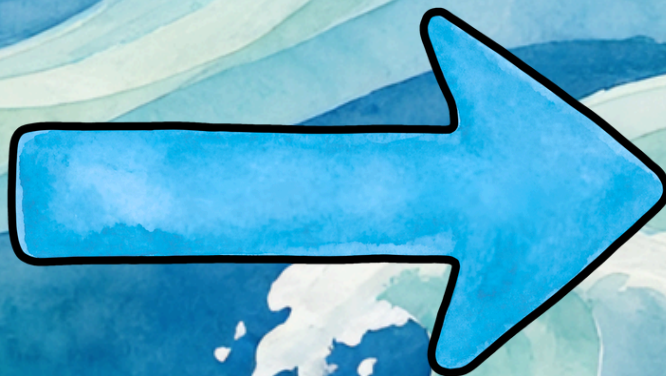


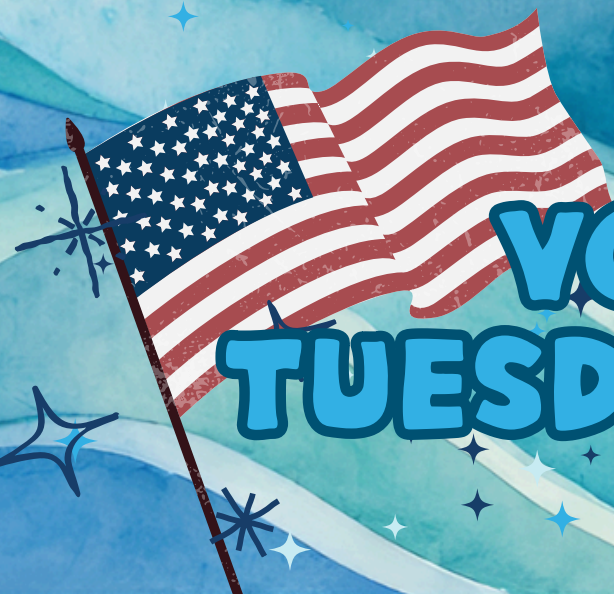


Alpena County Democratic Party

**NOVEMBER 2026
GENERAL ELECTION
VOTER GUIDE**



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ACDP **CANDIDATE SLATE**

Alpena County Democratic Party

PARTISAN CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

STATE

Governor and Lt. Governor

Jocelyn Benson & Winnie Brinks

Secretary of State

Garlin Gilchrist

Attorney General

Eli Savit

CONGRESSIONAL

US Senate

Abdul El-Sayed

US Representative in Congress

Callie Barr

LEGISLATIVE

State Senator & State Representative

No Endorsements*

COUNTY (CITY OF ALPENA PRECINCT 1 ONLY)

County Commission-2nd District

Dan Ludlow*

WILSON TOWNSHIP (WILSON TWP ONLY)

Clerk

No Endorsements*

STATE BOARDS

State Board of Education [vote for 2]

Judith Pritchett & Tiffany Tilley

Regent of the University of Michigan [vote for 2]

Paul Brown & Amir Makled

Trustee of Michigan State University [vote for 2]

Brianna Scott & Kelly Tebay Zemke

Governor of Wayne State University [vote for 2]

Shereef Akeel & Richard Mack

NON-PARTISAN SECTION

(NOMINATED BY PARTISAN CONVENTION)

Justice of Supreme Court [vote for 2]

Megan Cavanagh & Noah Hood

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE

NO ENDORSEMENTS

JUDICIAL

Judge of Court of Appeals-Dist 4 [vote for 3]

Michael J. Kelly

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado

Michelle M. Rick

Judge of Circuit Court- 26th Circuit

K. Edward Black

CITY OF ALPENA (CITY OF ALPENA ONLY)

City Council Member [vote for 2]

Kevin Currier

Karol L. Walchak

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN (GREEN TWP ONLY)

President

Dave Hornbacher

Trustee [vote for 2]

Tom Bouchey

Stephen C. Orlandi

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Member [vote for 2]

Mark Grunder

Florence Stibitz

Thomas R. Townsend

ALPENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Member [vote for 4]

Robert Bruning

Evan Carlson

Sarah Fritz

Claire Kipfmiller

Lindsey Klein

AJ MacArthur

Kayla Ratz

Vincent Thomas

HILLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(GREEN & WELLINGTON TWP ONLY)

Board Member [vote for 4]

Cari Hansen

Luke Sitton

Board Member [partial term]

No Candidates on Ballot

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NEXT: BALLOT PROPOSALS





Alpena County Democratic Party

BALLOT PROPOSALS

STATE BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROP 1
X NO

Vote NO to reject a constitutional convention in 2027 to draft a complete revision of the Michigan State Constitution. This ballot proposal is automatically triggered every 16 years by Article XIII, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution.

PROPOSAL SECTION

State

Proposal 2026-1 A Proposal To Convene A Constitutional Convention For The Purpose Of Drafting A General Revision Of The State Constitution

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

PROP 2
✓ YES

Vote YES to get money out of Michigan politics by banning corporate corruption of our politicians and closing campaign finance loopholes to increase transparency.

Proposal 2026-2 A Proposed Initiated Law To Prohibit Campaign Contributions From Certain Regulated Utilities And Government Contractors And Apply Campaign Finance Laws And Regulations To Additional Types Of Political Communications

The proposal would:

- Prohibit regulated electric and gas utilities, contractors with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts, and people and organizations with substantial connections to these utilities/contractors from making direct or indirect campaign contributions to those who run for or hold offices that impact them.
- Expand laws regulating spending on political communications, including those requiring disclosing donor information, to apply to communications clearly identifying candidates or ballot questions, even if they do not expressly advocate voting for/against them.
- Expressly apply the law requiring disclosure of who paid for political communications to internet political communications.

Should this proposal be adopted?

COUNTY BALLOT PROPOSALS

VETERANS
✓ YES

Vote YES to continue an existing millage to provide funding for support and assistance services to our local veterans through the Alpena County Department of Veterans Affairs.

County

Operating Millage Renewal Proposition For Veterans

Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which shall be assessed against all property both real and personal in Alpena County, Michigan be continued as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution, and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed 0.21 (21/100) mill (\$0.21 on each \$1,000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years starting with the levy made December 1, 2026 for the purpose of providing funds to equip, operate, maintain and provide support and assistance services to Veterans through the Alpena County Department of Veterans Affairs (the estimate of revenue the County of Alpena will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2026) is (\$274,291.27).

HOSPITAL
✓ YES

Vote YES to authorize the transfer of taxpayer funds previously collected to support the former Alpena General Hospital (prior to its acquisition) into the county general funds for other use.

Hospital Millage Reallocation Proposal

The voters previously approved a millage for the purpose of funding the acquisition, construction and equipping of health care facilities by Alpena General Hospital. The County no longer operates Alpena General Hospital but continues to hold approximately \$20,000 in taxes levied for such purposes. The purpose of this proposal is to authorize such funds to be used for other governmental purposes.

Shall the County of Alpena, State of Michigan, be authorized to use \$20,452.65, which constitutes taxes levied for the acquisition, construction and equipping of health care facilities by Alpena General Hospital, for any governmental purpose?

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NEXT: MORE BALLOT PROPOSALS



COUNTY BALLOT PROPOSALS continued

AMA ESD
 **YES**

Intermediate School District
ALPENA-MONTMORENCY-ALCONA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will permit the intermediate school district to continue to levy special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 1.2872 mills (\$1.2872 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, Michigan, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$3,536,404 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

Vote YES to fund the AMA ESD (Alpena, Alcona, Atlanta, and Hillman Schools) in support of special education classroom programs including Pied Piper School, special education-related and early intervening services in local districts, and direct financial support to our schools for special education classroom programs.

TOWNSHIP BALLOT PROPOSALS

Long Rapids Township
 **YES**

Township

PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP ELECTRIC FRANCHISE Township Of Long Rapids, Alpena County, Michigan

Confirming grant of an irrevocable Electric Franchise to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op its successors and assigns, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating an electric distribution system on, along, and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places and to conduct a local nonexclusive electric distribution business in the township of Long Rapids, Alpena County, Michigan for a period of thirty (30) years from (date ordinance was adopted).

Vote YES to continue township agreement with PIE&G Co-Op. This standard 30-year renewal is similar to the one voters passed for Alpena Power in 2024 (Both companies serve Long Rapids Township.)

 **YES**

ONE MILL FOR TEN YEARS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Shall the Township of Long Rapids, County of Alpena, Michigan, impose a tax of one mill for a period of 10 years for the purpose of funding the cost of maintaining and equipping the Long Rapids Township Fire Department and Emergency Response First Responder services? The estimated revenue of one mill (\$1.00 per \$1000.00 of taxable value) to be levied in 2027 is \$48,089.53.

Vote YES to fund dedicated emergency services in this rural community in order to improve response times and health outcomes. The owner of a \$100k home would pay about \$100 per year for 10 years if passed.

Sanborn Township
 **YES**

Township

RENEWAL OF 1 MILL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PURPOSES

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sanborn Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which will expire in 2026, and which has been reduced and may be further reduced by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for a period of 5 years, from 2027 through 2031 inclusive, with the funds to be used for fire department equipment acquisition purposes, raising an estimated \$84,435.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

Vote YES to renew AND restore the millage to its previous rate after the maximum allowed was reduced automatically by the "Headlee Amendment" rollbacks. Funds would be used exclusively to purchase equipment for the fire department.





VOTING PRECINCT INFO

CITY OF ALPENA

CLERK ANNA SOIK
989-354-1720
Alpena City Hall
208 N First Ave



Precinct #1

APlex
701 Woodward Ave



Precinct #2

First United Methodist Church
167 S Ripley Blvd



Precinct #3

St. Anne's Parish
817 Sable St

ALPENA TOWNSHIP

CLERK MICHELE PALEVICH
989-356-0297
Alpena Township Hall
4385 US-23 North

Precinct #1



Alpena Township Hall
4385 US-23 North

Precinct #2



Word of Life Church
1900 N Bagley St

Precinct #3



Word of Life Church
1900 N Bagley St

Precinct #4



TriPoint Church of God
500 S Brooke St

OUTER TOWNSHIPS



Green Township

Clerk Melony Sumerix
989-379-2398
Township Hall
14261 M-32 West



Long Rapids Township

Clerk Mary S. Thomson
989-657-2095
Long Rapids Emergency Facility
5310 M 65 North



Maple Ridge Township

Clerk Melissa Hoskinson
989-356-0791
Township Hall
6000 W LaComb Rd

Ossineke Township



Clerk Jo'lee S. Dorie
989-255-8313
Township Hall
9041 Nicholson Hill Rd

Sanborn Township



Clerk Margaret Ceslick
989-471-1050
Township Hall
12025 U.S. 23 S

Wellington Township



Clerk Pamela Madsen
989-464-6960
Township Hall
15616 Long Rapids Rd

Wilson Township



Clerk Rhonda Ritthaler
989-255-6640
Township Hall
3746 King Settlement Rd

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NEXT: ELECTION & VOTER INFO



REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Visit Michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk to verify your registration status, make address changes, check voter info, or even register online by October 19th.
- You can register and vote *in person* up until the close of polls as long as you are in line at 8pm on Election Day November 3rd at your local clerk's office.
- If you need to register or change your address head to your local clerk's office with a Michigan driver's license, state ID, U.S. Passport, or school/military/tribal ID
AND one of these to prove residency:
 - A utility bill
 - Insurance documents (health, car, home, etc.)
 - A bank or credit card statement
 - Financial aid or school enrollment documents
 - A lease agreement
 - A paycheck or other government check
 - Other government document

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON:

- Early voting is open 8:30am-4:30pm everyday from Saturday October 24th - Sunday November 1st
- Early voting for *ALL* Alpena County voters will be held at Alpena Township Hall, 4385 US 23 North
- Similar to regular Election Day "in person" voting process

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY:

- Polls are open from 7am-8pm Tuesday November 3rd
- As long as you're in line by the close of polls you are allowed to cast your vote
- You can register in person (and cast an absentee ballot) at your local clerk up until close of polls
- Bring a photo ID as listed above, or sign an affidavit when you get there

VOTE ABSENTEE:

- Absentee ballots become available starting Thursday September 24th
- Absentee Ballots can be mailed back until October 20th (two weeks before Election Day), or turned in by you at your polling place, drop box, or clerk until close of polls at 8pm on Tuesday November 3rd
- Visit Michigan.gov/vote or call your local clerk for the online application and deadline specifics



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