

# Berrien County Michigan

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Proposal List

## **CITY PROPOSAL SECTION**

### **CITY OF COLOMA NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations in the City of Coloma of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), be renewed at the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized] and be levied for four years, being the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$8,375.00 from the new millage.

**PASSED**

### **CITY OF NILES DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the City of Niles be authorized to renew and levy up to .50 cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) (.50 mills) on the taxable value on all taxable property in the City of Niles for the purpose of providing public transportation including the operation of the "Dial-A-Ride" bus system, more properly known as Dial-A-Ride Transportation, for a period of two (2) consecutive years, to be levied in 2019 and 2020 (at one-half mill, the estimated revenue collected annually would be \$93,212.50 following this election? This voted millage would not apply against the authorized (20) mill limit for assessed value of real and personal property of the City of Niles.

**PASSED**

### **CITY OF WATERVLIET NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations in the City of Watervliet of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$6,800.00 from the new millage?

**PASSED**

**CITY OF WATERVLIET  
POLICE PROPOSAL RENEWAL**

Shall the City of Watervliet continue to levy a total of three (3) mills, which is equal to \$3.00 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value, on the real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Watervliet for the tax levy years of 2019, 2020, and 2021, inclusive for the purpose of paying for police protection services within the City, thereby raising in the first calendar year approximately \$81,060.00. If approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

**PASSED**

**CITY OF WATERVLIET  
FIRE PROPOSAL RENEWAL**

Shall the City of Watervliet continue to levy a total of two (2) mills, which is equal to \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value, on the real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Watervliet for the tax levy years of 2019, 2020, and 2021, inclusive for the purpose of paying for fire protection services within the City, thereby raising in the first calendar year approximately \$54,406.00. If approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

**PASSED**

**TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL SECTION**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Bainbridge of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2496 mills (\$.2496 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$25,786 of which \$42.00 is generated from the new millage?

**PASSED**

**BARODA TOWNSHIP  
TAX RATE LIMITATION RENEWAL PROPOSITION FOR  
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND MILLAGE**

Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation and levy, as reduced by the required millage rollback which last resulted in a levy of .9794 mills (\$.9794 per 1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized) upon taxable real; and tangible personal property within said Township, be renewed for levy in the years 2019 through 2022, inclusive, for the purpose of the operation of the Fire Equipment Fund, which levy will raise in the first year of levy the estimated sum of \$93,571.76

**PASSED**

**BARODA TOWNSHIP  
FIRE STATION BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Baroda Township, Berrien County, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,800,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issue of each series to pay the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new fire station, and acquisition and improvement of the site of the building, site work and other related expenses and improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 1.5645 mills (\$1.5645 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.5771 mills (\$1.5771 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

**FAILED**

**BARODA TOWNSHIP  
TAX RATE LIMITATION RENEWAL PROPOSITION  
FOR POLICE MILLAGE**

Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation And levy, as reduced by the required millage rollback which last resulted In a levy of 1.9589 mills (\$1.9589 per 1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized) upon taxable real; and tangible personal property within said Township, be renewed for levy in the years 2019 through 2022, inclusive, for the purpose of the operation of the police department, which levy will raise in the first year of levy the estimated sum of \$187,153.08

**PASSED**

**BUCHANAN TOWNSHIP  
FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

Shall the previously authorized increase in tax limitation on all taxable property in Buchanan Township, Berrien County, that expired in 2017 be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed 1.1872 mills (\$1.1872 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property for a period of five (5) years, 2018 to 2022, inclusive, for the purpose of operating, equipping, constructing and purchasing for the fire department or any other purpose authorized by law for fire protection service? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2018) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$168,000.

**PASSED**

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES MILLAGE**

Shall Coloma Charter Township impose and levy an increase in the tax limitation imposed by Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all real and tangible personal property) for a period of four (4) years, 2018 through 2021, inclusive, to provide police and fire protection services, which increase would raise an estimated \$315,000 the first year it is levied?

**PASSED**

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under the Michigan Charter Township Act, in the Charter Township of Coloma of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2448 mills (\$.2448 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$52,250.00 of which \$1,086.80 is generated from the new millage?

**PASSED**

**GALIEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL**

In support of the Galien Township Fire Department's continued operation and acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related equipment, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all real and personal property in the Township of Galien liable for taxation, including that land lying in the Village of Galien, be set at one mill (\$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The above said millage rate represents renewal of the permanently reduced millage of nine thousand seven hundred fifty-seven ten thousandths of one mill

(\$.9757 cents per \$1,000.00 taxable valuation, as equalized) and new millage of two hundred forty-three ten thousandths of one mill (\$.0243 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of five (5) years, being the years of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage in the first year of levy (2018) will be approximately \$48,836.00, of which approximately \$1,186 is generated from the new (additional) millage.

**PASSED**

**HAGAR TOWNSHIP  
NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Hagar of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2499 mills (\$.2499 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$43,600 of which \$18.00 is generated from the new millage?

**PASSED**

**LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within Lincoln Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .1734 mill (\$.1734 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten (10) years, 2018 to 2027 inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining and equipping the Lincoln Township Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? If the millage is approved, the estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in 2018, the first year of the levy, is approximately \$115,000. By law, the funds from the millage will be disbursed to the Lincoln Township Public Library and a portion of the millage will be disbursed to the Lincoln Charter Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

**PASSED**

**ORONOKO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL  
FOR POLICE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION**

Shall The Charter Township of Oronoko be authorized to levy a tax annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation in an amount not to exceed 4.0 mills (\$4.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for each of the three (3) years, 2018, 2019 and 2020 within The Oronoko Charter Township for the purpose of defraying the cost of providing police services, including, but not limited to, the maintenance and operation of the Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Department, the purchase and housing of police apparatus and equipment.

This millage is a renewal of the previously authorized millage of 3.96680 mills which expired in 2017, and a new additional millage of .03320 mill to restore millage lost as a result of the Headlee Amendment reduction, for a total authorized millage not to exceed 4.0 mill. This millage, if levied, is estimated to provide revenues for the Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Department of \$962,360 in its first year of 2018.

**PASSED**

**ROYALTON TOWNSHIP  
ROAD MAINTENINCE AND REPAIR MILLAGE**

Shall the existing previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Royalton Township, of 1.00 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) which has not been reduced by millage rollbacks from 2013 through 2017 inclusive, be renewed at the original voted 1.00 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) and levied for six (6) years, 2019 through 2024 inclusive; thereby raising an estimated first year revenue of \$273,982.00; the first year millage estimate is based upon the most recent information regarding taxable value of real and personal property in Royalton Township; these funds to be used by Royalton Township for the continued funding of road maintenance and repairs within Royalton Township?

**PASSED**

**ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND TRAILS MILLAGE**

“Shall the tax on general ad valorem taxes within St. Joseph Charter Township be increased for said Township by up to 0.25 mill (\$0.25 per \$1000 of taxable value) for the ten-year (10) period of 2018 through 2027, inclusive, for the following purpose: Outdoor recreation and nature education opportunities including but not limited to park, playground, and trail development, improvement and maintenance, and shall the Township levy such increase in millage beginning in 2018 for the said purposes, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$103,129”?

**PASSED**

**ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL**

“Shall the tax on general ad valorem taxes within St. Joseph Charter Township be increased for said Township by up to 0.30 mill (\$0.30 per \$1000 of taxable value) for the ten-year (10) period of 2018 through 2027, inclusive, for the following purpose: to be put into the Fire Department Improvement Fund, for continued operation of the Township Fire Department, and for acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related fire protection equipment, and for any other such purpose authorized by law, and shall be the Township levy such increase in millage beginning in 2018 for the said purposes, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$123,700”?

**PASSED**

## **WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP NORTH BERRIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under the Michigan Charter Township Act, in the Charter Township of Watervliet of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2474 mills (\$0.2474 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2018,2019, 2020 and 2021, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$39,321of which \$409 is generated from the new millage?

**PASSED**

## **Weesaw Township Road Millage Renewal Proposition**

Shall the Township of Weesaw, Berrien County, Michigan, levy 1.0 (one) mill, which is equal to \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation of real and personal property subject to taxation? Said millage will be renewal of the 2016-2017 millage to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and construction of roads within Weesaw Township, so designated by the Township Board. Said millage, if approved by the electors of Weesaw Township, will be levied for a period of two years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the levy in the year 2019. Based on current valuation, it is estimated that the levy will generate approximately \$85,874.27 in the first year of the levy.

**PASSED**

**SCHOOL PROPOSALS**



**BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING  
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 20.5916 mills (\$20.5916 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Brandywine Community Schools, Berrien and Cass Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2019 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$1,670,388 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?

**PASSED**

**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING  
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.6348 mills (\$19.6348 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in River Valley School District, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2019 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$7,892,660 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?

**PASSED**

**LIBRARY PROPOSALS**

**NILES DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

Shall the Niles District Library be authorized to levy a new, additional, district-wide millage annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the Library District in an amount not to exceed one-quarter (1/4) mill (\$0.25 for each \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of



five (5) years (2018 through 2022 inclusive) to provide funds for critical capital improvements to the library building and grounds? The estimated revenue to be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied is \$131,076.

**PASSED**

**Dowagiac District Library  
Library Millage Proposal**

Shall the Dowagiac District Library, Counties of Cass, Berrien and Van Buren, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Dowagiac District Library district for a period of twenty (20) years, 2018 to 2037, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law, including expanding, renovating, furnishing and equipping the library building and making related improvements? The estimate of the revenue the Dowagiac District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Dowagiac District Library in the first year (2018) is approximately \$523,000.

**FAILED**