

# ANN ARBOR POLLWATCHER

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## Future Elections:

DATE (DAY)	TYPE OF ELECTION	START TO COMMIT ON
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### 2012

Nov. 6 (Tue.)	Presidential Election	Sep. 7 (Fri.)
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### 2013

Aug. 6 (Tue.)	City Primary	Jun. 7 (Fri.)
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Nov. 5 (Tue.)	City General Election	Sep. 6 (Fri.)
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## Next Up: The BIG One

This is what we've been preparing for: the **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**.

We need about 425 election inspectors for the Presidential Election. In particular, we need many more of our Republican citizens to work at our polls on November 6. So PLEASE, PLEASE make sure to circle November 6 on your personal calendar because the City (and your fellow Americans) need your help at the polls that day.

Please make your *firm commitment* to work the Presidential Election starting Friday, September 7. You should email Howard with your *firm commitment* rather than call. If you email Howard, you get the added comfort of receiving an email confirmation.

**Remember, YOU can make a difference on November 6!**

## It's the Law!

by Jackie Beaudry

**Q:** "Why does the new Application to Vote have the redundant question, 'Are you a United States Citizen?' printed on it?"

**A:** We received a lot of questions about the new *Application to Vote*. In case you didn't notice, it asks the voter to answer "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Are you a United States Citizen?" The correct answer to that question is obviously YES, if the voter wants to

receive a ballot. However, if the voter refuses to answer this question, you MUST issue the voter a ballot without any other encumbrances after you read him/her the following statement:

*Under the Michigan Constitution and election laws you must be a citizen of the United States in order to vote.*

Late in the morning on Election Day, the Bureau of Elections sent local clerks an email that read, "Our objective in providing the citizenship question is to place non-citizens who have inadvertently registered to vote on notice that it is not proper for them to vote. By reading the statement above to those who refuse to indicate that they are a citizen, you have placed them on notice that a non-citizen cannot vote." Of course, if a voter answers NO to the question, indicating that they are not a citizen of the United States, they do NOT get a ballot!

A little background might help to lessen your confusion. In February, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson promulgated an election rule in anticipation that Senate Bill (S.B.) #803 would be enacted. The Michigan Legislature sent Enrolled S.B. #803 – *requiring voters to declare their citizenship before receiving a ballot* – to Governor Snyder to sign into law. However, on July 3, Governor Snyder vetoed this bill along with two others, and, without a super majority, the Michigan Legislature was not able to override the governor's veto. So until S.B. #803 (or any similar bill) is made a Public Act, our election inspectors will continue issuing ballots to voters even if they refuse to answer this question because . . . *It's the Law!*

## The New Kid in Town!

The Clerk's Office has a new member on the staff! We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Alexa as our new Deputy City Clerk. She comes to us from Freedom Township, where she was the Township Clerk for the last 9 years. Jennifer may be new to our office, but she is certainly not new to

Ann Arbor! Born and raised in our lovely City, (GO PIONEERS!!!), she now lives with her husband and three children just a few minutes away from our equipment warehouse – a nice convenience ☺. You will be seeing a lot of Jen (as her friends call her) in the future. Aside from working with FOIA requests at the office, she will be buzzing around the warehouse and polling places, coordinating the election custodians and making sure every precinct is fit for voters and inspectors alike. Make sure to say "Hi!" to Jen the next time you visit our office or see her at your precinct on Election Day.



## Help, We're Stuck!

During the last election, we received a few calls from inspectors frantically seeking advice on what to do if a voter was mistakenly given two ballots and the ballots were actually marked but not cast. How should the second ballot be accounted for in the EPB? What do you do with the second ballot? Most importantly, how can this type of mistake be prevented from happening in the first place? First and foremost, if this actually happens at your precinct, don't procrastinate; call the Clerk's Office IMMEDIATELY! We will walk you through the correction procedure. More importantly, there is a simple technique that Howard has droned on incessantly at training classes that easily prevents this type of problem. The solution is to PRE-FILL your secrecy sleeves with the individual ballots...in groups of ten or twenty. Once the secrecy sleeves have been pre-filled with ballots, then go back and read aloud the ballot numbers – 1,2,3,4,5,7 – you will notice that you missed ballot #6 (or whatever number). Never rush, even if the voter



August 7 State Primary					
Prt.	Ballots Cast	Full Wrks.	Ballots/ Wrk.	End Time	City Precincts
5-11	677	5.0	112.8	10:50 PM	Forsythe Middle School
2-05	480	5.0	98.0	10:30 PM	Ann Arbor Assembly of God
2-04	477	5.0	95.4	11:21 PM	Angell School
5-04	468	5.0	93.6	10:45 PM	Slauson Middle School
5-09	452	5.0	90.4	11:20 PM	Haisley School
4-07	531	6.0	88.5	11:40 PM	Dicken School
2-07	436	5.0	87.2	9:50 PM	King School
2-06	425	5.0	85.0	11:30 PM	Clague Middle School
3-03	424	5.0	84.8	10:50 PM	Tappan Middle School
5-02	416	5.0	83.2	11:20 PM	Bach School
1-10	410	5.0	82.0	11:00 PM	Arrowood Hills Community Ctr.
2-09	397	5.0	79.4	11:25 PM	Thurston School
4-09	395	5.0	79.0	11:15 PM	Lawton School
3-07	390	5.0	78.0	10:45 PM	Allen School
4-04	384	5.0	76.8	10:35 PM	Pioneer High School
2-08	379	5.0	75.8	10:20 PM	St. Paul's Lutheran School
1-08	365	5.0	73.0	11:10 PM	Skyline High School
5-10	361	5.0	72.2	10:11 PM	Abbot School
1-09	352	5.0	70.4	11:40 PM	Clague Middle School
3-08	352	5.0	70.4	11:05 PM	Pittsfield School
5-06	324	5.0	64.8	10:05 PM	Eberwhite School
4-06	377	6.0	62.8	11:15 PM	Cobblestone Farm
1-05	314	5.0	62.8	9:45 PM	Northside School
3-04	305	5.0	61.0	10:55 PM	Allen School
5-05	302	5.0	60.4	10:50 PM	Slauson Middle School
3-09	294	5.0	58.8	10:40 PM	Scarlett Middle School
5-03	258	5.0	51.6	9:50 PM	Second Baptist Church
3-05	245	5.0	49.0	10:30 PM	University Townhouse Center
5-08	219	5.0	43.8	11:05 PM	Lakewood School
4-03	218	5.0	43.6	10:25 PM	U-M Coliseum
4-08	205	5.0	41.0	10:20 PM	Pioneer High School
4-05	200	5.0	40.0	10:30 PM	Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare Church
3-06	192	5.0	38.4	10:45 PM	Scarlett Middle School
1-04	184	5.0	36.8	10:20 PM	Community Center
5-07	108	4.0	27.0	10:10 PM	Dicken School
1-06	119	5.0	23.8	10:17 PM	Northside School
2-03	106	5.0	21.2	10:30 PM	Angell School
2-01	99	5.0	19.8	9:45 PM	Northwood Community Center
5-01	70	5.0	14.0	11:10 PM	Ann Arbor Distric Library - Main
3-02	59	5.0	11.8	10:15 PM	Michigan League
1-07	35	4.0	8.8	10:45 PM	Pierpont Commons
4-02	27	4.0	6.8	11:00 PM	Mary Street Polling Place
1-03	26	5.0	5.2	11:00 PM	Community High School
1-01	15	5.0	3.0	10:00 PM	Michigan Union
3-01	8	4.0	2.0	10:00 PM	Michigan League
1-02	4	4.0	1.0	9:30 PM	Michigan Union
4-01	5	5.0	1.0	9:50 PM	Michigan Union
2-02	3	4.0	0.8	10:15 PM	Palmer Commons
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