



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
LANSING

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2016  
TO: County Clerks  
FROM: Michigan Bureau of Elections  
SUBJECT: Write-in Candidates for November 8, 2016 General Election: FINAL LISTING

The deadline for filing a Declaration of Intent form for the November 8, 2016 general election elapsed at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016. (Note however that the deadline for Presidential candidates filing a Declaration of Intent form elapsed on Friday, September 9, 2016.)

The following represents a final listing of the individuals who filed a Declaration of Intent form on the state level to express their interest in seeking election to the indicated offices with write-in votes.

Candidate	Office
Cherunda Fox	U.S. President
Ben Hartnell	U.S. President
Tom Hoefling	U.S. President
Laurence Kotlikoff	U.S. President
Evan McMullin	U.S. President
Michael Maturen	U.S. President
Monica Moorehead	U.S. President
Joshua Arnold	U.S. Representative in Congress – 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Richard Miller Overton	U.S. Representative in Congress – 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Ejaz Virk	U.S. Representative in Congress – 12 <sup>th</sup> District
Clyde Darnell Lynch	U.S. Representative in Congress – 13 <sup>th</sup> District
Danetta L Simpson	State Representative – 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
DeShawn Wilkins	State Representative – 8 <sup>th</sup> District

Chuck Stadler	State Representative – 84 <sup>th</sup> District
Robert Cottrell	State Representative – 85 <sup>th</sup> District
John Caplis	State Representative – 106 <sup>th</sup> District
Brace Edward Kern	Circuit Court Judge – 13 <sup>th</sup> Circuit
Robert Mol	Circuit Court Judge – 20 <sup>th</sup> Circuit
David Richardson	Circuit Court Judge – 40 <sup>th</sup> Circuit

**Actions You Must Take**

- All valid write-in votes cast for the above listed candidates must be tallied. As a consequence, please advise the city and township clerks in your county to instruct their precinct boards to record any write-in votes cast for the candidates identified above who are seeking election to the office of U.S. President. In addition, if any of the listed office districts fall in your county, please advise the appropriate city and township clerks to instruct their precinct boards to record any valid write-in votes cast for the indicated candidate(s).
- A write-in vote cast for an individual who has *not* filed a Declaration of Intent *does not count* and must not be recorded by the precinct board. Similarly, a write-in vote cast for an individual who filed a Declaration of Intent does not count unless the office for which the write-in vote was cast corresponds to the office identified on the Declaration of Intent. Write-in votes which do not count for the above reasons are not considered when determining whether an “over vote” has occurred. For further information on the documenting and canvassing of write-in votes, please refer to the *Write-In Candidates* section of the [Election Inspectors' Procedure Manual](#) (flip chart).
- If you accepted any Declaration of Intent filings from write-in candidates seeking the office of U.S. Representative in Congress, State Representative or Probate Court Judge who were required to submit the form to your office, please email or fax a copy of the Declaration of Intent form(s) submitted by the candidate(s) to the Bureau of Elections as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. Email: [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov); Fax: (517) 373-0941.
- If you have not already done so, please also advise the city and township clerks in your county of any write-in Declaration of Intent forms that have been filed with your office, and remind them to combine these lists with any other Declaration of Intent forms filed at the city or township level, to ensure a full valid write-in candidate list is provided to their precinct boards.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have questions. Email: [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov). Phone: (517) 373-2540 or 800-292-5973.