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PROPOSAL

Proposal 20-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 20-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person’s house or seize a person’s things.

Should this proposal be adopted?

CITY OF NEW BUFFALO PROPOSAL

CITY OF NEW BUFFALO PROPOSAL FOR A ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the City of New Buffalo impose an additional millage of up to 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 20 years (2021 through 2040 inclusive) for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, and maintaining public roads, and shall the city be authorized to levy this millage on all taxable property in the city raising an estimated \$61,161 in the first year of the levy?

(To the extent required by law, a portion of the tax levy will be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of New Buffalo)

CITY OF NEW BUFFALO PROPOSAL FOR A MILLAGE RENEWAL TO FUND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Shall the previously-voted millage to fund park improvements in the City of New Buffalo, as reduced by the required millage rollback, be renewed at 0.4599 mills (\$0.4599 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 5 years (2021 through 2025 inclusive) and shall the city be authorized to levy this millage on all taxable property in the city raising an estimated \$112,512 in the first year of the levy?

(To the extent required by law, a portion of the tax levy will be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of New Buffalo)

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COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Proposal for Road Millage

Shall Coloma Charter Township impose an increase of up to 0.50 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the charter township tax limitation imposed under MCL 42.27 and levy it for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of public road construction, improvements, rehabilitation and maintenance, which 0.50 mills increase will raise an estimated \$110,739 in the first year the millage is levied? This millage will replace a road millage of 1.5 mills which expired in December 2019.

Proposal to Renew Public Safety Millage

Shall the authorized charter millage for Coloma Charter Township, as reduced by any required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 4.75 mills (\$4.75 per \$1,000 taxable value) for four years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for equipment and general operating expenses for police and fire protection services, which levy will raise an estimated \$1,052,016 in the first year?

HAGAR TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Operating Millage Renewal and Increase

Shall Hagar Township, Berrien County, Michigan levy a renewal of .3655 mills (\$.3655 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the years 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for general operating purposes which will raise in the first year of the levy, the sum of approximately \$65,914. (If passed, this millage, combined with the current millage of .6345, which has been reduced due to the Headlee Reduction, will restore the total combined millage rate levied by Hagar Township for operating purposes to the previously authorized rate of 1.00 mill.

NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

MILLAGE FOR POLICE PROTECTION

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Niles Charter Township, of one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed at one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for contracting with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department for police protection, raising an estimated \$424,114.35 in the first year.

MILLAGE TO EQUIP, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FIRE PROTECTION

Shall the Charter Township of Niles impose a new millage of up to 4 mills (\$4.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) from the charter township tax levy limitation imposed under MCL 42.27 and levy it for a period of six (6) years, 2020 through 2025 inclusive, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost to equip, operate and maintain fire protection provided by the Township, raising an estimated \$1,696,457 in the first year of such levy, and which shall be in lieu of levying during such years the annual special assessments of 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for capital improvements for fire protection and 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for operation and maintenance of fire protection?

SODUS TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution in Sodus Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real and personal property), reduced by the required millage rollbacks, be increased and renewed at 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real and personal property) and levied on real and personal property for a period of four years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds for Sodus Township Fire Protection, including the purchase, maintenance and operation of vehicles, apparatus and equipment or personnel and shall the Township levy such millage? It is estimated the revenue collected by Sodus Township as a result of this proposal will be \$72,975.40 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

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ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the tax on general ad valorem taxes within St. Joseph Charter Township for said Township be up to 0.75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the 10 (ten) year period of 2020 through 2029, inclusive, for the following purpose: payment to the Berrien County Road Department for maintenance and/or improvement of County roads located in St. Joseph Charter Township, and shall The Township levy such a millage beginning in 2020 for said purposes, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$ 338,327?

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

AMBULANCE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy it on real and personal property for a period of four years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing ambulance services for building maintenance expenses and including basic life support ambulance service for Three Oaks Township including Three Oaks Village 24 hours a day, 365 days per year pursuant to a contract for services.? It is estimated the revenue collected by Three Oaks Township as a result of this proposal will be \$97,891.79 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy it on real and personal property for a period of four years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds for Three Oaks Township Fire Protection, including the purchase, maintenance and operation of vehicles, apparatus and equipment and personnel? It is estimated the revenue collected by Three Oaks Township as a result of this proposal will be \$146,837.68 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of 1.75 mills (\$1.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy it on real and personal property in Three Oaks Township excluding Three Oaks Village for a period of four years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for Three Oaks Township pursuant to a contract with Three Oaks Village for police protection (law enforcement services agreement).? It is estimated the revenue collected by Three Oaks Township as a result of this proposal will be \$103,520.65 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

Regulation of and Number of Marihuana Establishments Allowed Within the Boundaries of This Municipality

A proposed ordinance permitting a limited number and type of marihuana related establishments within Three Oaks Township, pursuant to all applicable state laws, and to charge a non-refundable application fee for such permits. Should this proposal be adopted?

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VILLAGE OF MICHIANA PROPOSAL

EMERGENCY SERVICES MILLAGE FOR POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE

In support of the continued operation of the Village of Michiana, Berrien County, Michigan, Police, Fire & Ambulance service and continued operating expenses and equipment for Emergency Services including Police, Fire & Ambulance service, shall the Village levy 1 (one) mill which is equal to \$1.00 (one dollar) for each \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) of real and personal property subject to taxation. Said millage will be used for emergency services equipment and general operating expenses for emergency services. Said millage, if approved by the electors of the Village of Michiana, will be levied for a period of 5 (five) years, starting in 2022 and ending in 2026. It is estimated that the levy will generate approximately \$ 73,872 in the first year.

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS PROPOSAL

AMBULANCE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy it on real and personal property for a period of four years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing ambulance services for building maintenance expenses and including basic life support ambulance service for Three Oaks Township including Three Oaks Village 24 hours a day, 365 days per year pursuant to a contract for services.? It is estimated the revenue collected by Three Oaks Township as a result of this proposal will be \$97,891.79 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Three Oaks Township impose an increase of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy it on real and personal property for a period of four years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds for Three Oaks Township Fire Protection, including the purchase, maintenance and operation of vehicles, apparatus and equipment and personnel? It is estimated the revenue collected by Three Oaks Township as a result of this proposal will be \$146,837.68 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

Regulation of and Number of Marihuana Establishments Allowed Within the Boundaries of This Municipality

A proposed ordinance permitting a limited number and type of marihuana related establishments within The Village of Three Oaks, pursuant to all applicable state laws, and to charge a non-refundable application fee for such permits. Should this proposal be adopted?

SODUS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 PROPOSAL

NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the School District No. 5, Sodus Township (River School), County of Berrien, State of Michigan, be renewed in the amount of 17.7987 mills (\$17.7987 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and increased in the amount of 0.7013 mills (\$0.7013 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) (for a total of 18.50 mills) as provided in the Michigan Constitution, with 18.00 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of four (4) years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive. Of the above 18.50 mills, 17.7987 mills will be a renewal of authorized millage that would expire in November of 2020 and 0.2013 mills will be a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (\$23,465.00) Dollars during the 2020 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

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WATERVLIET CITY PORTION OF WDL PROPOSAL

Watervliet District Library Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations of .5000 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 0.4990 mill on property located in the City of Watervliet be renewed at the original .5000 mill and levied for 4 years, beginning with the 2020 tax levy year, inclusive, which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$14,537 to be used for the Watervliet District Library services?

WATERVLIET TOWNSHIP PORTION OF WDL PROPOSAL

Watervliet District Library Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Watervliet Charter Township, of 0.5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.4948 mill, be renewed at the original voted .5000 mill (\$.50 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 tax levy year inclusive, for the Watervliet District Library services, raising an estimated \$82,577 the first year the millage is levied?