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About This Guide

The League of Women Voters of the Flint Area contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited. Spelling and grammar were not corrected. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Response No Received" appear under the candidate's name. Publication of these statements and opinions of candidates is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters. The League takes no responsibility for any of the views or facts stated by the candidates. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization established in 1920 to encourage citizen participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidates.

On-line Voter Guides

This voter guide can be found on www.lwvflintarea.org. It covers all municipalities within Genesee County and includes all races and proposals that will be on the ballot in the upcoming election.



Voters can find the online voter guide tool at www.vote411.org. The Vote411 tool allows voters to compare candidates and read the proposal language prior to entering the voting booth. In addition, Vote411 can provide polling locations and general voting requirements.

About the League of Women Voters – Flint Area

Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all citizens of voting age. For information about joining the League, please contact us by e-mail: lwvflint@yahoo.com. **To join League of Women Voters – Flint Area, print the form below, complete it and submit to: P.O. Box 230, Flint, MI 48501-0230**

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Clayton Twp

FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE

Description: Shall an additional .80 mill(s) be levied against the taxable property within the Charter Township of Clayton commencing on December 1, 2012, for a period of 10 years raising an estimated \$167,120 in the first year the millage is levied? The purpose of this levy is to provide supplemental funding for the operation of the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE

Description: Shall an additional 1.6 mill(s) be levied against the taxable property within the Charter Township of Clayton commencing on December 1, 2012, for a period of 10 years raising an estimated \$334,240 in the first year the millage is levied? The purpose of this levy is to provide supplemental funding for the operation of the Charter Township of Clayton Police services.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Frequently Asked Questions

What time are the polls open? Polls are open from 7am to 8pm on Election Day.

Am I eligible to vote? To register to vote in Michigan, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age by election day, a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote. You must register at least 30 days prior to the election.

Where do I go to vote? You must vote in your assigned precinct. Confirm your registration and polling place at [Michigan Voter Information](#) website.

Is Identification required to vote? Michigan does require voters to show acceptable photo identification at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or ID card. However, those voters who do not have an acceptable photo ID or forgot to bring it with them still can vote. They can sign an affidavit stating they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots are counted on Election Day.

I am a first time voter. What do I need to know? If you have never voted in Michigan and you registered by mail, you must appear in person to vote in the first election in which you participate. This does not apply if you fall into one of these categories: 1) You hand delivered your registration to your clerk's office 2) You are over 60 years old 3) You are disabled or 4) You are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

51st District

Michigan House District 51

Partial Term ending 1/2013 - **Candidates (choose 1):**

Joseph Graves

Party: Rep

Response Not Received

Steven Losey

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

City/Town: Linden

Education: BS and MA from Eastern Michigan University

Experience: 17 year Special Education Teacher, President of Redford Union Education Association 10 years, Linden Community Schools Board of Education Trustee July 2011, Vice President Chestnut Grove Home Owners Association 2nd Term.

Community Involvement: Linden Community Schools Board of Education Trustee

Web Site: loseyforstaterep@gmail.com

Endorsements: UAW, Genesee County Building Trades (Electrical Workers, Painters, Sheet Metal Workers, Boilermakers, Pipe Fitters), AFL-CIO, MEA, AFT,

Campaign Message: I'll Fight for Public Education, Retiree's Pensions and the Middle Class. Lansing is Broken, our elected officials need to be reminded who they work for.

Cary Neuville-Justice



Party: Grn

Biographical Info:

City/Town: Linden

Education: Masters Degree in Business Administration

Experience: Linden Board Of Review since 2004

Community Involvement: I have been working in our community for over 25 year promoting Positive Inner Feelings :)

Web Site: peoplejobsjustice.com

Campaign Message: Please be an informed consumer of the political system. Go to League of Women Voters web site, lwvflintarea.org and look at the videos that are available there. The purpose of that site is to inform voters. Take a look for yourself. I think you will feel like I did, it is time to make a change! Vote for Cary Neuville-Justice :)

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Name	What are your qualifications for this position? <i>(1,000 character limit)</i>	Given that if elected, you would be serving a partial term of less than 1 year, what would be your top priority and how do you intend to make an impact? <i>(1,000 character limit)</i>
Joseph Graves, Republican	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
Steven Losey, Democrat	Resident of Genesee County since 2002, BS and MA in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University, 17 year public school teacher, President of the Redford Union Education Association 10 years, MEA member 17 years, Linden School Board Trustee since 7/2011, Teamster 1990-95 through UPS MI/GA, Married 19 years, 3 children all enrolled in public school, Vice President of Chestnut Grove Home Owners Association since 2009, working member of the Middle Class.	Return funding to public education and eliminate the tax on seniors pensions. I intend to bring the collective voices of the 51st district to Lansing. It's time for our law makers in Lansing to understand that our district, our way of life in Michigan is about PEOPLE and NOT about political parties! I want to educate the citizens of the 51st so that collectively our voices and our concerns are heard. Those concerns need to be respected and acted upon accordingly as to protect the rights of every man, woman and child in Genesee County. Education/Information is how I intend to make an impact.
Cary Neuville-Justice, Green Party	<p>I am a third generation resident of Linden. I care very deeply about our community. I am disappointed with Democrats, Republicans and special interest money for the way they divided our community with the recall election. A vote for me sends a strong message that we do not accept the status quo in Lansing. We can do better.</p> <p>I graduated with highest honors and earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration. I am also an Enrolled Agent. For the past 15 years, I have worked as an Accountant, Business Administrator and Tax Professional. I come at this job with that experience.</p> <p>I was appointed to Linden City Councils' Board of Review in 2004. Still today I sit face to face with other Linden residents as we work to pay our bills, including our taxes.</p> <p>I have been a community activist for many years. I have worked to promote Positive Inner Feelings and to teach others how to be their own positive. This is the first time my activism has taken a political tone.</p>	<p>My top priority is to raise awareness of the attack on civil rights. There are several bills currently on the floor that deserve our attention. Specifically, HB 4851, which seeks to codify the doctor patient relationship, is punitive to the patient and an example of the alarming trend of government overreach.</p> <p>We also need to look at HB 5125 and HB5126. These bills lay the foundation to change the way we fund roads in Michigan.</p> <p>We also have to take a look at the financial emergencies we face. We have about 40 governmental units at risk of being taken over. We are seeing the negative effect of a declining real estate market and we have to look at the way we fund these entities and figure out more permanent and sustainable ways to fund government.</p> <p>We have to take a look at the tax code. It is a direct reflection of our priorities and taxing seniors is not my priority. Currently, we are placing a disproportionate burden on the citizens of Michigan least able to bear it.</p>

- (S)Support
- (O)Oppose
- (X)No Position
- (NR)No Response from Candidate

Name	Do you fully support access to safe and legal abortions?	Do you support the repeal of Michigan laws prohibiting same sex marriage?	Do you support placing a state constitutional amendment on the ballot that would allow voters to decide if taxpayer-funded employment benefits should cover the same-sex partners of public employees and retirees?	Do you support making Michigan a right-to-work state?	Do you support the recent Michigan legislation placing a lifetime cap on the length of time recipients can collect state welfare benefits?	Do you support Michigan House Bill 5223, which establishes a program of substance abuse testing as a condition of eligibility for family independence program assistance?	Do you support the recent decrease of unemployment eligibility from 26 to 20 weeks?	Do you support the extended rights provided to the Emergency Financial Manager under recent Michigan Legislation?	Do you support legislation which would allow the county commissioners the sole authority to eliminate their county road commission and have those responsibilities absorbed at the county commissioner level?	Do you support the elimination or phasing out of the state tax on business property, which raises approximately \$1 billion each year for support of local governments and schools?	Do you support the lifting and eventual removal of a limit on charter schools in the state of Michigan?
Joseph Graves (R)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Steven Losey (D)	X	X	S	O	X	X	O	O	O	X	O
Cary Neville-Justice (G)	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

LakeVille Community School District

MILLAGE PROPOSAL #1

BUILDING AND SITE BOND PROPOSAL

Description:

Shall LakeVille Community Schools, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$7,580,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefore, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Improving, remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping, and refurnishing existing district school buildings and existing sites, acquiring and installing security systems at existing district school buildings, constructing an enclosed walkway addition to Columbiaville Elementary School and an enclosed walkway addition to LakeVille Memorial High School, which would also include construction and renovation of athletic facilities thereon and equipping for technology and technology infrastructure, and for purchasing buses?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds may be issued in series, with the maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding not to exceed fifteen (15) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2012 is 0.90 mills (\$0.90 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 2.16 mills (\$2.16 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The bonds shall be qualified pursuant to Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. In the event the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds, the School District may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the state.

(Pursuant to state law, expenditures of bond proceeds must be audited and cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

MILLAGE PROPOSAL #2

BUILDING AND SITE BOND PROPOSAL

Description:

Shall LakeVille Community Schools, county of Genesee, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$4,110,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefore, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Constructing a new auditorium addition to LakeVille Memorial High School, which would also include remodeling the existing site thereon?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds may be issued in series, with the maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, not to exceed fifteen (15) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2012 is 0.65 mills (\$0.65 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 1.47 mills (\$1.47 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The bonds shall be qualified pursuant to Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. In the event the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds, the School District ay be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the state.

(Pursuant to state law, expenditures of bond proceeds must be audited and cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Frequently Asked Questions (Part II)

Can voters be challenged based on home foreclosure? No. Michigan Democrats and Republicans agree that “foreclosure lists” alone do not provide sufficient reason to challenge a person’s voting status.

Am I eligible for absentee voting? If you are a registered voter and will be unable to attend the polls on election day for one of the following reasons, you may obtain an absentee ballot:

- Age 60 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct residence

If you are eligible to vote absentee, you can [download/print your Absentee Ballot Application here](#) or obtain a preprinted application at your local clerk’s office. Absentee ballots must be received by your local clerk’s office no later than 2pm on the Saturday before the election. After receiving your ballot, you have until 8pm on Election Day to complete and return it.

If the ballot says to vote for 3 candidates, do I have to vote for 3? May I vote for only 1 or 2? Yes, you may vote for less than the number listed on the ballot. However, be careful...voting for more than the listed number will invalidate your ballot.