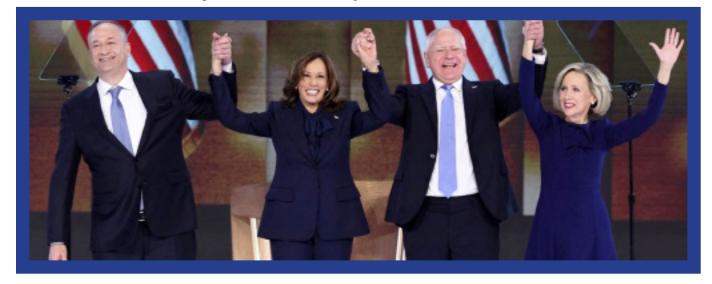
Michigan's largest chartered Democratic club

Serving the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit's east side



# Let's win this!

he last two months have been nothing short of remarkable, beginning with President Joe Biden's impactful and selfless withdrawal from the 2024 race, followed by his endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris, who won the nomination at the Democratic National Convention just weeks later.

Her campaign has reinvigorated the Democratic Party, raising \$540 million in the first five weeks of her candidacy.

While this is encouraging, we still need to work hard and do everything we can to win Michigan for Harris and her running mate Tim Walz. The stakes have never been higher – especially since Michigan is one of seven swing states that could decide this election.

We have only two choices. We can return to the properties the dark days of Donald Trump or experience a bright future with our outstanding Democratic ticket, ensuring our values are upheld. But we all must work to achieve that result and it will not come easy.

#### 'Do something' at the office

Our campaign office is the hub for this fall's effort, thanks to our terrific One Campaign for Michigan staff and volunteers. We are grateful to the Michigan Democratic Party for their commitment to a campaign office in our community.

Thanks to their help, coupled with the leadership of

GP Dems Vice President Jackie Kalogerakos and Treasurer Chris Keelean, the office has been open and very active since July. Democratic nominees are campaigning from the office, along with our nonpartisan endorsed candidates in judicial races and our local school board race.

Since opening, we have delivered lawn signs, conducted phone banking sessions, organized literature drops and door-to-door campaigning, hosted candidate appearances, and had a

successful open house. We even hosted U.S. Secretary



Message from the president

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#### Don't forget the back of the ballot!

# Our students and teachers need our votes

This election is critical for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System (GPPSS) Board of Education. In addition to losing several key administrators, the GPPSS has lost more than 100 teachers in the last two years.

Our community needs trustees committed to retaining our outstanding educators so don't forget to vote the back of your ballot.

Voters can choose four candidates for four open seats on the board. The club endorses the following candidates who will prioritize students, support teachers and staff, and focus on transparency, strong fiscal management and community collaboration.

**Colleen Worden (an incumbent)** Worden is an assistant Macomb County prosecutor and parent of a child who attends school in the district. Her priorities are keeping and supporting quality teachers, financial stability and high curriculum standards.

Clinton Derringer An auto industry executive,

## Clint Derringer Laura Hull Tim Klepp Colleen Worden

Student Focused. Forward Thinking.

Derringer lives in Grosse Pointe with his wife and three children. He previously worked in education. His priority for the district is protecting public schools, sustaining enrollment and fostering teacher support and retention.

**Laura Hull** A math and chemistry teacher and a parent, Hull has a graduate degree in education and has been a coach. Hull supports providing an equitable education for students of all abilities and backgrounds.

**Timothy Klepp** A partner in a technology business, Klepp is a parent in the district and has an MBA. His focus is financial stability and providing students with a quality education.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Nominating

The nominating committee is looking for new people to serve on the 2025-2027 board. If you're interested, contact Jackie at jackiekal@sbcglobal.net.

Jackie Kalogerakos & Chris Keelean

positions and 18 candidates for a 62% success rate.

Delegates are already working to ensure the election of Democrats up and down the ballot. Our plans include a major effort to elect our endorsed candidates for the nonpartisan Grosse Pointe School Board.

Ed Keelean

#### **Precinct Delegates**

The Wayne County Elections Commission recently published its official results for the Democratic precinct delegates election on Aug. 6. The list includes all who filed papers to be on the ballot and write-in candidates.

In the 52 east-side Detroit precincts within the Grosse Pointe Dems purview, there are 182 delegate positions and 69 candidates were elected, a 38% success rate.

In the five Grosse Pointes, there are 20 precincts with 95 positions allocated and 48 delegates were elected, a 51% rate. In Harper Woods, there are six precincts, 29

#### Membership

Thanks to everyone who has updated their membership! We remain the largest local Democratic club in Michigan. With your support we can continue the urgent work of winning upcoming elections and prove that WE WILL NOT GO BACK!

Renew online at gpdems.com or use the membership form on the back page. The mailing label shows your last paid membership year.

Laura Kellett



WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS: Bernard J. Youngblood
WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR: Kym L. Worthy
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER: Eric Sabree
WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF: Raphael Washington
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK: Cathy M. Garrett
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I: Tim Killeen

#### **STATE OF MI REPRESENTATIVE/INCUMBENTS**

Veronica Paiz, HD10 Joe Tate, Speaker of the House, HD 9

#### **WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**INCUMBENT POSITION:** Hon Judge David A. Perkins **NON-INCUMBENT POSITION:** Macie Gaines

#### **GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 SEATS**

Colleen Worden - Incumbent
Clinton Derringer
Timothy Klepp
Laura Yvonne Gilbo Hull

#### MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Christina Bertrand Hines

#### **U.S. CONGRESS - HOUSE- 13TH DISTRICT**

Shri Thanedar - Incumbent

#### **UNITED STATES SENATE**

Elissa Slotkin

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

Kyra Harris-Bolden Kimberly Ann Thomas

#### MICHIGAN US 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (MACOMB COUNTY)

Carl Marlinga

#### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Theodore "Ted" Jones and Adam Zemke

#### **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Rebecca Bahar-Cook and Thomas Stallworth

#### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mark Gaffney and Rasha Demashkieh

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS**

Denise Ilitch and Shauna Ryder Diggs

#### **WAYNE COUNTY 3RD CIRCUIT COURT**

Adrienne Scruggs

#### HELP WANTED!

The GP Dems campaign office needs more volunteer help. We could use people to assist in running phone banks and canvasses. Volunteers would be trained on the process and how to handle questions. Primary times are 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. To lend a hand, call Zach at 313-236-9737.

### Campaign office is the place to be!

Continued from Page 1 of Energy and former Gov. Jennifer Granholm! The energy and activity will continue right up to Election Day so sign up for volunteer opportunities for all our Democratic and endorsed candidates.

Thanks to all who contributed to and attended the campaign office fundraiser. Your contributions have been put to good use. We are still accepting donations for volunteer meals, supplies and resources to get our message out and to win the vote. To donate, go to gpdems.com or visit the office at 16725 Mack Ave., Detroit (two blocks east of Outer Drive and across from Grosse Pointe Park).

#### **Check our endorsements**

The U.S. Senate race to elect a successor to Sen. Debbie Stabenow is vitally important. We endorse Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin to fill this role. She is very impressive and qualified. This race is getting national coverage as it could determine which party will control the Senate. We are grateful to Sen. Stabenow for her years of service and wish her well in retirement.

In addition, we have an important race in our newly drawn

Michigan House of Representatives district where current State Rep. Veronica Paiz is our nominee. Democrats hold a very slim majority in the Michigan House of Representatives so, as is the theme with other races, our future hangs in the balance.

We endorsed four Grosse Pointe Public School System candidates that we feel will get our schools back on track: Colleen Worden, Clinton Derringer, Laura Hull and Timothy Klepp. If all four are elected, we will have a school board that will again prioritize teachers and instill sound educational values back into our school system. A primary focus of our campaign efforts is centered around getting these candidates elected.

Visit gpdems.com for the complete list of endorsements.

#### How you can help

There has never been a more important time to make an impact. Support is needed with phone banking, neighborhood canvassing and more. These are essential tasks and we need everyone's help. Any amount of time you can offer will go a long way.

I hope to see you at our upcoming activities. On to victory this November!

Gary Bresnehan

#### GROSSE POINTE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

officers and executive board

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\*\* campaign finance compliance officer



# ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

6-8 p.m. Nov. 13 at Sindbad's, 100 St. Clair, Detroit

Sindbads was such a popular venue for us last fall that we're going again! Come spend an evening with friends and do some shopping at our silent auction. We'll have a two-meat buffet with veggies, pasta, salad, dessert and nonalcoholic beverages. Cash bar available.

Want to donate auction items? Contact Chris Keelean at cakeelean@yahoo.com or Olivia Coleman at colemanolivia1952@gmail.com.

#### **TICKETS**

\$60 in advance (by Nov. 7) \$75 at the door \$40 for students

#### **SPONSOR AND HOST LEVELS**

Sponsor: \$250, includes two tickets Host: \$500, includes four tickets

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will be held at the door. For more information, call 313-407-8907 or email cakeelean@yahoo.com. Reminder: We will be accepting membership renewals at the event!

\* Required by Michigan Campaign Finance Law. Contributions are not tax-deductible.





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#### Membership meeting: 6 p.m. Oct. 2 at WC3, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods

It's time to renew! Club membership coincides with the calendar year. Check the mailing label above for your last paid membership year. Renew by check with this form, online at gpdems.com or by scanning the QR code. As always, thank you!



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