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FACT SHEET:
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The Michigan GOP has always been a key part of the MAGA conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election. After the election, The Trump campaign initiated an extensive pressure campaign involving many prominent Michigan Republicans. Trump invited former state House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R) and state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) to the White House, while Rudy Giuliani pressured both state and local lawmakers to disregard election results—with the help of subpoenaed former Michigan GOP chair Laura Cox. Meanwhile, Trump's legal team oversaw several lawsuits seeking to overturn the election, and MAGA Republicans tried to pressure the Michigan State Board of Canvassers into decertifying the vote. Trump campaign officials, led by Rudy Giuliani, oversaw efforts to put forward a slate of 16 illegitimate electors in Michigan in a bid to overturn Biden's victory. During the Electoral College certification on January 6th, three Republican Representatives from Michigan voted to reject certification and overturn the election.

There's no question that Michiganders' right to choose our future elected officials is back on the ballot in 2022. Michigan Republicans are waging an ongoing campaign to sabotage future elections — by making it easier for them to overturn elections they lose. After three leading GOP candidates for Governor were thrown off the ballot for signature duplication, every remaining candidate has continued to demand 'forensic audits' on the basis of lies that the election was 'stolen'. MAGA candidates up and down the ballot are planning radical changes to Michigan's electoral systems, from far-right Secretary of State Nominee Kristina Karamo's plans to centralize election infrastructure to arrested Gubernatorial candidate Ryan Kelley's proposed ban on voting machines and mail-in ballots. In every race, the GOP is fighting to consolidate power over Michigan elections for decades to come.

Michigan Republicans Attempted To Overturn The 2020 Election

January 2021: Michigan Republicans Voted To Overturn the Election On January 6th. During the Electoral College certification on January 6th, three Republican Representatives from Michigan objected to Arizona and Pennsylvania's electors. Representatives Jack Bergman (R, MI-1), Tim Walberg (R, MI-7), and Lisa McClain (R, MI-9) all voted to overturn the 2020 election. In a thread on Twitter, Rep. McClain justified her vote as representing "concerns voiced by my constituents…towards the voting process during the 2020 Presidential election." Rep. Bergman claimed that "irregularities, discrepancies, and usurpation of state election laws demanded an investigation into the 2020 election," while Walberg cited his "legitimate concerns" about election 'integrity'. [New York Times, **1/6/21**; Representative Lisa McClain Twitter, **1/6/21**; Representative Jack Bergman, **1/6/21**; MLive, **1/7/21**]

- **In A Bid To Decertify, Michigan GOP State Legislators Pressured Pence To Delay Certification.** On Jan. 5, eleven Republican state legislators from Michigan signed a letter to Pence, urging him to delay the certification of electoral votes for at least 10 days to empower the Michigan legislature to decertify the 2020 election results. [The Detroit News, **1/6/21**; NBC News, **1/5/21**]

- **GOP Attorney General Nominee Matt DePerno Met Trump Administration Officials To Discuss Overturning the Election**. On Jan. 6, DePerno met with former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's staff to discuss last-minute maneuvers to try to overturn Trump's election loss and 'brief' the "staff on how the election was stolen." He reportedly held an important "behind-the-scenes role in crafting the baseless allegations that the election was stolen from Trump." [Washington Post, **5/17/22**]

MAGA Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate Ryan Kelley Organized 'Stop the Steal' Rallies, Attended Jan. 6 Protest. In the aftermath of the 2020 election, Kelley organized militias and stormed the Capitol. Kelley's campaign brochure reads, "Ryan organized 'Stop the Steal' rallies at the TCF Center on Nov 4th and 5th and and [sic] at the Michigan Capitol building." The protests disrupted the vote count, and the Wayne County Treasurer closed his office after receiving a "credible threat" tip from local law enforcement. He also helped to organize and host two local 'Stop the Steal' rallies in December 2020. He later posted a TikTok speaking at the November rally. Kelley has a history of right-wing organizing. In May 2020, he led counter-protests during Black Lives Matter protests in Allendale. Kelley founded the American Patriot Council, a conservative organization seeking to arrest incumbent Governor Whitmer and members of her administration. Kelley was a member of the Allendale township planning commission, but resigned after backlash for inviting one of the militia members facing federal charges for a plot to kidnap Gov. Whitmer to a protest. [MLive, **3/27/21**; Ryan Kelley For Governor, **6/1/22**; Detroit Free Press, **11/6/20**, **11/6/20**, **6/9/22**, **8/24/20**, **10/13/20**; Ryan Kelley For Governor, **7/12/21**; Ryan Kelley For Governor TikTok, **5/3/21**;

- **Ryan Kelley Arrested For Participation In Jan. 6 Insurrection.** In June 2022, Ryan Kelley was arrested for conduct stemming from Jan. 6. His home was searched by the FBI. Kelley has been under investigation by The FBI's Domestic and International Terrorism unit since mid-2020. The unit received 'multiple tips' regarding Kelley's presence on Jan. 6. He gathered on the Western side of the Capitol, climbed onto the building from the Western stairs and "indicated by waving his hand that the crowd behind him should move towards the stairs leading into the Capitol." Kelley has since confirmed his participation in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. [United States District Court, **6/8/22**; Federal Bureau of Investigation, **6/7/22**]

December 2020: Trump Campaign Officials Pressured State Lawmakers To Overturn the Election. Former Michigan Republican party chair Laura Cox has been subpoenaed by the January 6th Select Committee for her involvement in serving as a witness "when Rudy Giuliani pressured state lawmakers to disregard election results in Michigan and when he said that certifying the election results would be a 'criminal act.'" Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and House Speaker Lee Chatfield reported that legislators in both chambers received emails and calls from the Trump campaign throughout December 2020, asking to "overrule the election result and appoint electors for Trump." [January 6th Select Committee, **2/15/22**; MLive, **12/2/20**]

- **Trump Called County-Level Officials In Michigan Asking To Rescind Certification, Seize Voting Machines.** Trump called Monica Palmer, Chair of Wayne County's Board of Canvassers to ask her to rescind a to certify Biden's victory in the county. The Trump campaign also attempted to convince Antrim County's prosecutor to seize voting machines for Trump representatives to 'examine'. [Politico, **12/21/20**; WILX 10 Michigan, **11/19/20**; Washington Post, **2/9/22**]

- **Trump Attorneys Testified At 'Election Fraud' Hearing In Michigan House Committee.** In December 2020, Trump campaign attorneys Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis testified at a hearing before the Michigan House Oversight Committee. In the series of hearings "seeking to validate unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud," Giuliani and Ellis repeated baseless allegations of voter fraud and urged lawmakers to take action to overturn the election results. [MLive, **12/3/20**]

- **Michigan House Members Called For An 'Investigation' Into Absentee Ballots.** In December 2020, incoming GOP freshman Representative Lisa McClain (MI-9) signed onto a joint letter claiming that the election process had "devolved into chaos," and demanding that Speaker Pelosi investigate "verified reports" of supposedly fraudulent absentee ballots in Michigan. [MLive, **12/17/20**; Joint Statement, **12/15/20**]

November 2020: Leading GOP Michigan Legislators Met With Trump Shortly After The Election. On Nov. 20, Trump invited former state House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R) and state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) to the White House. Though the lawmakers were invited to discuss "pandemic assistance" with the former President, Trump posted unfounded claims on social media about election fraud in Michigan directly after the meeting, which Chatfield then amplified. [Detroit Free Press, **11/21/20**]

- **Republican Election Officials Were Pressured To Withhold Electoral Certification.** A Republican member of the Michigan State Board of Canvassers, Aaron Van Langevelde, recounted that "some political leaders urged the Board to withhold certification [of electoral votes for then-candidate Joe Biden] based on unproven allegations of voter fraud, even though we had no legal authority to do so." Michigan

certified its electoral votes for Biden only after Van Langevelde refused the unnamed political leaders' request. [Boston Globe, **7/5/21**; Detroit Free Press, **1/18/21**]

- **GOP Attorney General Nominee Matt DePerno Sued Antrim County To Access Voting Machines.** In a lawsuit filed in late November, DePerno alleged there had been a vast conspiracy to hack voting machines made by the company Dominion Voting Systems. In December, a judge granted DePerno's team access to voting machines for review. His 'review' was found to be riddled with errors, and the lawsuit was eventually dismissed for lack of evidence. [Antrim 13th Circuit Court, **12/9/20**; The Detroit News, **4/21/22**; Detroit Free Press, **12/12/20**; Washington Post, **5/17/22**]

- **Trump Lawyer Sidney Powell Sued to Overturn Michigan's Election Results.** On Nov. 25, Trump attorney Sidney Powell filed a (now-dismissed) lawsuit in Michigan, alleging that voting machines destroyed ballots and switched votes. The federal court found the lawsuit to be factually baseless and entirely lacking in evidence, later sanctioning Powell and other lawyers after concluding that the lawsuit represented a 'historic', "profound abuse" of the judicial process. [Detroit Free Press, **12/2/20**; U.S. Eastern Michigan District Court, **12/2/20**; Reuters, **8/25/21**]

Michigan GOP Secretary of State Nominee Kristina Karamo Attempted To Overturn The Election In Court. Several weeks after the election, Karamo submitted a sworn affidavit to the Michigan Senate testifying that she had witnessed "sacks of votes inexplicably had been dropped off there in the middle of Election Night" while serving as a local poll worker during the 2020 election in Michigan. She also suggested that Dominion voting machines had flipped votes from Trump to Biden. The Senate panel later reported finding no evidence of widespread fraud. Karamo rose to prominence after going on Fox News (on multiple occasions) to allege that she saw "election fraud," and "illegal ballots" tallied for Biden, while serving as a poll worker in Detroit. [Michigan Supreme Court, **11/26/20**; Kristina Karamo Twitter, **12/14/20**; Bridge Michigan, **4/23/22**; NPR, **4/23/22**; The Atlantic, **5/22/22**]

May 2020: Trump Spread Ballot Misinformation In Michigan Months Before The 2020 Election. At a press conference in Ypsilanti, Trump voiced a false conspiracy about mail-in ballots, saying, "who knows who's signing it? ...[T]hey pirate these applications...You have all of the harvesting. ... they walk in...at the end of a race...and then all of a sudden, out of the blue come thousands of votes at the very end." [Trump White House Archives, **5/21/20**]

Election Integrity Is On the Ballot in Michigan

Every Michigan GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Has Plans To Manipulate Future Elections. In May 2022, three Republican gubernatorial candidates (including GOP polling/fundraising frontrunner James Craig) were removed from the ballot after the state found they submitted tens of thousands of forged signatures on nominating petitions. The five

remaining GOP candidates have all pledged sweeping changes to Michigan's electoral apparatus. On 'Day 1', **Ryan Kelley** has promised to cancel all "Dominion, ES&S, and Hart electronic voting machine contracts with state [sic]" and "lay the foundation for eliminating fraud…" If elected, Kelley will seek to 'eliminate' automatic mail-in ballots, ballot drop boxes, and same-day voter registration. Kelley would also oversee regular voter purges. In June 2021, Kelley posted a video encouraging followers to sign an affidavit to "force the legislature- to audit the 2020 election." He has continued to demand a "Full forensic audit!" **Garrett Soldano** also endorsed a "full forensic audit," during the second Michigan GOP gubernatorial debate. He has pledged to "expand Voter ID, crack down hard on fraud, make sure every precinct is secure and that every vote is legal. **Tudor Dixon** has called for a "forensic audit" as well, specifically to examine "what happened with absentee ballot applications going to every home." She supports restrictive voter ID laws that would "make Michigan's Voter ID laws the strongest in the country." Dixon would ban so-called ballot harvesting and drop boxes, and oversee a massive purge from the voter rolls. Like the others, fundraising frontrunner **Kevin Rinke** plans to oversee an 'audit' of Michigan's voting rolls. He has suggested without evidence that Michigan Democrats 'always' instigate voter fraud, using the slogan "dead people always vote Democrat" in a campaign ad. During the second Michigan GOP gubernatorial debate, Rinke vowed to create a "special unit" within the Michigan State Police to randomly check voting sites. **Ralph Rebandt** has similarly endorsed initiatives auditing the election. [Transparency USA, Accessed **6/15/22**; Bridge Michigan, **6/3/22**, **5/18/22**; Ryan Kelley For Governor, **6/1/22**, **6/1/21**, Accessed **6/15/22**; Ryan Kelley Facebook, **6/4/21**, **9/11/21**, **9/20/21**; Ryan Kelley For Governor TikTok, **8/8/21**; Garrett Soldano For Governor, Accessed **6/15/22**; States United, **6/13/22**; Tudor Dixon for Governor, Accessed **6/15/22**; Kevin Rinke for Governor, Accessed **6/15/22**; Kevin Rinke Twitter, **6/2/22**; One Detroit, **6/1/22**]

GOP Secretary of State Nominee Kristina Karamo Promises To Consolidate Executive Power Over Future Elections. Karamo is running on a conspiracy theory claiming, without evidence, that foreign enemies are 'targeting' Michigan's "vulnerable election systems" in order to "accomplish through election fraud what cannot be accomplished through military action." In response, the Trump-endorsed nominee has proposed a sweeping set of reforms that would centralize power over Michigan's election systems and enable her office to access secure data: "Every voting, ballot processing, and data-stream relating to voting systems must…be required to turn over all source and/or object codes to the Michigan SoS so systems tested and verified. […] The Secretary of State must have full access to every detail, of all election hardware and software in order for any provider to be able to sell the state of Michigan software or hardware impacting voting results." Karamo has also promised to spend millions on currency-grade "election system security features" including ultraviolet, infra-red, magnetic, and fluorescent features, as well as "visual ink features and watermarks." [Karamo For Secretary of State, Accessed **6/15/22**]

Two Trump-Endorsed Michigan GOP House Candidates Plan To Manipulate Future Elections. MAGA Republicans are running for the U.S. House in Michigan on campaign promises to 'reform' local elections. **John Gibbs** (MI-3) is a Trump-endorsed challenger to GOP Rep. Peter Meijer (who voted to impeach Trump in February 2021). He has promised to "re-center and re-calibrate" the American government to be "once again responsive to the needs of the majority." Gibbs has proposed voter ID restrictions, banning early voting, and would end so-called 'ballot harvesting' and "mass mailing of ballots to every voter." He has also proposed a "full forensic audit of what happened in 2020." In January 2022, Trump-endorsed incumbent Rep. **Lisa McClain** (MI-9) signed the "Secure MI Vote petition," pledging to enact strict voter ID requirements. [Detroit Free Press, **4/16/22**, **1/14/21**; John Gibbs For Congress, Accessed **6/15/22**; The Detroit News, **2/7/22**]

The Ongoing Campaign To Delegitimize The 2020 Election in Michigan

Remaining Michigan GOP Gubernatorial Candidates Continue To Allege 'Stolen' 2020 Election Lies. The five remaining GOP candidates have also continued to claim, without evidence, that the 2020 election was stolen. Throughout his gubernatorial campaign, **Ryan Kelley** has continuously claimed that the 2020 election was 'fraudulent'. His current campaign brochure claims that the 2020 election was 'stolen', and his campaign has released numerous public statements alleging a 'stolen' and 'rigged' election cycle. Kelley has also posted multiple TikToks supporting a conspiracy theory about voting machine 'fraud' during the 2020 election. **Garrett Soldano** has described the 2020 election as "a disaster" and said Trump is "still my president." **Tudor Dixon** spread a conspiracy that a Michigan non-profit allegedly used funding to campaign for Joe Biden in 2020. She also claims to believe "there was voter fraud," because the Secretary of State allegedly "change[d] the rules right before the election." Leading fundraiser **Kevin Rinke**'s campaign website boasts, "...the 2020 election was rife with administrative problems, leading to a tainted election in the eyes of millions." He has also claimed, "No matter how you cut it, the 2020 election was rife with uncertainty." **Ralph Rebandt** said he was part of the 'fight' against "the corrupt and stolen 2020 election." He has alleged that he witnessed "voter fraud" as well as "chain of custody breakdowns" while protesting at the TCF Center in Detroit in November 2020. Rebandt also expressed being "really concerned" about Dominion voting machines. [States United, **6/13/22**; Ryan Kelley For Governor, **6/1/22**; Ryan Kelley Facebook, **10/8/21**, **2/25/22**, **1/20/22**, **11/22/21**, **12/17/21**, **4/9/22**; Ryan Kelley TikTok, **7/25/21**, **7/26/21**; Bridge Michigan, **5/18/22**; American Greatness, **8/23/21**; Transparency USA, Accessed **6/15/22**; Kevin Rinke for Governor, Accessed **6/15/22**; Kevin Rinke Twitter, **12/1/21**]

- **Arrested GOP Gubernatorial Hopeful Ryan Kelley Tried to Decertify The 2020 Election.** In December 2021, Ryan Kelley posted his own TikTok to his Facebook page, captioned: "DECERTIFY THE 2020 ELECTION NOW!! 🇺🇸🇺🇸 [sic]" If elected, Kelley has pledged to "Decertify 2020 Michigan electoral votes!" He has cited the Wisconsin Senate's 'audit' to push 'Michigans Legislature' to "DECERTIFY the 2020

election results in Michigan." [Ryan Kelley Facebook, **10/16/21, 12/17/21, 11/22/21, 3/5/22**]

GOP Secretary of State Nominee Kristina Karamo Supports Extreme Election Conspiracies. Karamo believes the 2020 election was 'stolen', and said she believes a conspiracy theory that left-wing activists orchestrated the events of Jan. 6 in the U.S. Capitol. Karamo has continued to falsely claim that former President Donald Trump won Michigan after she spent weeks challenging the election results in late 2020. The Trump-endorsed candidate has joined an 'America First' coalition seeking to elect MAGA Republican secretaries of state in the 2022 midterm elections. The coalition was co-founded by prominent QAnon influencer Wayne Williott (aka Juan O. Savin), described as the 'voice' of the "proto-fascist movement" within the Republican Party**.** In October 2021, Karamo spoke at a major QAnon 'Patriot Double Down' conference. [NPR, **4/23/22**; CNN, **11/16/21**; MLive, **5/13/21**; America First Secretary of State Coalition, Accessed **6/2/22**; Daily Beast, **6/1/22**; Vice, **10/20/21**]

GOP Attorney General Nominee Matt DePerno Pushes 'Election Fraud' Claims. The Trump-endorsed candidate was lauded by Trump for "having led the charge" to combat so-called "voter fraud" after the 2020 election, "when nobody else would." DePerno made false claims about vote-counting machines in Michigan's 2020 election, and has continued to litigate Michigan's use of Dominion voting machines well into 2022. [Iron Mountain Daily News, **9/18/21;** Save America PAC, **2/21/22**; NPR, **4/23/22**; Bridge Michigan, **4/21/21**]

Trump-Endorsed Michigan GOP House Candidates Are Attempting to Delegitimize the 2020 Election Results Two Years Later. Four Trump-endorsed candidates vying for Michigan House districts are campaigning on election lies ranging from skepticism to conspiracy theories. **John Gibbs** (MI-3) has emphasized his ties to Trump, who nominated him to be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. His nomination was held up in the Republican-controlled Senate after his associations with baseless conspiracy theories came to light, and Gibbs' penchant for conspiracy theories has continued on the campaign trail. His website suggests "widespread irregularities and statistical anomalies in the 2020 election." In an interview with the Detroit News, Gibbs said he "still has questions about the 2020 election" and refused to say that Biden was freely and fairly elected president. Though Trump-endorsed incumbent **Bill Huizenga** (MI-4) rejected allegations of widespread fraud in the 2020 election, Huizenga expressed "great concerns" with absentee ballots in Michigan, and signed onto a Texas lawsuit seeking to overturn the election. Rep. **Lisa McClain** (MI-9) has purported that the 2020 election was illegitimate. At a Macomb County rally in April 2022, Rep. McClain suggested that Biden was not the real winner of the 2020 election. Trump's final candidate, businessman **John James** (MI-10), has made two failed bids for the US Senate—in 2018 and 2020. After his loss in 2020, James expressed doubt in the 'integrity' of the election, and called for an investigation into allegations of voter fraud and unspecified "irregularities." [John Gibbs For Congress, Accessed **6/15/22**, Accessed **6/15/22**; Government Executive, **9/16/20**; Washington

Post, **9/10/20**; The Detroit News, **3/29/22**, **3/11/22**, **3/31/22**; Holland Sentinel, **12/17/20**; CNN, **4/4/22**; MLive, **11/23/20**]

The Trump Campaign Organized A Slate of Illegitimate Electors From Michigan

December 2020: 16 Illegitimate Electors In Michigan Submitted Documents To The Senate Falsely Stating That They Were The Rightful Electors From The State. Trump campaign officials, led by Rudy Giuliani, oversaw efforts to put forward a slate of 16 illegitimate electors in Michigan. The documents from Michigan explicitly stated, falsely, that the GOP electors were the rightful electors. The 16 Republicans cast their votes for Trump and sent them to the Senate as Michigan's 16 electoral votes. Two illegitimate elector 'head delegates' are under subpoena by the January 6th Committee. [CNN, **1/20/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**; Michigan Republican Party, **12/14/20**; Select Committee, **1/28/22**, **1/28/22**]

Michigan Attorney General Says Charges Against Michigan's Fake Electors Possible. Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General, has confirmed there is "absolutely" enough evidence to press charges against the false electors. The 16 Republicans who signed on as false electors in December 2020 were:

- **Kathy Berden, Republican National Committee Member from Michigan**: Berden has worked for the GOP at the local, state, and national level. She is currently under subpoena by the Select Committee for leading the 'delegation' of false electors. [Select Committee, **1/28/22**]

- **Mayra Rodriguez, Wayne County Public Administrator**: Rodriguez is under subpoena by the Select Committee for co-leading the 'delegation' of false electors. She has also served as the Grosse Pointe Farms Chair for the MI-14 District Republican Committee. [Select Committee, **1/28/22**; States United, **6/13/22**]

- **Meshawn Maddock, Michigan Republican Party Co-chair**: Maddock is the current co-chair of the Michigan Republican Party and serves on the national advisory board of Women for Trump. She is also a co-owner of a bail bondsman company, A1 Bail Bonds, alongside her spouse, state Rep. Matt Maddock. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Hank Choate, former MI-7 District Republican Party Chair:** Choate is a former chair of the MI-7 District Republican Party, and former chair of the Jackson County GOP. In 2017, Choate met with Trump to discuss 'agricultural issues' as a dairy farmer who sits on the board of directors for a state agricultural association. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Marian Sheridan, Michigan GOP Grassroots Vice Chair:** Sheridan serves on the executive board of the Oakland County Republican Party and as grassroots vice chair for the Michigan Republican Party. She is also the director of the Lakes Area Tea Party and co-founder of the Michigan Conservative Coalition, a right-wing advocacy group. Before the 2020 election, she trained hundreds of poll challengers and joined a lawsuit seeking to restrict absentee ballot deadlines. In February 2021, Sheridan claimed there were "thousands of voters in Wayne County who were not registered at legal addresses," and led a 'grassroots' effort encouraging followers to find and document faulty addresses from voter registrations. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Stanley Grot, MI-10 District Republican Party Chair**: Grot is an elected official serving as current Shelby Township clerk. He also chairs the MI-10 District Republican Party. Grot is a former member of the Sterling Heights City Council and Macomb County Commission, and is currently running for the Michigan House. In 2018, his failed campaign for Secretary of State became the center of a payoff scandal, in which the Michigan GOP incurred a $200,000 fine for violating state campaign finance law. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Clifford Frost, Michigan Republican Party State Committee Member:** Frost is a member of the Michigan Republican Party State Committee and board member for the Macomb County Party. In 2018, Frost ran an unsuccessful primary campaign for the Michigan House. [States United, **6/13/22**]

- **Timothy King, MI-12 District Republican Party Committee Member:** King sits on the executive committee of the Washtenaw County Republican Party and on the MI-12 District Republican Committee. In 2020, he unsuccessfully ran for the Washtenaw County Commission. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Kent Vanderwood, MI-2 District Republican Party Chair:** Vanderwood is an elected official currently serving as a Wyoming City Council Member. She is also a Vice President of the Timothy Group, which seeks to "advance Christian organizations." [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Amy Facchinello, Grand Blanc Board of Education Member:** Facchinello currently serves on a local school board in Grand Blanc, and has been the subject of protests for posting QAnon conspiracy theories on her social media—though she has refused to resign. Facchinello has also served on the executive board of the Genesee County Republican Party and as a precinct delegate. [States United, **6/13/22**; Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **James Renner, Clinton County Republican Convention Delegate from Watertown Township**: Renner was a precinct delegate in 2020 for Watertown Township. [States United, **6/13/22**]

- **Rose Rook, former Van Buren County Republican Party Chair**: Rook has also served as president of the county's Republican Women's Club, as well as the County GOP's executive committee. [Michigan Advance, **2/4/22**]

- **Mari-Ann Henry, Greater Oakland Republican Club Member:** Henry is the current treasurer of the Greater Oakland Republican Club. [States United, **6/13/22**]

- **John Haggard, Charlevoix County Republican Chair.** [States United, **6/13/22**]

- **Michele Lundgren, Wayne County Republican Party Precinct Delegate:** Lundgren was selected in 2020 to serve as the Republican delegate for her precinct to the county convention. [States United, **6/13/22**]

- **Ken Thompson, former Republican National Convention Alternative Delegate.** Thompson filled a vacancy for Terri Lynn Land (former Michigan Secretary of State). In 2016, he was selected as an alternate Trump delegate by the Michigan GOP for the Republican National Convention. [Michigan Republican Party, **12/14/20**; MLive, **7/18/16**]