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A three-part online series on voting rights in Michigan and implementing Proposal 3

ENGAGING YOUR CLERK
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DISPARITIES IN DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

Voter turnout rate increased sharply across racial and ethnic groups during 2018 midterm elections

% of eligible voters who say they voted, by midterm election year

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Note: Eligible voters are U.S. citizens ages 18 and older. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race.

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Millennial turnout nearly doubled from 2014 to 2018

% of eligible voters who reported voting in midterm elections


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2018 Voter Turnout in Select Counties

- Detroit: 41%
- Wayne: 51%
- Oakland: 59%
- Macomb: 64%
- Grand Rapids: 56%
- Kent: 62%

[Links to news articles about voter turnout in Michigan]
Call to Action

PUBLIC EDUCATION

CLERK ENGAGEMENT
City and Township Clerks

• Primary responsibility for administering elections in your community.
• Point of contact for the public regarding voting in your community.
• Possess discretion to make voting easier and more accessible in your community.
Select Election Responsibilities

• Voter Registration
• Early Voting by Absentee Ballot
• Voting Equipment
• Poll Workers
• Polling Locations
• Public Education and Engagement
Recommendations for Expanding Access to the Ballot in 2020

• Provide postage paid return envelopes for absentee ballots
• Open satellite clerks office(s)
• Extend evening and weekend hours
• Establish and recruit for automatic absentee application list
• Establish secure, after-hour drop boxes
• Expand poll worker recruitment
• Increase voter education and outreach
Special Guest: Kathi Harris

• President, Grand Rapids Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute
• Founder, ProActive
• Clerk Engagement in Grand Rapids
  • Strong Team
  • Consistent Engagement, Over Time
Special Guest: Tina Barton

- Clerk City of Rochester Hills
- Clerk-Community Collaboration
  - Partnership
  - The Work of a Clerk – long-range planning, non-election related responsibilities, staff and size vary
  - Clerk’s Need Help Too
  - Relationships, Relationships, Relationships
Full Arc of Clerk Engagement

• Steps
  • Build Your Partnership with Your Team
  • Build Your Partnership with Your Clerk

• Results
  • Collaborate to proactively solve challenges – both the clerk’s and the community’s – ahead of the election
  • Collaborate to reactively respond to challenges close to and on Election Day
Full Arc of Clerk Engagement

- Citizens build a relationship with their clerk
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ORGANIZING YOUR TEAM