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2024 Election Wrap Up

Trevor Step, Political Director

I want to thank all of our candidates that ran for office this year and the volunteers that put in countless hours of work on their campaigns. While the 2024 elections are over, I encourage everyone to keep the momentum going. Keep an eye out for partisan partial term elections that may be taking place next spring and take a look and see if any non-partisan races are appealing next year. I'd love to help you get started on a 2025 run ASAP!



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Congratulations to our newly elected Libertarians!



Congratulations to Andrew Chadderdon for the most votes of any Libertarian Party candidate on the ballot in Michigan with 156,424 votes! Getting 1% or more of the 2022 candidate for Secretary of State winner Joslyn Benson's winning vote total of 2,467,859 votes ensured us continued ballot access!

Congratulations to Leah Dailey on receiving more than twice as many votes as any of our other congressional candidates and the most votes in a congressional race of the last 4 cycles for the Libertarian Party.

Below you can see how our candidates fared and that can be compared with the last few elections here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1INtsmQGS93KXdYRvTGn3vBTXHMwYbpiCydjLDxvYEmY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>



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First	Last	Office	Number of Votes	Results %	Elected?
Chase	Oliver	President	22,564	0.4%	
Joseph	Solis-Mullen	US Senate	56,554	1.0%	
Christopher	Clark	US House Rep, Dist 13	5,719	1.8%	
Mike	Saliba	US House Rep, Dist 10	5,335	1.3%	
Kevin	Vayko	US House Rep, Dist 9	5,299	1.1%	
Steve	Barcelo	US House Rep, Dist 8	4,766	1.1%	
Leah	Dalley	US House Rep, Dist 7	14,226	3.2%	
Bill	Krebaum	US House Rep, Dist 6	5,513	1.2%	
Alex	Avery	US House Rep, Dist 3	5,224	1.3%	
Ben	DeJong	US House Rep, Dist 2	6,963	1.6%	
Andrew	Gale	US House Rep, Dist 1	5,584	1.2%	
Scott	Boman	State Board of Education	152,076	1.5%	
Andrew	Chadderdon	Regent of the University of Michigan	156,424	1.6%	
Grant	Baker	Trustee of Michigan State University	123,225	1.3%	
Farid	Ishac	Wayne State University Board of Governors	89,374	0.90%	
Richard	McClain	State Representative District 87	1,173	2.8%	
Kayla	Wilkinson	State Representative District 108	1,048	2.2%	
Ty Glenn	Lautner	State Representative District 104	1,172	2.0%	
Raphael	Wolfe	State Representative District 41	965	2.4%	
James	Young	State Representative District 21	696	1.4%	
Bruce	Jaquays	Commerce Township Supervisor	3122	14.6%	
Andy	Evans	Cheboygan County Commissioner	315	16.0%	
Trevor	Step	Green Oak Township Trustee	1171	2.9%	
Jake	Bassett	Wexford County Sherriff	2433	16.0%	
Katelynn	Ingraham	Wexford County Treasurer	2691	18.0%	
Christina	Byron	Wexford County Register of Deeds	2331	16.0%	
Kimberly	Dowlan	Grand Traverse County Treasurer	9199	20.0%	
Cory	Dean	Blair Township Trustee	845	6.0%	
David	Clark	Blair Township Trustee	678	4.0%	
Dawn	Draper	Blair Township Treasurer	813	19.0%	
Milton	Marentette	Hanover Township Trustee	131	8.0%	
Eric	Smith	Springfield Township Trustee	111	7.5%	
Collin	Fitzgerald	Wayne County Commissioner, Dist 15	13,441	26.3%	
Wesley	Crouse	Wayne County Commissioner, Dist 14	6,795	14.9%	
Kerry	Morgan	Wayne Conty Prosecuting Attorney	130,359	18.1%	
Joseph	LeBlanc	Wayne County County Clerk	117,326	16.9%	
Alexander	Curley	Hayes Township Supervisor	101	12.0%	
Robert	Black	Crystal Falls Township Supervisor	275	26.4%	
Michael	Gorbe	Grand Traverse County Sheriff	8161	17.0%	
Zack	Dean	Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner	9229	20.0%	
Matthew	Lundy	Antrim County Drain Commissioner	3808	40.0%	
Shawn	Orton	Filer Township Trustee	291	6.7%	
Jason	Morgan	Rockland Township Supervisor	35	27.3%	
Mark	King	Ypsilanti City Council	546	20.0%	
Larry	Johnson	Ypsilanti Township Parks Commissioner	6261	5.0%	Elected
Kosciuszko	Gilbert	Pittsfield Township Parks Commissioner	2261	3.0%	
Frederick	Horndt	Macomb County Commissioner, Dist 12	5,113	21.5%	
Aaron	Miranov	Macomb County Commissioner, Dist 10	6,919	25.4%	
Jim	Fulner	Macomb County Public Works Commission	12,274	2.5%	
Eric	Bentham	Highland Township Trustee			
Brice	Burge	Munising City Commission (NonPartisan)	684	100.0%	Elected
Mark	Price	Highland Park School Board (NonPartisan)	895	14.7%	
Ben	Dejong	Lake Odessa Village Council (nonPartisan)	335	18.2%	Elected



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It was incredibly motivating to see all the events our candidates attended this election season. Here are some highlights:



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Trump’s willingness to make freedom-oriented concessions to the Libertarian Party won him the votes he needed in the battleground states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Georgia

Because the Michigan Republican Party chose a pro-war, pro-spying, pro-spending U.S. Senate candidate — namely, Mike Rogers instead of former Libertarian Justin Amash -- the Libertarian Party of Michigan was able to run an effective race in opposition, which denied Rogers the margin of victory he needed in Michigan. Nationally, the Libertarian Party’s weak showing in the presidential race delivered the margin of victory to Trump in battleground states. By denying Rogers the 1% of the vote garnered by Senate candidate Joseph Solis-Mullen, the Libertarian Party of Michigan acted as kingmaker.

For those not paying attention, the Libertarian Party invited Donald Trump to its national convention in Washington, D.C., in May. There, Donald Trump vowed to include a libertarian on his cabinet, free the unjustly imprisoned Ross Ulbricht, oppose a central bank digital currency, and oppose the bi-partisan deep-state Uniparty’s lust for war. Consequently, Trump received the extra votes he needed to win in the battleground states (1% to 2.5% of the votes). The highly disputed candidacy of socially progressive Chase Oliver garnered only 0.4% of the vote, a fraction of past LP totals.

Mike Rogers should not have run as the FBI version of the deep-state against Elissa Slotkin’s CIA version, which gave Michigan voters no substantive choice other than one of them wearing a dress (at times) in public.



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The Libertarian Party's candidate for U.S. Senate, Joseph Solis-Mullen, described the flaws of the Rogers/Slotkin twins many times:

Foreign Policy - Every foreign threat we now face was caused by our government's meddling overseas. It created dozens of enemies and led to blowback terrorism, endless spying by our own government, and financial bankruptcy. Rogers broke trust by supporting the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) against Iraq and Afghanistan (based on oft-repeated lies). Rogers also supported the training of so-called "moderate rebels" to use against Syria's President Bashar al-Assad in a regime-change attempt; in the past, this policy created terrorist groups such as the Mujahideen in Afghanistan, which mutated into al-Qaeda.

Manipulation, Spying & Secrecy - Censorship, travel delays, searches, and spying are the natural result of the Uniparty's foreign policy. Would it be any worse if we were ruled by a foreign power? The Uniparty treats citizens like the enemy, but hides its own actions behind the all-purpose excuse of "national security." Secrecy and surveillance are the hallmarks of tyranny, and that's what Slotkin and Rogers both deliver.

Inflation, Spending & 'Untouchable' Entitlements - Rising prices are the natural result of out-of-control spending – whether on so-called "defense" spending, Medicare, or Social Security entitlements. Neither candidate will consider any meaningful change in this unsustainable habit. To them, the job of the tax-cattle is to shut up and obey.

Business & Government Monopolies - Each year, agencies churn out thousands of laws that make products and services more costly. Most schools are government-run monopolies that yield dismal results. Even when governments claim to help, they raise costs – as in the case of student-loan guarantees for higher education.



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