting Chairperson

Diane O'Connor
ACDP Acting Vice-Chair

Todd Koss
ACDP Secretary

Dan McNeil
ACDP Treasurer



The ACDP has begun a canvassing campaign in Alpena and are looking for volunteers to canvass with "Slate Cards". A Slate Card lists national, state and local candidates endorsed by the MI Dem Party and the ACDP.

Canvassing a "turf" takes about 2 hours and distributed to homes identified as strong or leaning Democrats & Independent voters. Help is needed to distribute Slate Cards before the end of September when mail-in ballots are mailed to voters.

If you are interested in helping with this crucial undertaking, or need more information, please contact Diane O'Connor: thesunriseside@gmail.com

Important Dates

- 9/15/22: Sept. ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACDP Office.
- 9/17/22: ACDP Election Pop Up, Mich-e-ke-wis, 9:00-11:00. Candidate info & signs available. Look for the blue canopy
- 9/29/22: General Election absentee ballots mailed
- 10/8/22: ACDP 1st annual Chili Cook Off, 5:30-8, ACDP Office
- 10/20/22: October ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACDP Office
- 11/8/22: Election Day. **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Become a member of the Michigan Democratic Party!

A great way to strengthen the ACDP is to join the MI Democratic Party. A \$20 basic membership returns \$15 to us locally. A \$60 couple membership returns \$40. Join w/donation: <https://michigandems.com/join>

Local, State and National

GET OUT THE VOTE POSTCARD WRITING PARTY

(the Introverts' version of going door-to-door)

Please join us to write postcards to our fellow citizens to get out the vote ahead of the next election.

We meet every Thursday at the ACDP office from 6-7:00 pm (accept ACDP mtg nights. Locations TBD watch our FB or emails) Getting candidate literature into as many hands in our district as possible is very important. We can't do it without lots of help. Hope to see you on



A vibrant poster for a chili cook-off. The background is orange with a pattern of small white dots. At the top, there are strings of red and green chili peppers. The text is as follows:

\$20

Join us for the ACDP
1st annual

CHILI

Cook-Off

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Price includes: variety of chilis to sample
drawings — A vote for your favorite chili
Great conversation & fellowship

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5:30-8:00

ACDP Office-143 W. Washington Ave. Alpena, MI

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All Proceeds go to the
Alpena County Democratic Party



Sept. 4 the ACDP hosted 2 amazing state leaders. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein.

Both presented opportunities for us to feel positive and unified as voters. Both also presented their positions on how the citizens of our state can move forward from the political stresses of our state & nation.

FIELDER FOR THE 106TH CAMPAIGN Update

While I am no longer Chair of the ACDP, I have assured our Team that I will remain available & active to continue supporting our Party through and beyond our 11/8/2022 election.

I have been reaching out to constituents all across our 106th and talking to them about the issues they care about most. There is no doubt, that Democracy and affordable housing tops the list. Recently, while canvassing, I came across an old friend who is a strong supporter of our former President. My friend has asked for and received one of my yard signs for her yard. My friend is supporting me because she knows that I will work hard for people first and politics last. We ended up talking well over an hour last night which botched my canvassing efforts, but it was worth it to listen to her talk about concerns from the perspective of a strong Republican. She spoke about the mess that we call our mental health system and the failure of our government to adequately address supports and strategies. I didn't disagree. And, there is no doubt that she is also worried about the state of our democracy. It was evident when she asked, "Why don't (they) want to work across the aisle anymore?" I agreed that the rhetoric and behavior from those on the far-Right is not just concerning, but it is bullish. They simply want everything their way, with no effort toward common ground. My strong Republican friend is moderate and worried. Fear was written on her face. My suggestion is that you get together with your conservative friends as well and try to have difficult conversations with them. It is the only way that our families, communities and nation will begin to heal.

Website with all position statements: www.MarieFielder.com

Mailing Address: Friends of Marie Fielder, PO Box 118, Alpena, MI. 49707

Email: fielder4MI@gmail.com Phone: 989-916-4451

November 8 election will include 2 hard fought, historic ballot initiatives!



Reproductive Freedom for All, as **Proposal 3**, would amend Michigan's constitution to guarantee "a fundamental right to reproductive freedom" that includes abortion care, contraception, infertility care and sterilization.



Promote the Vote, as **Proposal 2**, amends state constitution and includes:

- providing voters with the right to vote without harassment, interference, or intimidation
- guaranteeing that military and overseas ballots postmarked by election day are counted
- requiring a photo ID or a signed affidavit to vote
- authorizing voters to drop off absentee ballots at drop boxes
- allowing for nine days of early voting
- requiring public disclosure of donations from private entities that were used to pay for elections or audits

If you have news to report or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please reach out to Cathy at: acd684@gmail.com or call 989.916.6499

Democratic Supported Candidates Take this with you to the polls when voting!



Gretchen Whitmer
Michigan Governor

gretchenwhitmer.com



Garlin Gilchrist II
Michigan Lt. Governor



Dana Nessel
Michigan Attorney General

dananessel.com



Jocelyn Benson
Michigan Secretary of State

votebenson.com



Dr. Bob Lorinser
Congressional Representative in Congress 1st District

votedrbob.com



Marie Fielder
State Representative 106th District

mariefielder.com



Joel Sheltroun
State Senator 36th District

joelsheltroun.com



Alan Curtis
Probate and 88th District Court Judge

judgecurtis.com



Kyra Bolden
Michigan Supreme Court

boldenforjustice.com



Richard Bernstein
Michigan Supreme Court

BALLOT INITIATIVES

As of the date of printing, the following initiatives are either confirmed or still under consideration to be on the November 8th ballot.

Confirmed to be on the ballot

Legislative Term Limits and Financial Disclosure

Approved by Legislature

Repeal of Emergency Powers of Governor Initiative

Potential to be on ballot

- Right to Voting Policies Amendment *On the ballot*
- Right to Reproductive freedom Initiative *On the ballot*
- Two-Thirds Legislative Vote on Lame-Duck Session Bills Amendment
- Civil Service Employee Legislative Communication Amendment
- Legislative Vote to Suspend Legislator's Salary Amendment

Check back with the ACDP for confirmed initiatives and which ones the ACDP supports.

Alpena Public Schools Board of Education:

Sarah Fritz
Tom Hilberg
Anna Meinhardt

Michigan Board of Education:

Pamela L. Pugh
Mitchell Robinson

MSU Board of Trustees:

Renee Knake Jefferson
Dennis Denno

U of M Board of Regents:

Kathy White
Mike Behm

WSU Board of Governors:

Marilyn Kelly
Danielle Atkinson

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Please call the ACDP office if you need help with:

- Requesting an absentee ballot
- Questions about candidates & ballot proposals
- Transportation to the polls on Nov. 8

Website: www.alpenademocrats.org
Instagram: [@alpenadems](https://www.instagram.com/alpenadems)

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Land Acknowledgement

"The State of Michigan occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabek – Three Fires Confederacy, the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), and Bode'wadmi (Potawatomi). The MI Democratic Party recognizes these historic Indigenous communities, and those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We further recognize the ongoing relationship of dependence upon, and respect for, all living beings of earth, sky, and water. In offering this land acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty, history, and experiences."
MDP asks County Parties to include this statement

**A portion of our budget is invested in electing local candidates and office space!
Thank you for all you do to support our efforts and take back Michigan!!**

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ DONATION FORM \$\$\$\$\$\$

Alpena County Democratic Party PO Box 611, Alpena, MI 49707
Send check with this form to address above or donate online at
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alpenademocrats>

Contribution rules: I am at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident (i.e., green card holder). This contribution is made from my own funds and are not provided to me by another person or entity. I make it with my personal credit card - not with a business credit card or a card issued to another person.

Alpena County Democratic Party Donation form

Name _____

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