



Weekly Newsletter

April 12, 2025

CCRP MONTHLY MEETING— Thursday, April 17, 2025
Clinton County Courthouse — 7:00 pm

THE 2026 DEMOCRAT INITIATIVE PETITION DRIVE TO KEEP CONTROL?

The democrats are really good at finding issues they can put before the people in the form of initiative petitions that will make it much easier to steal elections. In the past they have used "Women's health Care", aka abortion at any time for any reason, to marshall the votes. They have also used the legalization of pot to become the pot capital of the country, and they convinced the voters that Michigan needed a special group of individuals to redraw legislative districts. We know how that turned out. Look at what it has done to Clinton County. We have only two townships in Clinton County that are represented in the Senate and six townships in the northern part of the county in the House in Lansing. We are stuck with this lack of representation until the new lines are drawn after the next census in 2030.

Well it looks like the 2026 election may very well have the democrats' new initiative petition drive to game the system to their advantage. The new petition drive will be to get the people to enshrine in the Michigan Constitution Ranked Candidate elections.

Several states are already migrating to this type of voting system in their elections. Advocates for ranked choice voting state that it will reduce political polarization, increase voter turnout, and produce candidates and winners that better reflect voters' views.

Proponents are spreading their message in Michigan by holding town halls around the state to get the word out. They have even established a ground game by creating regional field offices to help push their agenda. The group's intent is to implement ranked choice voting in Michigan's federal and state elections.

They also want municipal elections to be decided by their individual localities. These types of elec-

State of Maine Sample Ballot
 General Election, November 3, 2020

President Vice President	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice
Biden, Joseph R. Harris, Kamala D. Democratic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
De La Fuente, Roque "Rocky" Richardson, Darcy G. Alliance Party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hawkins, Howard Walker, Angela Nicole Green Independent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jorgensen, Jo Cohen, Jeremy Libertarian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trump, Donald J. Pence, Michael R. Republican	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

U.S. Senator	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Collins, Susan Margaret Bangor Republican	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gideon, Sara L. Freeport Democratic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Linn, Max Patrick Bar Harbor Independent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Savage, Lisa Solon Independent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Rep. to Congress District 2	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Crafts, Dale John Lisbon Republican	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golden, Jared F. Lewiston Democratic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

tions are viewed as progressive reform.

Conservative groups contend that ranked choice voting is more complicated, more partisan, and less transparent and it encourages fringe candidates and radical splinter parties.

There are several ways to implement ranked choice voting. These changes would totally change the voting process and ultimately who gets elected.

The core elements to this type of voting structure includes:

1. Instant runoff voting (allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference.)

2. Initially only voters' top choice is counted;

a) if no candidate has an immediate majority, the candidate with the least votes is eliminated.

3. All the voters who chose the eliminated candidate then have their second-place votes distributed to the remaining contestants.

(The process repeats until one candidate has more than 50% of the vote.)

The final decision on what the actual process will be is still being researched. So who knows what the final version will include and what the impact will be.

This process would be a nightmare for the clerks.

Conservatives also feel that ranked choice could make it impossible to verify results in close elections citing the difficulty of hand recounts.

Ranked choice voting is going to be pushed to get on the ballot by the same individual who helped push through the new reapportionment initiation that we are living with the results of today.

EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING HAS BEGUN

If you are an Automatic Early Absentee Voter you should have received your absentee ballot in your mailbox. Absentee ballot play a significant part in who will win on this bond issue. Please cast your vote and return it by mail or to your clerk as soon as you can. If you live in the St. Johns Public School District you need to do all you can to make sure that the St. Johns School Board is doing what is in the best interest of the students and of the taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility on the part of the board should be one of their most important objectives. The current bond issue ***MUST BE DEFEATED!***

VOTE NO ON THE ST JOHNS BOND

WHERE DO I VOTE ON THE SJPS BOND ON MAY 6?

Bengal/Ovid/ Bingham Townships

vote at Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, MI

Duplain Township

votes at Elsie Public Library/Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main St., Elsie

Essex Township

votes at Maple Rapids Community Center, 209 W. Union St., Maple Rapids

Greenbush Township

votes at Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879

DeWitt Charter Township/Olive Township

votes at Olive Township Hall, 1400 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820

Riley/Watertown/Westphalia Townships

vote at Riley Township Hall, 7110 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820

Victor Township

votes at Victor Township Hall, 5130 Davenport Dr., Lansing, MI 48917

St. Johns Precinct 1

votes at First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27, St. Johns

St. Johns Precinct 2

votes at Nazarene Church, 515 N. Lansing St., St. Johns

St. Johns Precinct 3

votes at First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27, St. Johns

Fulton Township & Washington Township in Gratiot County

votes at Washington Township Hall, 583 Roosevelt Rd., Ashley, MI 48806

VOTE NO ON MAY 6 — DO WHAT IS RIGHT!

<https://www.ccrpmi.com/>

REMOVE DEI OR YOU LOSE FEDERAL FUNDING!

As a condition for receiving federal money the Trump administration ordered K-12 schools to certify they are following federal civil rights laws and ending any DEI practices. Written notice has been sent by the Education Department that gives states and schools 10 days to sign and return the certification.

The certification asks state and school leaders to sign a reminder of legal obligations, acknowledging their federal money is conditioned on compliance with federal civil rights laws. It also requires compliance.

Schools that continue to use illegal DEI practices can face a loss of federal money, including grants and contracts, and can be held liable under the False Claims Act. The department ordered state education offices to sign the certification and collect certifications from school systems.

This new memo clears the way for financial sanctions:

A memo issued in February stated that federal law prohibits schools and colleges from using race in decisions related to admissions, hiring, financial aid, housing, student life and more.

The American Federation of Teachers, a national teachers' union, is suing to block the February memo, saying it violates the First and Fifth amendments.

The union's president claimed the certification requirement was illegal, saying federal law prohibits the White House from telling schools and colleges what to teach, and that federal money cannot be withheld without due process.

April 3, 2025

Reminder of Legal Obligations Undertaken in Exchange for Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and Request for Certification under Title VI and *SFFA v. Harvard*

Requested Certification:

On behalf of _____ [SEA/LEA], I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed this Reminder of Legal Obligations Undertaken in Exchange for Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and Request for Certification under Title VI and *SFFA v. Harvard*. I further acknowledge that compliance with the below and the assurances referred to, as well as this certification, constitute a material condition for the continued receipt of federal financial assistance, and therefore certify our compliance with the below legal obligations.

Signature

Date

Title and District or State



MY FIRST BILL JUST PASSED FOR VETERANS!

Great news! Monday night, the House of Representatives unanimously passed my first bill in Congress, and it's a HUGE win for veterans.

My bipartisan bill, the Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act, will finally require the VA to speak plainly and clearly when communicating with veterans about their benefits. No more confusing letters, no more bureaucratic runaround – just straight answers for those who served.

I know how frustrating it is to navigate the VA system, which is why I made it my first bill since being sworn into Congress. I'm confident it will make a real difference for veterans in Michigan and across the country.

While this bill is a great start, there's still more work to be done.

Last week, I brought Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins to mid-Michigan last to hear directly from ordinary folks like you. We toured the VA Medical Centers in Ann Arbor and Battle Creek—talking with doctors, nurses, and staff about what's working and what needs fixing. We also held a town hall event with veterans in Howell, where the Secretary listened directly to the experiences and concerns of those who rely on the VA every day.

Together, Secretary Collins and I are committed to making sure we keep our promise to veterans and deliver the care and benefits they earned. Moving forward, you can count on me as your representative and the Chairman of the VA Subcommittee on Technology Modernization to keep fighting to modernize the system, cut red tape, and deliver the care and respect our veterans deserve.

As always, my office is here to help you navigate challenges at the VA or any other federal agency. Please don't hesitate to call us at (517) 993-0510 or visit barrett.house.gov.

In your corner,
Tom Barrett
Congressman for Michigan's 7th District

<https://www.ccrpmi.com/>



2025 CCRP Lincoln Day Dinner with Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate Aric Nesbitt

Royal Scot Banquet Center — Thursday, May 8, 2025
(VIP reception 6:00- 7:00 pm — Dinner 7:00-9:00 pm)
4722 W Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI



(Clip and return with your payment to the address listed on the form)

2025 CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Name(s) _____ Employer/Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone # _____ email address _____

Indicate which Club Sponsorship level you wish to join for 2025. **PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE April 15, 2025** — (Check one)

\$350 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event, Summer BBQ, & Fall Fest)

\$250 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & one other event)

\$150 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & Reception)

(All 2025 CCRP Club Sponsors are invited to the VIP Reception with Senator Aric Nesbitt from 6:00- to-7:00pm)

Please return this form, including a check payable to the Clinton County Republican Party (CCRP) to:
Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808. — (Payment is due by April 15, 2025).
You will receive an email acknowledgment of your payment at the email address you provided above.

 <https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-club-sign-up-registration.html>

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2025 Clinton County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner

Couple \$100.00

Single \$ 60.00

Questions should be directed to **Nancy Bareham** at: 517-202-4719 or to — nbareham@yahoo.com

Attendee #1 _____ Attendee #2 _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

email: _____ Phone _____

(Confirmations will be sent to the email address given above)

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please enclose your registration form and a check payable to:

Clinton County Republican Party and MAIL to:

Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808 (Payment is due April 15, 2025)

You can also register and pay online with a credit card at our website at:

 <https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-lincoln-day-dinner-registration.html>

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APRIL Government & School Board Meeting Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Riley Twp -7:00 pm	2 Maple Rapids Village -7:30 pm	3	4	5	
6	7 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Westphalia Twp -6:00 pm Westphalia Village -7:00 pm	8 Victor Twp -7:00 pm Village of Elsie -7:00 pm Village of Fowler -7:00 pm	9 Bengel Twp -7:00 pm Duplain Twp -7:30 pm	10 CC Planning -6:00 pm	11	12
13	14 Bingham Twp -7:00 pm Dallas Twp -2:00 pm DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Olive Twp -7:30 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of Ovid -7:00 pm	15	16 Essex Twp -7:00 pm	17 CCCRP Monthly -7:00 pm Eagle Twp -7:00 pm	18	19
20	21 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Watertown Twp -7:00 pm Ovid/Elsie SB - 6:30 pm PW SB - 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Ovid Twp -7:00 pm BOC Ways/Mean -9:00 am	25	26
27	28 DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Greenbush Twp -7:00 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of St. Johns -7:00 pm Bath SB - 6:30	29 BOC Monthlys -9:00 am	30			

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS IN CLINTON COUNTY

Bath -6:30 pm (4th Monday) DeWitt - 6:00 pp (2nd Monday) Fowler - 7:00 pm (Normally 2nd Monday) Grand Ledge 6:00 pm (Normally Second Monday)
 Laingsburg - 7:00 pm (Meetings vary) Ovid/Elsie - 6:30 pm (3rd Monday) Pewamo/Westphalia - 7:00 pm (normally 3rd Monday)
 St.Johns - 6:30 pm (Meeting dates vary — see website <https://www.sjredwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>)