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Who May Vote?

In order to vote in Michigan, you must be registered with the Department of State. To register you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old by election day, a resident of the city or township where you register for at least 30 days, and not serving a sentence in jail or prison. Registration is permanent as long as the resident continues to live in the city or township where registered.

Due to passage of a 2018 statewide ballot proposal, a citizen may register to vote, up to and on election day, and is automatically registered to vote when applying for, renewing or updating a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines. At the time of this publication, the office of the Michigan Secretary of State is developing procedures to implement these changes to the Michigan Constitution. Check the Michigan Voter Information Center (<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>) or contact your local clerk for details about how and where to register.

How?

The procedure involves these steps:

1. Complete an application to vote.
2. An election inspector checks your name against the computerized list of registered voters for the precinct.
3. Show photo identification or sign an affidavit stating that you're eligible to vote.
4. Vote by using a pen to darken the oval to the right of the candidate's name or Yes / No in the case of a proposal.
5. Tabulate the ballot by inserting it into the optical scanner.

You may receive assistance when voting from anyone except an employer, union or their representatives. Election officials may assist you, in which case two inspectors (one from each major political party), will give assistance. Instructions in using voting equipment are available online at the Michigan Voter Information Center (<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>)

About Voter Identification

A provision of Michigan election law **requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them.**

To implement this requirement, precinct election workers will ask voters for photo identification at the polls. The following are acceptable forms of photo identification (ID), assuming they are current and a picture is provided:

- Michigan driver's license or personal ID
- Non-Michigan driver's license or personal ID
- Federal or state government-issued ID
- U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Student ID—high school or accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal ID card

A Kalamazoo County ID Card is NOT acceptable. If the voter does not have an acceptable photo ID in his or her possession when offering to vote, that voter may sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of a photo ID. A voter who completes an affidavit will be allowed to vote a regular ballot.

Write-in Candidates

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of that person in the blank space provided for that office and darken the oval.

Votes for write-in candidates are counted only for persons who have declared their intent, at the appropriate jurisdiction, to be write-in candidates by 4 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the election—October 25. Names of write-in candidates will be available after that date on the Michigan Voter Information Center website (<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>).

Are You Registered & Who's on Your Ballot?

The Voter Information Center on the Michigan Secretary of State website allows voters to confirm their registration status, obtain information on the location of their polling place, view a sample ballot and obtain other election-related information. Go to <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>. Enter your name, birth month and year, and zip code.

For Students

The State of Michigan allows students to register to vote at a permanent address (a parent's address, for example) or at a school address. It is important to know that the address on your voter registration must match the address on your driver's license. Registering to vote will change the address found on your driver's license, if you register at a different address. Likewise, if you change the address on your driver's license, the address of your voter registration will be changed to match.

You can vote only in the precinct where you are registered, so take that into consideration when you complete a voter registration form or renew your license. Students who choose to register at their parents' address may request an absentee ballot to be sent to their campus address—and not have to change the address on their driver's license.

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Absentee Ballots

Due to the passage of a statewide ballot proposal in 2018, all eligible and registered Michigan voters may request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

How do I receive the ballot?

Your request for an absent voter ballot **must be in writing** and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. You must request the absent voter ballot by submitting an application available the Michigan Voter Information Center (<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>), a letter, a postcard or a pre-printed application from your local clerk's office. For an address for your clerk's office, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center. The written request for an absent voter ballot may be returned by hand, via postal mail, fax, or email, as long as a signature is visible.

Your written request must include:

- Your name.
- The date of the election.
- The address where you are registered to vote.
- The address where you wish to receive your ballot. (This may be your registration address or any address outside of your city or township of registration, a hospital, or some other type of residential institution.)
- Your signature and the date of your request.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you are already registered at your current address, you can pick up an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If you are registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on election day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. Ballots are available 45 days before election and requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately.

Blank absent voter ballot applications can be obtained through your city or township clerk or from the Michigan Voter Information Center online. Members of the armed forces and their spouses and dependents, members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, and U.S. citizens temporarily living or traveling outside the territorial limits of the United States have the opportunity to apply for and receive a ballot electronically through the Federal Voter Assistance Program (FVAP). An oath is no longer required on the Federal Post Card Application.

When must absent voter ballots be returned to the clerk?

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and have it received by the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

There are instructions included with the ballot regarding who is eligible to return a ballot on behalf of a voter. For further information, contact your city or township clerk.

Editors' Note

The League of Women Voters (LWV) contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. Those known to have filed a declaration of intent to be write-in candidates at the time of printing this Voter Guide were included. Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated after the limit was reached. Responses were printed as submitted; spelling, punctuation and grammar were not changed. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.

The order of parties in the Voter Guide is the same as their order on the ballot, which is determined by Michigan Election Law. Non-partisan candidates are in alphabetical order.

The LWV of the Kalamazoo Area provided information about local candidates. The LWV of Michigan provided information about state candidates, and the LWV of the U.S. about national candidates.

Publication of these candidate statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service. No one should construe this service as a League endorsement in any way. The League of Women Voters takes no responsibility for any of the views or facts stated by the candidates.

About the Candidates' Responses

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Responses are printed as submitted by the candidate. Spelling, punctuation and grammar were not changed.

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Kalamazoo City Mayor

Two-year term **Vote for one**

Description: The Mayor is a member of the Commission with the same duties as other members and serves as the representative of the City. The Mayor is elected for a two-year term.

Questions

1. How will your talents, experience and skills enable you to succeed in your work as Mayor to improve the quality of life for residents of your City?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. Describe your assessment of progress in implementing plans for Imagine Kalamazoo 2025, your involvement in projects related to that shared vision, and your priorities for the next two years.

David Anderson

Age 68. 513 Stuart Ave. Director of Housing & Facilities at Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Bachelors in Accountancy, Western Michigan University. Licensed Residential Builder. Kalamazoo Central High School Graduate. Kalamazoo City Commission 2005 to present. Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission Chair since 2002. Served on both the KATS County Transportation Planning Agency and the City Environmental Committee since 2005. President of the LIFT Foundation, a non-profit developer and owner of affordable housing since 1999. Member of many committees including Pension, Ethics, Audit and Anti-discrimination. Campaign Phone: (269) 344-2169. Email: dfa.kazoo@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.anderson4kzoo.com/>. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/DavidAndersonKZ/>. Twitter Handle: <https://www.twitter.com/DavidAndersonKZ/>. Video: <https://youtu.be/8lpQqVyPLE>.

1. My talents include the capacity to work long hours, forge ahead in spite of multiple obstacles, build coalitions of individuals with differing viewpoints, treat others with kindness and stay committed to tangible outcomes. I have years of experience building community collaboratively. My roles include 15 years as President of the West Douglas Neighborhood Association, 20 years as President of the LIFT Foundation, the largest non-profit owner of affordable housing in the County, 17 years as founder and Chair of the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission and 14 years on the Kalamazoo City Commission. I lead with my values and do the work.
2. Two issues that will be significant in the coming two years are, first, maintaining our good will and collective focus while working together in a time of national division, and, second, to continue making progress on the goals that are reflected in Imagine Kalamazoo 2025. City of Kalamazoo leadership and staff need to work in concert managing multiple activities critical to Kalamazoo's success reflected in this citizen-driven vision for our City. The goals span from good governance to youth development, strength through diversity, shared prosperity, economic vitality and environmental responsibility. Experienced leadership is critical.
3. Since the Commission adopted the Strategic Vision and Master plan, significant progress is occurring on the Shared Prosperity, Neighborhood, HUD, Parks and Climate Action plans - all driven by the 10 Strategic Vision goals. We are renovating parks, repairing sidewalks, removing lead water lines, providing summer recreation and work for hundreds of young people, and encouraging economic development. My priorities for the next two years will be completion and implementation of the Climate Action Plan, furthering Shared Prosperity initiatives, the creation of safe, decent affordable housing, and investment in community infrastructure.

David Benac

Age 45. 1410 Henderson Dr. History professor. Alpena Public Schools; Alpena Community College; Michigan State University (BA); Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (MA); University of Missouri (PhD). I have served on the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission, the steering committee for the Complete Streets Commission, and as co-creator and organizer of the Bronson Park Earth Day Festival. As a history professor at WMU, my work involves careful analysis of the cause and effect relationships of significant policies and events. I am also an elected union representative for the AAUP. Campaign Phone: (269) 903-7859. Email: admin@benacformayor.com. Website: <http://benacformayor.com>. Facebook Page: [BenacforMayor](https://www.facebook.com/BenacforMayor). Twitter Handle: [@David_Benac](https://twitter.com/David_Benac).

1. My experience with large organizations, small businesses, urban planning, environmental health, and my commitment to inclusive, grassroots organizing provides me with the opportunity to successfully improve the quality of life of all residents of Kalamazoo. In my published work on urban planning and my service on city commissions, I have advocated for infrastructure and housing that improves the lives of residents, protects the environment, and respects the input of citizens. As a union representative and former small business owner, I will always advocate for economic policy that protects the rights of workers and supports small businesses.
2. Infrastructure and Poverty. We must address these issues more effectively within the next two years, even though complete programs will take longer to implement. Our most critical infrastructure need is further improvement of our water treatment and delivery systems until all residents are confident in the safety of their drinking water. The quality of our streets and sidewalks is also insufficient for the needs of a prosperous community. Poverty threatens the lives of hundreds of residents every day and prevents the city from achieving its potential. The solution requires dramatic improvements in housing and employment opportunities for all.
3. Imagine Kalamazoo is an ambitious project that set a goal of collecting community input to

direct the future of community planning. I participated in several meetings and sat on the steering committee for the Complete Streets design that is integral to the plan. The project holds great potential and there are talented people involved, but inexplicable conflicts have emerged. The development planned for Drake and Stadium and the "orange strip" in Arcadia, placed the desires of developers over the needs of residents. My priority will be to increase transparency while pushing forward with this promising program for infrastructure improvement.

Esteven Juarez

Age 32. 1226 Washington. Director of Outreach / Lead pastor. Created Momentum program at Urban Alliance, co-founder of Kalamazoo pop-up block party, outreach worker for group violent intervention. Campaign Phone: (269) 352-7693. Email: juarezformayor@gmail.com. Facebook Page: [Estevan Juarez for Mayor](https://www.facebook.com/EstevanJuarezforMayor).

1. As a native of Kalamazoo, I have lived through and witnessed a significant number of issues growing up. From living and growing through these issues I have attained personable skills and communication talents that aid me in uniting people together. I learned that against any hardship, a community is stronger than any one individual. I truly believe that when a person can believe in themselves and their community their world changes for the best. It does not matter where you are in life rich, poor, white, black, Hispanic, inner-city, or the suburbs: Inspiration is inspiration. When communities are inspired, they thrive.
2. Housing, mental illness and inter-generational poverty are the three things we need to focus on. The city will do a better job creating a strong relationship with the county and township to work together on these very issues that continue to pledge our city and county. The more we are united around these efforts the more of a significant impact we make. It can be done. Invite Non-profits and agencies to come together who are working with our communities in order to provide housing and create intentional collaboration. Hash out a strong strategic plan and execute.
3. The key to a sustainable solution is collaboration. The Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 plans are a great example of how collaboration can help improve communities. I think it has brought awareness to some of the hard conversation this city needs to have. I think that these conversations must continue past just this plan. This also a great example of the city government being. By being transparent we can reestablish trust where it is absent and continue to build where it already exist. Imagine Kalamazoo moving us in the right direction and I truly believe it can happen, but we must move from who is right to what is right.

Corey Smith

Age 41. 529 Ada St. Coach father. High school. I have no political background just my family worked for the Chicago Park District for 30 years and that was my first job as community organizer. Campaign Phone: (269) 366-2817. Email: Coreysmithformayor@gmail.com. Facebook Page: [Coreysmithformayor](https://www.facebook.com/Coreysmithformayor).

1. My talents, experience and skills that will help me to improve the quality of life for the residents of my city are that I can more easily relate to the citizens because I am one. I also am a good listener. I want to hear from people, their concerns for the community. My experience as a coach and father has taught me patience and it has given me the opportunity to speak to people from all walks of life. I know how it is to live paycheck to paycheck. I feel that I am a very relatable person and people will be comfortable coming to me with questions and concerns.
2. Two major issues that I would like to address are affordable housing and expanding downtown to improve business. As for affordable housing I feel that it would be an asset to our community to opt in on allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries. The State of Michigan will then give us a 15% cut of their revenue and we can use that to refurbish the abandoned and condemned buildings and homes and turn them into low income and affordable housing for families who want to take advantage of our promise. The money from these rentals we can then use to make improvements downtown.
3. I am very excited to start seeing the changes Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 will bring. I would like the opportunity to bring my ideas for these projects to the table. As with any City projects there is room for improvement and criticisms but overall it is exactly how I see Kalamazoo moving forward and progressing the over all health and happiness of our City. My priorities are the improvement of downtown Kalamazoo and neighborhoods, affordable housing that creates an income flow to help make these improvements possible. I want to see more improvements to the city that make it more family friendly.



Kalamazoo City Commission

Four-year term Vote for up to three

Description: City Commissioners are elected representatives of the citizens of Kalamazoo. The Commission provides leadership and policy direction for the community and all municipal government activities with a focus on the long-term financial stability of the city and identification of community priorities. The Commission consists of seven members, including the Mayor. Commission members are elected to four-year terms staggered every two years. Three Commissioners are elected every two years.

Questions

1. How will your talents, experience and skills enable you to succeed in your work as Commissioner to improve the quality of life for residents of your City?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. Describe your assessment of progress in implementing plans for Imagine Kalamazoo 2025, your involvement in projects related to that shared vision, and your priorities for the next two years.

Jacob Andrews

Age 24. 346 S. Rose St., Apt. 2. Executive Assistant for The Arc of Calhoun County & Chair of the Kalamazoo County Democratic Party. Bachelor's in Political Science from Western Michigan University. While studying at WMU, I learned how important policy is. This inspired me to get involved with various nonprofits and organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign, The Arc, and as chair of the Kalamazoo Democratic Party since 2017. During my last year attending WMU, I began serving on the City's Citizen Public Safety Review Advisory Board for 2 years. Campaign Phone: (269) 967-4119. Email: jacob@jacobandrews.com. Website: <http://www.jacobandrews.com>. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/jacobandrewsforkzoo/videos/1336216403241037/>

1. My story is similar to many Kalamazoo residents. My family lived paycheck to paycheck, struggling to maintain the cost of living. I know the City must do more to address growing disparities between the well-connected and low-income families. As a recent grad of WMU, I know the City can do more to support people who wish to continue their education, whether secondary or trade. I've personally experienced my fair share of privilege while being raised in a biracial home. However, I've witnessed the dangerous effects of institutional racism and personal bias. I believe fresh and innovative ideas are imperative, and I hope to earn your support.
2. (a) The City must explore methods to ensure individuals have a fair opportunity to succeed, regardless of the neighborhood they reside. I will ensure the City is collaborating with KPS and relevant community organizations to find innovative ways to address barriers facing our children, including: -Fair and affordable housing -A Council by District plan -Equal access to healthcare -Disparity caused by institutional racism, just to name a few (b) The City of Kalamazoo has an opportunity to be a leader in addressing the climate crisis. We must continue to replace lead pipes and ensure clean drinking water. The Climate Action Plan must be a priority
3. As a young resident of the City, I have a vested interest in the continued progress of IK2025. My generation's voice needs to be at the table. IK2025 discussions began while I was studying at WMU finding my love of public policy. I attended many of the meetings, as they were a great opportunity to watch a city unify and define a long-term vision. The priority must be to find ways to increase the public's participation in the decision making process. Plans developed by the City, minus the enthusiastic support from the community, will fail to reach full potential. I look forward to creating a Kalamazoo we can all be proud of.

Andrew Argo

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1. My decision to run for Kalamazoo City Commission is grounded in my experience as a community organizer and lifelong working class resident of the city. I believe it is imperative for the City Commission to include representation of Kalamazoo residents of the working class who live paycheck to paycheck, and experience issues related to our city's income inequality firsthand. I also feel my self-taught education in economics, social issues, systemic racism, and the crises inherent to capitalism bring a critical analysis to the table that would represent and push for those issues most critical to marginalized residents in the City of Kalamazoo.
2. Housing-For-All is a critical plank of our platform that is vital to ensuring that Kalamazoo is a city accessible to and a community for everyday people, and not just the wealthy. The city needs to embrace a 'Housing First' model that ensures that every person living in the city has access to safe and affordable housing. Democratic Control of the Workplace is integral in giving working class residents a stake in their community, and will be a very necessary component of organizing to realize any of our other goals. I seek a city where businesses and our neighborhoods are run democratically by workers and residents. Worker's co-ops & councils.
3. The FFE, where funds for Imagine projects come from, was largely a scheme by moneyed interests in the city to put a direct controlling stake in the finances of the city government and avoid a more democratic progressive income tax (that would have taxed the income of our city's wealthiest residents). The property tax cut that came along with most enriches those in the city who own the most the property, while giving renters nothing and low-income homeowners a pittance, and perpetuates systemic racism. With this, we will need to be critical about progressing our city's goals, ask tough questions, and push for change against wealthy interests.

Emily Demorest

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1. I have a deep compassion for the residents of our city. My lifetime of experiences working closely with people that face challenges of racism, poverty, trauma, homelessness, and marginalization have given me a clear picture of what our policy attempts around solving these issues look like on the ground. While I believe we have made progress in these areas, gaps exist in part because our solutions aren't always rooted in real life experiences and an honest analysis of the history that has brought us to this place. My focus will always be on improving material conditions for our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

2. Kalamazoo needs to be taking our preparations for climate change seriously. The draft plan created in 2017 urgently needs to be adopted. We don't need to invent the solutions. Progress on reducing carbon emissions and protecting remaining natural areas has been made by individual communities large and small around the globe. The recent passage of the Natural Features Protection Overlay is a great starting point for stronger mandates. Our lack of affordable housing is a public health crisis. We must view housing as a human right. I support the expansion of the homeless family assistance millage and other options for publicly funded housing.
3. I attended several of the community listening sessions in the downtown area and my neighborhood of Oakwood. Now that the state has returned control of major roads to the city, I believe the planned redesign has the potential to significantly modernize Kalamazoo's transportation network, support neighborhood development, and improve accessibility. The goal of making Kalamazoo the most disability friendly city by 2025 is so important. The role of commissioners moving forward will be to hold the city accountable to promises made. We must prioritize projects that support low income residents and communities of color to achieve equity.

Patrese Griffin

Age 38. 1013 Princeton. Housing Advocate/Property Manager. Hackett Catholic Central. Attended KVCC and Baker College. Appointed to the Kalamazoo City Commission June 2019. Active community member; Volunteer with United Way and Michigan United; Fair Housing Center of SW Mi, Board Vice Chair; Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo, Organizing committee member; Vibrant Kalamazoo, Board Member; AAT/Continuum of Care, Co Chair; ISAAC Housing Task Force member; HRI Housing Equity AdHoc, Chair; Developing Housing Toolkit. Campaign Phone: (269) 254-6137. Email: Electpatresegriffin@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.patresegriffin.com>. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/electpatresegriffin>. Video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E7hDuezZbR4NrBGTxbqhZA_8Xwl1c9Bc/view?usp=drivesdk.

1. My talents, skills, and experience led me to being appointed to the Kalamazoo City Commission in June of 2019. I have also faced many of the challenges that affect residents of this city. I am committed to sharing how I learned to navigate systems and will work on simplifying the complex processes. I am able to research, advocate, write policy, and support priority based budgeting. I have relationships across municipalities and an overarching view of this city. I will continue to look at issues and situations through an equity lens so the impact of my decisions has a positive outcome collectively for all of our residents.
2. The two major issues are housing and addressing neighborhood concerns. I propose creating more transitional housing, removing barriers to rental housing, and developing a landlord partnership program. At the same time, create a more effective policy to penalize slum landlords and those who take advantage of people. I propose defining "affordable" and setting rental rates accordingly, trying to increase the small area fair market rents, and creating unconventional homeownership opportunities using local funding. Each neighborhood has their own unique successes and challenges. It is our job to identify possible solutions to their concerns.
3. My assessment of progress in implementing plans for Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 (IK2025) is that progress is being made with the goal of being led by community input. Meeting times vary to allow more resident participation. As a member of Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Organizing Committee, I have been closely involved in assessing these projects. Community voice is vital. I share information about events and meetings where input is paramount via social media, email blasts, or word of mouth. My priorities for the next two years are to address housing issues and educating, specifically youth, on the role and importance of local government.

Jeanne Hess

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1. I am running for the Kalamazoo City Commission because I believe that we need city commissioners that bring residents and elected officials together at a time when poverty, housing, and the wealth gap are a threat to our community's well-being. At my core, I am a collaborator and a creative problem solver. I've coached teams and taught physical and health education in Kalamazoo for over 35 years. During this time, I've encountered so many people who encouraged me to think critically of the issues Kalamazoo faces. I believe in education, equity, health, and abundance for all. I also believe in Kalamazoo, and our potential.
2. We must continue to address the wealth gap, and poverty related issues within our city. Every child should be able to realize the Kalamazoo Promise. That means housing, food, clean air and water, and literacy for all families. I will support the ongoing work of all agencies already working on these issues, and I will encourage greater dialogue between the city and Kalamazoo Public Schools. The recent KPS/Metro agreement is one success of such dialogue. Second, we must attract residents through availability of jobs for young professionals, by providing internships to our students at WMU, K, KVCC, and then recruit/retain them post-graduation.
3. I believe the most important goal to me is the first, that of shared prosperity. It encompasses the basic tenets of a community; a united city. Education, jobs, workforce, and community partnerships will help Kalamazoo to thrive. As commissioner, I will continue to support the work of the city employees, while helping to broker the relationships between higher education, business, public education, and social services. I am excited to see the ongoing work on the second goal regarding road design. As commissioner, I will be a part of an oversight team who both supports, and holds accountable the City Manager and his team of employees.

Kalamazoo City Commission, continued

Pete Kushner

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1. Excellent listener, skilled communicator, team player. I have 7 years of experience solving neighborhood & city issues as a Neighborhood Association President in addition to 39 years successfully creating business solutions. In the last 7 years as ODWNA President, I have improved our quality of life by solving neighborhood, city, and business issues; by building coalitions and working together with city leaders and staff, KDPS, other neighborhoods, businesses, and community leaders. I know how to put city issues first. I will LISTEN, use my EXPERIENCE as a leader, and solve our problems in COMMON-SENSE ways seeking win/win solutions.
2. City-based concerns & overall prosperity. Implement our Master Plan. Support an all-inclusive government through ongoing neighborhood & business engagement & input to identify and find solutions that increase our prosperity. Two-way communication is the key. Improve our infrastructure & make it safer for all users by implementing our "Complete Streets" policies. Connecting all citizens to the services they need. City Commissioners must set the direction and culture of encouraging/supporting genuine two-way communication between residents, businesses, organizations, all city commissions/boards, & city staff to find win/win solutions.
3. A great initiative, but the beginning, not the end, of listening to all parties. Completed ODWNA Neighborhood Plan. Zoning/Land Use advocacy for neighborhood & city at-large. Protecting Asylum Lake Preserve from surrounding development. Led to the Natural Features Protection Overlay. Holding Consumers Energy accountable for their tree cutting policies and practices. Safe Routes To School, a \$220K State grant to make it safer for children to get to school. Complete Streets advocacy to help guide city policy. Address City-based issues first, Infrastructure via Complete Streets policies, connect all citizens to the services they need.

Chris J. Praedel

Age 34. 1203 Miles Avenue. Director of Events, Office of University Advancement, Western Michigan University. B.A. Management, Western Michigan University. M.A. Teaching, Dominican University. President and Campaign Chair, Kalamazoo Literacy Council. Appointee, Blue Ribbon Panel on Revenue, City of Kalamazoo. Chair, Fund Development Committee, Kalamazoo Promise 10th Anniversary Celebration. Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters (7 combined years and two teens). Secretary, Board of Directors, Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Project. 2-year National Service, Americorp's Teach for America. Campaign Phone: (269) 491-2188. Email: cpraedel@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.chrispraedel.com>. Facebook Page: [facebook.com/cpraedel/](http://www.Facebook.com/cpraedel/). Twitter Handle: @chrispraedel. Video: <https://youtu.be/1-yywvC0tTg>.

1. Now more than ever we need people who can work together to solve complex issues. I'm running because I want to be part of creating a future we can be proud to hand over to the next

generation. As a new parent and homeowner, I also feel it is imperative young families have a seat at the table. Our city's continued growth will depend on young people and families choosing to make Kalamazoo their forever home. I've devoted much of my life to serving in various facets of our community, from board leadership to mentoring two local teenage boys. My roots run deep. I'm ready to put these experiences to work for the people of Kalamazoo.

2. The deck is stacked against too many of our residents when it comes to affordable housing. Whether an individual is unemployed or works multiple part-time jobs, a place to rest their head at night is too often out of reach. Our area home values and population will continue to rise. Prioritizing the use of the Foundation for Excellence's \$10 mil aspirational funding will remain a central focus each year. As long overdue infrastructure projects are tackled, more funds will become available to do the things that set us up to be a state and national leader. Let's be bold and continue to engage the community to select our key funding priorities.
3. It is important those elected to the 53rd City Commission remain committed to the work outlined in the Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 Master Plan, which was developed through significant public involvement and input. The IK2025 Plan has been accelerated through added financial support from the Foundation for Excellence. My priorities for the next two years include: affordable housing, small business incubation and entrepreneurship, voter turnout and engagement, creating vibrant neighborhoods, and youth employment. These five pillars aim to provide for a more equitable community and meaningful systemic change.

Benjamin Hayden Stanley

Age 31. 1008 W. North St. Student of Public Relations. Public Relations/Econ/Art/Outdoor Recreation/Behavioral Psychology. Talking to people from all backgrounds is important, and even more so, is listening to people from all walks of life and people with all sorts of perspectives. (Go hang out with your neighbors).

1. Listening is the most important tool in my toolbox.
2. Teachers in our k-12 schools need the support they deserve for the work that they are expected to do for our future generations. Perhaps if we as the city were to offer to help them pay part of their down payments for their homes if they are willing to buy a house in the city that would bring in the people we need. Making Kalamazoo more of a bike + pedestrian friendly city would help improve downtown living, as well as increase foot traffic around our downtown businesses. What do you think, is this something we want to work towards in Kalamazoo? (Personally I'd like to see kalamazoo go (at least) a year without gun violence)
3. We have a ways to go, we will get there if we work together. Community outreach is very important and I believe we have a lot of amazing people that are on board with making Kalamazoo everything it can be! It really comes down to citizen participation, the more enjoyment people get out of becoming involved the more they'll do it, so what can we do to make it more fun..... city commission meetings will be held with commissioners sitting over dunk tanks from now on, and every citizen gets one shot during public comments. Obviously a silly thought..... but I'm willing to help people smile again.

Parchment City Commission

Four-year term Vote for up to three

Description: The Parchment City Commission consists of seven members elected at-large by the citizens of Parchment to serve staggered four-year terms. As the elected leaders of the community, the City Commission sets the strategic direction of the City, makes all city policy decisions, approves purchases (above \$2,500), adopts an annual budget, hires a City Manager, approves contracts, reviews regular reports of the City's financial condition and appoints volunteer board and commission members

Questions

1. How will your talents, experience and skills enable you to succeed in your work as Commissioner to improve the quality of life for residents of your City?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. What are the City's strongest assets? How should the Commission capitalize on them?

Michael Conner

Did not respond in time for publication.

Holly Evans

Did not respond in time for publication.

Doug Fooy

Did not respond in time for publication.

Robin Madras

Age 52. 815 Parchmount Ave. Supervisor, MI Dept of Treasury-Tax Compliance Bureau. Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting. 5 years on the Kindleberger Arts Commission Board, 3 years Treasurer for Parchment North PTO & 1 year Treasurer for Parchment Grad Bash. Campaign Phone: (269) 217-9967. Email: Robindee66@att.net.

1. My accounting and tax background will compliment the commissions fiscal responsibilities

for budgeting and spending. I believe in giving back to the community that has given me a wonderful place to raise my children.

2. Two main issues I believe that need to be addressed are (1) repairing and maintaining our roads and (2) bringing residents and business to our community. 1 - Road maintenance and repair is extremely costly. Parchment needs to identify and prioritize projects, we need to follow that with a realistic budget to accomplish said projects. 2 - Parchment needs to find incentives for businesses to locate in our community. I would encourage any potential business to research available incentives that Michigan has to offer as a starting point, followed by what the community has to offer.
3. Parchment's strongest assets include Kindleberger park and the tremendous volunteer community that supports all the activities in the Park. I have seen it first hand with my experience on the arts commission and our local schools. I appreciate the town hall groups information that is shared on their social media. I do believe brining people together for a common goal assists with meeting those goals.

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Portage City Mayor

Two-year term Vote for one

Description: The Mayor is the presiding officer and member of the Council with all the powers and duties of that office, including the right and duty to vote on questions before the Council. The Mayor also advises the Council and makes recommendations concerning the legislative and policy-making affairs of the City. The Mayor is elected every two years.

Questions

1. How will your talents, experience and skills enable you to succeed in your work as Commissioner to improve the quality of life for residents of your City?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. What do you foresee in the economic development of the City, particularly in view of the decline of retail establishments with a physical presence? What is the role of the Council in the City's economic development?

Patricia M. Randall

Age 56. 6702 Oleander Lane. Mayor of Portage. Business of Administration, WMU, Finance. Eight year Portage City Council Member and two years as Mayor. Life time of volunteer work and public service. Campaign Phone: (269) 993-2311. Email: rprandall@sbcglobal.net. Website: <http://patriciamrandall.com>. Facebook Page: Patricia M. Randall, Portage Mayor.

1. I bring a passion for improving our city and a common sense approach to implementing change to the role of mayor. I have built strong relationships on the council, within city hall, within the community and with other leaders in our region. By working together and building consensus, we all experience an enhanced quality of life. I have established a volunteer cabinet to raise funds and awareness to build a new Community Senior Center. It is the first public/private venture ever launched in the city. This state of the art facility will address the growing population of seniors region wide. This vision will become a reality in the Spring 2020!
2. Attracting and retaining a qualified workforce to fill all the new jobs will be critical. Our largest

employers are investing and expanding in our community and many skilled positions will be opening. The city will do its part by maintaining and enhancing our infrastructure and keeping Portage affordable through fair property taxes and a balanced budget. Being more pro business by supporting our mid and small businesses is essential to ensure they continue to operate in and employ people in the community. Review all our ordinances to make certain benefits exceed costs. Improving our reputation of being business friendly and shovel ready.

3. Online shopping has dramatically effected traditional brick and mortar stores world wide. The cities that are proactive with zoning and redevelopment of retail corridors before they fail, will be the most successful. The City Council has already started discussions to rezone our mall and surrounding areas to attract developers to a more mixed use plan. The Council has already reduced the required number of parking spaces required for retail stores, lowering maintenance costs and creating open lots. We need to look to communities who have successfully refurbished mall and large retail areas and learn from them.

Portage City Council

Four-year term Vote for up to three

Description: The City Council is responsible for adopting and amending city laws and ordinances, determining city policies and standards, and authorizing the annual city budget. The Council also determines city tax millage rates and utility rates, approves contracts and agreements for the city, and directs the City Manager. The City Council consists of seven members including the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council members are elected to four-year terms staggered every two years. Three Council members are elected every two years.

Questions

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Chris Burns

Age 32. 5706 Briarhill Ct. Senior Fixed Income Analyst & Investment Strategist, Greenleaf Trust. Master of Accounting, High Distinction, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan; Bachelor of Arts, Economics, High Distinction, University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Portage City Council (2017-present). Central County Transportation Authority (2017-present). Portage Water & Sewer Utility Rate Committee (2017-present). Portage Investment Committee (2015-present). Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes Board Member (2017-present). Kalamazoo County Jury Board. Licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Chartered Financial Analyst Charterholder (CFA). Refugee Foster Parent. Campaign Phone: (708) 710-3102. Email: chris@chrisburns.org. Website: <http://www.chrisburns.org>. Facebook Page: <http://facebook.com/burnsforportage>. Twitter Handle: @BurnsForPortage.

1. One of the most important things we do on City Council is to establish budgets. As a CPA, I am a numbers person. That knowledge assists me in striking the right balance between delivering high quality services and making the city an affordable place to live. Over my two years on Council, the City's property tax millage rate has decreased, as has the City's water & sewer charges. Over that time, we have also improved road quality, improved public safety infrastructure, expanded parks & rec programming, and devoted more dollars toward human services efforts. Who wouldn't like those numbers?
2. It is hard to stop at only two issues. The City has 14 departments and each is doing critical and excellent work. In the next two years, our Community Development Department will guide commercial redevelopment efforts, lead the Planning Commission in updating our Comprehensive Plan, and work with our major employers on their expansion plans. Successful commercial redevelopment is critical. The other major issue will be improving the City's facilities and infrastructure. On top of that list is delivering a new Community/Senior Center. I donated my Council stipend to the "Engage. Empower. Enrich." campaign in 2018 and will do so again in 2019.
3. The City of Portage has so much potential. We have all the building blocks for successful economic development; strong employment, expanding businesses, strong local developers, great schools, safe neighborhoods, proximity to KVCC, WMU, & K College, proximity to a great hospital system, and great natural features. Like many places, our retail sector is challenged today. Sears is closing. The Portage City Council can use laws, budgets, and incentive programs to encourage modern development. Those efforts might lead to attracting new tenants, or to repurposing some of our commercial corridor. It is an exciting time be a part of these changes.

Richard J. Ford

Age 38. 994 Rainbow Ave. eDiscovery Manager. Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan State University. Councilmember 2013-current. Portage Board of Review (2013). Campaign Website: <http://www.facebook.com/Ford4Portage/>. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ford4Portage/>.

1. I believe that my experience on council will assist the city as we move forward with a new City Manager. The city has made great technological advances in the past 5 years, and I will continue to push for investments in this area. I believe that the due diligence I bring to the role also helps ensure that the decisions I support are well reasoned.

2. I believe the change of retail noted in the next question is the biggest threat. Some of the council's successes are noted there, but I believe we must keep a pulse on the development in our community to prevent it from going stagnant. The second issue that concerns me is Ransomware. With many municipalities being attacked nationwide, we need to remain on the front-lines of technology to protect us from an attack. To combat these attempts, additional investments may need to be made to safeguard our I.T. assets in the future.
3. I am optimistic about retail development in Portage. Westnedge has some of the highest traffic counts in the region and a decline in retail only creates new opportunities for other businesses to open. Council recently adopted a public participation plan to coincide with the city's efforts to receive a Redevelopment Ready certification. We maintain a low-debt and competitive millage rate, and invest in capital improvements that benefit our residents and businesses. All of these measures allow council to have input on counteracting the decline in retail.

Jim Pearson

Age 63. 3004 East Shore Dr. Mayor Pro Tem of Portage. Ph.D in Biochemistry, Purdue University. Eight years on Portage City Council including Mayor Pro Tem. Volunteer service on several Portage and Kalamazoo County Boards. Past President of Portage Rotary Club & Charities. Campaign Phone: (269) 303-5459. Email: jimpearson4@gmail.com.

1. My previous service on the Portage Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals has given me background on the needs of businesses and citizens. I was elected Mayor Pro Tem by Council Members to serve with both our current Mayor and former Mayor. At the Kalamazoo County level, I serve on the Central County Transit Authority, Consolidated Dispatch Authority and chaired the Environmental Health Advisory Council. Volunteering for these countywide boards has given me experience on how to succeed in Portage for public transportation, police/fire protection and public health policy issues.
2. First, the future of Crossroads Mall is a concern. Ownership changed last year, shoppers have decreased, food court options have decreased and Sears is closing. If the mall continues to decline, then repurposing the property will need to be addressed. Council and City staff must be prepared to work with developers on rezoning options if needed. On a positive note, you couldn't ask for a better location within Portage for a major redevelopment project. Second, we must help local businesses stay competitive by not overburdening them with ever-increasing code upgrades. More on this is outlined in my response to the next question.
3. Portage businesses can be financially challenged when opening a new store or making structural improvements to an existing one. The problem: Portage's ever-increasing code enhancements. Just meeting new codes - let alone making intended structural improvements - can be the biggest expense. Some newer codes that require SIGNIFICANT expense but add very LITTLE safety benefit need to be reviewed. Local businesses can be helped by Council by reassessing these costly newer codes so that they can better compete with online competitors. I will place this topic on the semi-annual retreat agenda for Council discussion in October.

Ballot Proposals

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency Area Career and Technical Education Proposal 1 Mill for 20 Years

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, 1819 East Milham Rd, Portage, MI 9002-3035, telephone: (269) 250-9202; or viewed at Vote411.org.

Plainwell Community Schools General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Building and Site Purposes in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$48,655,000

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Plainwell Community Schools, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, MI 49080-1595, telephone: (269) 685-5823; or viewed at Vote411.org.

Portage District Library Millage Proposal .5 Mill for 10 Years

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Portage District Library, 300 Library La., Portage, MI 49002, telephone: (269) 329-4542; or viewed at Vote411.org.

Portage Public Schools Renewal of Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy Proposal .5 Mill for 5 Years

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Portage Public Schools, 8107 Mustang Dr., Portage, MI 49002, telephone: (269) 323-5000; or viewed at Vote411.org.

Schoolcraft Community Schools General Obliga- tion Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Building And Site Purposes in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$39,000,00

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Schoolcraft Community Schools, 551 East Lyons Street, Schoolcraft, Michigan 49087-9623, telephone: (269) 488-7390; or viewed at Vote411.org.

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Area Career and Technical Education Proposal, 1 Mill for 10 Years

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, 62445 Shim-mel Road, Centreville, MI 49032-9527, telephone: (269) 467-5400; or viewed at Vote411.org.

Wakeshma Township Fire Protection Millage

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Wakeshma Township Hall, 13988 South 42nd St., Fulton, MI 49052, telephone: (269) 778-3728; or viewed at Vote411.org.



The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.

—Barbara Jordan

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The following activities are included under this restriction:

- Displaying “pro and con” information on the proposals appearing on the ballot.
- Approaching voters to encourage them to vote for or against a candidate or ballot question.
- Distributing any type of campaign literature or write-in stickers.
- Displaying signs, posters, or bumper stickers.
- Attempting to collect petition signatures.
- Requesting donations, selling tickets or engaging in similar activities.

Election inspectors will request that voters entering the polls remove campaign buttons or cover up clothing which bears any reference to a political party or interest group, campaign slogan or a candidate(s) name if associated with a ballot question or candidate whose name is appearing on the ballot for that specific election. In addition, voters will be told to conceal campaign literature or other campaign materials brought into the polls. While there is nothing to prohibit a voter from referring to campaign literature, “slate cards” or election information such as the LWV Voter Guide when voting, the materials may not be left behind in the voting station. Election inspectors periodically check each voting station for campaign literature left by voters and discard any that is found.

A voter may park a car or other vehicle bearing campaign signs or bumper stickers within 100 feet of the polling place during the time he or she is voting. Under any other circumstances, vehicles bearing campaign signs or bumper stickers must be parked at least 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located.

Based on *Election Officials’ Manual, Michigan Bureau of Elections, Chapter 11, pp 26-27, Updated July 2019.*

KALAMAZOO COUNTY PRECINCT LOCATIONS

Polls Open Tuesday, November 5, 2019 —7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alamo Township

- #1 Township Hall *(no ballot this election)* 7901 North 6th St.
- #2 Cooper Township Hall 1591 West D Ave.

Brady Township

- #1 Township Hall 13123 South 24th St.
- #2 Chapman Memorial Church 7520 East U Ave.

Charleston Township

- #1 Township Hall 1499 South 38th St.

Climax Township

- #1 Township Hall 110 North Main St.

Comstock Charter Township

- #1 Galesburg Baptist Church 10100 Shadowland Dr.
- #2 Comstock Community Center 6330 King Highway
- #3 Comstock Christian Reformed Church 5300 Comstock Ave.
- #4 Northeastern Baptist Church 6536 East G Ave.
- #5 Church of God Family Worship Center 5841 East H. Ave.
- #6 Kalamazoo Community Church 2435 North 26th St.
- #7 Northeastern Baptist Church 6536 East G Ave.

Cooper Charter Township

- #1 Township Hall 1590 West D Ave.
- #2 Fire Station #2 3160 McKinley St.
- #3 Bethel Baptist Church 5701 Mt. Olivet Rd.
- #4 North Bridge Church 8824 Douglas Ave.
- #5 Cooper's Landing Apartments Community Room 5001 Cooper's Landing

Kalamazoo Charter Township

- #1 Eastwood Fire Station 2703 East Main St.
- #2 Northwood Fire Station 2617 N. Burdick St.
- #3 Grace Harbor Church 811 Gorham La.
- #4 West Main School Professional Development Center 1625 West Main St.
- #5 Westwood Fire Station 1315 Nichols Rd.
- #7 Hillside Middle School 1941 Alamo Ave.
- #8 Westland Meadows Community Room 4300 Leisure La.
- #9 Second Christian Reformed Church 3015 Nichols Rd.
- #10 Eastwood Fire Station 2703 East Main St.
- #11 Northeastern Elementary School 2433 Gertrude St.
- #12 Sunnyside United Methodist Church 2800 Gull Road

Oshtemo Charter Township

- #1 Township Hall *(no ballot this election)* 7275 West Main St.
- #2 Fire Station #2 *(no ballot this election)* 3500 South 6th St.
- #3 Oshtemo Branch Library 7265 W. Main St.
- #4 Voyage Church – Fellowship Hall 6339 Atlantic Ave.
- #5 West Kalamazoo Christian Church (Lobby) 454 S. Drake Rd.
- #6 West Kalamazoo Christian Church (Lobby) 454 S. Drake Rd.
- #7 Voyage Church - Fellowship Hall 6339 Atlantic Ave.
- #8 Oshtemo Community Center 6407 Parkview Ave.
- #9 Township Hall 7275 W. Main St.
- #10 Oshtemo United Methodist Church 6574 Stadium Drive

Pavilion Township

- #1 Lakeland Reformed Church 10442 South Sprinkle Rd.
- #2 Christian Evangelical Church 9286 S. 36th S.
- #3 Township Hall 7510 East Q Ave.

Prairie Ronde Township

- #1 Township Hall 8140 West W Ave.

Richland Township

- #1 Gull Lake United Methodist Church 8640 Gull Road
- #2 Township Hall 7401 North 32nd St.
- #3 Haven Church 5350 North Sprinkle Rd.

Ross Township

- #1 Augusta Village Hall 109 W. Clinton St.
- #2 Yorkville Community Church 11523 East D Ave.

Schoolcraft Township

- #1 Township Hall 50 East VW Ave.
- #2 & 4 Schoolcraft Fire Dept. 103 N. Grand St.
- #3 Vicksburg United Methodist Church 217 South Main St.

Texas Charter Township

- #1 Calvary Reformed Church *(no ballot this election)* 7829 South 5th St.
- #2 Township Hall *(no ballot this election)* 7110 West Q Ave.
- #3 M-Tec Center 7107 Elm Valley Dr.
- #4 & 5 Southridge Reformed Church 6726 Texas Drive
- #6 Calvary Reformed Church *(no ballot this election)* 7829 South 5th St.

Wakeshma Township

- #1 Township Hall 13988 South 42nd St.

Galesburg City

- #1 City Hall 200 E. Michigan Ave.

Kalamazoo City

- #1 & 3 First United Methodist Church 212 S. Park St.
- #2 & 4 Bernhard Student Center Western Michigan University
- #5 Arcadia Elementary School 932 Boswell Lane
- #6 Friendship Village Kiva 1400 N. Drake Rd.
- #7 & 9 Douglass Community Association 1000 W. Paterson St.
- #8 & 27 Mt. Zion Baptist Church 120 Roberson St.
- #10 Spring Valley Elementary School 3530 Mt. Olivet Rd.
- #11 Eastside Community Center 1301 East Main St.
- #12 Oakwood Bible Church 4100 Oakland Dr.
- #13 & 14 St. Joseph's Catholic School – Bennett Building 930 Lake St.
- #15 Washington Writer's Academy 1919 Portage St.
- #16 & 18 Milwood Community Church 3306 Lovers Lane
- #17 Milwood United Methodist Church 3919 Portage St.
- #19 & 25 Southern Heights Christian Reformed Church 4141 E. Hillandale Dr.
- #20 Centerpoint City Church 326 W. Cork St.
- #21 & 24 Girl Scouts Building 601 W. Maple St.
- #22 Winchell Elementary School 2316 Winchell Ave.
- #23 Parkwood-Upjohn Elementary School 2321 S. Park St.
- #26 Parkview Hills Clubhouse 3707 Greenleaf Circle

Parchment City

- #1 City Hall 650 S. Riverview Dr.

Portage City

- #1 & 15 Portage Public Schools "Dog House" Multipurpose Gym ... 1000 Idaho Ave.
- #2 Goldentree Apartments Community Room 4795 E. Milham Rd.
- #3 Portage Senior Center 320 Library Lane
- #4 & 6 Lord of Life Lutheran Church 9420 Portage Road
- #5, 10, 12 Portage Schools "Stable" Multipurpose Gym 8305 S. Westnedge Ave.
- #7 K-RESA Service Center 1819 E. Milham Rd.
- #8 & 14 Chapel Hill United Methodist Church 7028 Oakland Drive
- #9 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1747 W. Milham Ave.
- #11 & 19 Kalamazoo First Assembly of God 5550 Oakland Drive
- #13 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church 1150 W. Centre Ave.
- #16 & 18 The Bridge Church 7200 Angling Road
- #17 Pathfinder Church 8740 S. Westnedge Ave
- #20 Westminster Presbyterian Church 1515 Helen Ave.

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