

CAPITOL NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2020

Integrity. Individual Attention. Precision Strategy. Proven Results



RECORD-SETTING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

A record number of voters participated in Michigan's primary election on Aug. 4, with more than 2.5 million people casting a vote either in person or by absentee ballot.

One of the most followed races in the primary was the 13th Congressional District rematch between U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit) and Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones.

Jones represented the district for a few weeks in 2018, following the resignation of Rep. John Conyers (D-Detroit) in December 2017. After his resignation, there were two elections for the seat with Jones winning the special election to complete Conyers unexpired term, and Tlaib winning the regular race for the Congressional seat. This year, Tlaib and Jones were the only primary candidates. On Tuesday, Tlaib won the strongly Democratic district with nearly twice as many votes as Jones, potentially guaranteeing her a second term.

In the 3rd Congressional District in West Michigan, Republican Peter Meijer, a U.S. Army veteran whose family founded the well-known Meijer retail chain, won a five-way contest with more than 50 percent of the vote, including holding a strong lead over his main opponent Rep. Lynn Afendoulis. Meijer will face Democratic attorney Hillary Scholten. The winner of that race will succeed U.S. Rep. Justin Amash, a former Republican turned Libertarian who is not seeking reelection.

In the 10th Congressional District, a Republican stronghold in the Thumb region, Republican businesswoman Lisa McClain of Bruce Township, a pro-Trump Republican who outspent her opponents, beat state Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron). McClain will likely go on to replace U.S. Rep. Paul Mitchell who is retiring.

Other closely watched races include:

In Oakland County, the current county executive, Dave Coulter, defeated outgoing county treasurer Andy Meisner in the Democratic primary. Coulter will face former state lawmaker Republican Mike Kowall in the general election.

In Michigan's 6th U.S. House District, state Rep. Jon Hoadley (D-Kalamazoo) won late Tuesday night against Jen Richardson by less than 3,000 votes. Hoadley had been expected to have a much higher lead. Hoadley will run against incumbent Republican Rep. Fred Upton in the general election.

In the 9th House District, incumbent State Rep. Karen Whitsett (D-Detroit), known for praising Donald Trump for telling people to use hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19, also won her primary against challenger Roslyn Oburn.

More House Primary winners and matchups below:

2nd House District:

Democrat incumbent Rep. Joe Tate pulled off a victory in the primary.

3rd House District: Democrat Shri Thanedar, who previously ran for governor, won the primary in this district. Thanedar spent more than \$440,000 of his own money in his state House race.

27th House District: Oakland County Democrat Regina Weiss won the primary for the seat currently held by Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D-Huntington Woods). Wittenberg also won his primary for the County Treasurer position.

37th House District: Democrat and Farmington Hills City Council member, Samantha Steckloff won her open Farmington Hills Primary for the seat currently held by term-limited Rep. Christine Greig, Minority Leader.

38th House District: In Southwest Oakland County's 38th House District, Democrat and Novi City Councilmember Kelly Breen will take on Chase Turner who won his Republican primary. The seat is currently held by Rep. Kathy Crawford (R-Novi).

45th House District: Rochester school board member Barb Anness defeated Brendan Johnson for the Democratic nomination. Anness will take on Republican Rochester Hills City Councilmember Mark Tisdell.

47th House District: Republican Livingston County Commissioner and former county sheriff Bob Bezotte beat long time legislative aid Meghan Reckling. The seat is currently held by Rep. Hank Vaupel.

70th House District: Republican Pat Outman of Six Lakes, won his open West Michigan Primary for the seat currently held by Rep. Jim Lower (R-Greenville).

72nd House District: Lily Cheng-Schulting won the Democratic nomination and will face incumbent state Rep. Seven Johnson (R-Wayland) who is seeking a third term in November.

73rd House District: Republican Bryan Posthumus won the primary for this seat currently held by Rep. Lynn Afendoulis.

74th House District: Republican incumbent state Rep. Mark Huizenga won his primary over challenger Brock Story. Huizenga will face Democrat Meagan Hintz as he seeks a second term.

79th House District: Incumbent Rep. Pauline Wendzel (R-Watervliet) easily won her primary.

80th House District: Incumbent state Rep. Mary Whiteford (R-Casco Twp.) won her primary over Allegan business owner Neven Cooper-Keel.

81st House District: Incumbent Rep. Gary Eisen (R-St. Clair Township) won his primary to face off against Democrat Debbie Bourgois in the general election.

83rd House District: Republican Andrew Beeler won an open primary to replace Appropriations Chair Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron) who ran for congress.

86th House District: Democrat Sue Hayes won her primary and will now face incumbent Rep. Thomas Albert (R-Lowell) who is seeking a third term.

89th House District: Incumbent Rep. Jim Lilly (R-Park Township) will face Democratic primary winner Anita Brown in the general election.

90th House District: Republican incumbent Rep. Brad Slagh won this West Michigan primary against Republican Mark Northrup. Slagh will go on to face Democrat Christopher Banks.

100th House District: Republican Incumbent Rep. Scott VanSingel won his primary.

103rd House District: Republican Daire Rendon won this Northern Michigan Primary.

105th House District: Republican Ken Borton won this Northern Michigan Primary for the seat currently held by Rep. Triston Cole.

107th House District: Republican John Damoose wins the crowded primary in the Northern Michigan primary to replace Speaker Lee Chatfield. Chatfield, who cannot seek reelection due to term limits, endorsed Damoose to be his successor.

CONSENSUS REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AUGUST 24

The Senate Fiscal Agency announced this week that the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference is set for Aug. 24, 2020 at 3 p.m. and will be held remotely.

Presentations will be broadcast by the Senate Fiscal Agency, the House Fiscal Agency and economists with the Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics at the University of Michigan.

The conference will enable stakeholders to reevaluate the May consensus estimates for fiscal years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. Currently, the fiscal year 2020-21 budget deficit is projected to be \$3 billion. This could change due to the partially restarted economy.

MM&A Briefs

Whitmer Requires Masks at Child-Care Centers and Camps

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced Executive Order 2020-164 this week requiring face masks be worn at all child-care centers and camps. Included in the order: all staff and children ages 2 and up to wear a face covering on a school bus or other transportation, and all children 4 and up must wear a face covering in indoor common spaces. All staff and children 12 and older must wear a face covering when in classrooms, homes, cabins, or similar indoor small-group settings. It is not required for those in Region 5.

Calendar of Important Events

- August 8** **Sen. Dale Zorn (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 7 p.m., 7498 Ida East Road, Ida
- August 9** **CANCELED – House Republican Campaign Committee Northern Michigan Reception**
- August 10** **Rep. Ryan Berman (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 5:30 p.m., Steven Lelli's Inn on the Green, 27925 Golf Pointe Blvd., Farmington Hills
- August 13** **Rep. John Reilly (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 6 p.m., 490 West Snell Road, Rochester
- August 14** **Rep. Pamela Hornberger (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 9:30 a.m., Golden Hawk Golf Course, 9861 Meisner Road, Casco
- August 15** **Rep. Sarah Lightner (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 8:30 a.m., Brooklyn Sportsmans Club, 475 Monroe St., Brooklyn
- August 17** **Rep. Julie Alexander (R) Fundraiser**
Location: 5 p.m., Na-Lar Farms, 5815 Hanover Road, Hanover