

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION
STATE GENERAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SOUTHGATE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Southgate, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at:

<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/RegisterToVote>

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is:

Monday, October 19, 2026

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL168.492) at the City of Southgate City Clerk's Office, located at 14400 Dix-Toledo, Southgate, MI 48195 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a State General Election will be held in the City of Southgate, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at which time the City of Southgate will be voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress 13th District, State Senator 4th District, Representative in State Legislature 2nd District, Representative in State Legislature 27th District, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Executive, Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District: Incumbent Position-6 Year Term, Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District: Incumbent Position-Partial Term Ending 01/01/2031, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit: Incumbent Position-6 Year Term, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit: Incumbent Position-Partial Term Ending 01/01/2031, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit: Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Probate Court: Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court 28th District: Incumbent Position, Board of Trustees Member Wayne County Community College District 8, Board Member Southgate Community School District and on the following proposals:

Proposal 2026-1

A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

Proposal 2026-2

A proposed initiated law to prohibit campaign contributions from certain regulated utilities and government contractors and apply campaign finance laws and regulations to additional types of political communications

The proposal would:

- Prohibit regulated electric and gas utilities, contractors with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts, and people and organizations with substantial connections to these utilities/contractors from making direct or indirect campaign contributions to those who run for or hold offices that impact them.
- Expand laws regulating spending on political communications, including those requiring disclosing donor information, to apply to communications clearly identifying candidates or ballot questions, even if they do not expressly advocate voting for/against them.
- Expressly apply the law requiring disclosure of who paid for political communications to internet political communications. Should this proposal be adopted?

WAYNE COUNTY / WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

Renewal of Wayne County Zoological Authority Millage in Support of the Detroit Zoo

In 2008 and 2016, pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, Wayne County voters renewed a 10-year property tax millage to fund zoological services through the Wayne County Zoological Authority, supporting animal care for more than 2,000 animals and 200 species, educational and senior programs, and facility maintenance at the Detroit Zoo.

To continue providing these services, the Authority seeks to renew and restore the millage to the original voter-approved rate of 0.10 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value). This proposal would renew the millage at 0.0982 mill and restore the remaining 0.0018 mill that was reduced due to required rollback, for a total authorized rate of 0.10 mill on taxable real and personal property for ten (10) years.

If approved, the millage rate would be unchanged from those approved by voters in 2008 and 2016. Funds will be disbursed to the Authority and transferred to the Detroit Zoo as permitted by law. All funds are subject to annual independent audits. It is estimated that \$6,145,462 will be collected in the first year.

Ballot Question:

Do you approve the renewal and restoration of the levy of 0.10 mill on all taxable property in Wayne County for a period of ten (10) years, from 2028 through 2037?

WAYNE COUNTY / SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PUBLIC HISTORICAL MUSEUM AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority Millage Proposal

The Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority (“Authority”) is a joint authority established by Wayne and Oakland Counties (“Counties”) pursuant to Michigan Public Act 321 of the Public Acts of 2000, as amended, and was formed to support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, and other public historical museums located in Wayne and Oakland Counties (“Historical Museums”) that provide historical museum services for students, residents and visitors of the Counties. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors in each of the Counties to levy a tax of 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on taxable property to provide revenue for Historical Museums.

It is estimated that if approved and levied on taxable property located within Wayne County, this new millage would generate approximately \$12,219,200 in 2026.

In addition to supporting the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 15% of revenues received by the Authority from taxable property in Wayne County, after Authority administrative expenses, will be disbursed to the County of Wayne for the purposes of supporting Historical Museums in Wayne County.

Shall a 0.2 mill tax on all taxable property located within Wayne County be imposed by the Authority for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide historical museum services for the benefit of the residents of the Counties?

CITY OF SOUTHGATE PROPOSALS

City of Southgate Charter Amendment to Remove Term Limits for Elected City Officials

Shall Sections 37, and 56, of the Southgate City Charter be amended to eliminate term limits for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and City Council?

City of Southgate City Charter Amendment to Article 5, General Finance, to Establish Budget-Based Thresholds for Competitive Bidding and City Council Approval On Purchases, Public Improvements and Contracts

Shall the Charter of the City of Southgate be amended to require competitive bidding (sealed proposals) for City purchases, public improvements, and contracts that are 0.1% or more of the City's annual operating budget; require City Council to establish annual thresholds for City Council approval of purchases, public improvements, and contracts; and provide that these thresholds may be adjusted each year by City Council Resolution when the City budget is adopted?

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, the polls for the State General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 will be as follows: Polls will be open from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.:

Precincts 1, 2
Precincts 3, 4
Precinct 5

Gerisch School, 12601 McCann Road
Davidson School, 15800 Trenton Road
Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Parkway

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED, that **Early Voting** for the State General Election will begin on October 24, 2026 and end on November 1, 2026 as prescribed by law. The Early Voting Site for all registered Southgate voters is the Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate, MI 48195. Early voting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A sample ballot can be obtained from the City Clerk's office or www.mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk's office at 734-258-3014.

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk