

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **October 11, 2016**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations post-marked by **October 11, 2016**, will also be accepted.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- Representative in Congress
- State Representative (20th & 21st Districts)
- Member of State Board of Education
- Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents
- Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors
- Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees
- Wayne County Community College Trustee
- County Prosecutor
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner (10th District)
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Township Trustees
- Justice of Supreme Court
- Justice of Supreme Court (Partial Term)
- Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District (Incumbent)
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Non-Incumbent)
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Incumbent)
- Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit (Incumbent – Partial Term)
- Judge of Probate Court (Incumbent)
- Judge of District Court 35th District (Incumbent)
- Canton Library Board
- Plymouth Canton Schools Board Member (6 year Term)
- Plymouth Canton Schools Board Member (4 year Term)
- Van Buren Public Schools Board Member (4 year Term)
- Wayne Westland Community Schools Board Member (6 year Term)

And the following proposals:

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy An Assessment

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment: * at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value); * for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035; * that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and * to be used upon the affirmative vote an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act. If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved:

_____ Yes _____ No

Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne county Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operation funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016. The revenue from millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7 Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

_____ Yes _____ No

Operating Millage Proposition Exempting Principal Residence and Other Homestead Property

This millage will (1) allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18.0000 mills on all property except homestead property as required for the school district to continue to receive its full per pupil foundation allowance and (2) provide an additional 2.0000 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks to continue to allow the school district to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the state.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property, except principal residence and other homestead property as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased to 20.0000 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, calendar years 2017 to 2024, inclusive? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18.0000 mills are levied in the 2017 calendar year will be approximately \$9,091,374 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. Revenues will be disbursed to Van Buren Public Schools for the purpose of providing funds for the operating expenses of the District.

_____ Yes _____ No

Charter Township Of Canton Referendum To Consider Approval Of Changes To The Merit Ordinance

A proposal to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, of the Canton Code of Ordinances entitled "Merit System" as follows:

- Update name title from "Merit System Commission" to "Merit Commission."
- Update title of "Personnel Director" to "Human Resources Manager."
- Add definitions.
- Clarify Employee Groups covered under Ordinance.
- Update Hiring and Termination Procedures.
- Update Protected Classes to comply with the law.
- Change required meetings to a minimum quarterly date.

Shall the above changes be adopted?

_____ Yes _____ No

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 12, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
Township of Canton

<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Years Increase Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County Comm. College	November 6, 2008 November 6, 2012	1.25 mills 1 mill	2020 2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
Van Buren Township School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non-homestead only)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	May, 2010 February, 2012	18 mills 1mill	2025 (non-homestead only) 2022

Persons entitled to be registered voters in Canton Township must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and Canton Township for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).

Registrations will be received at Canton Township Hall located at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 7, 2016 those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, November 8, 2016.

To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120 prior to Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the Clerk's voting page on Canton's Website at www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx, or call the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk