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All eyes are on the November 6 election. Even the pundits aren't predicting winners and losers. In part, that's because political polling has become unreliable. In the past, a telephone poll of 700 voters would garner more than 500 results. Now a poll might get a handful of folks to answer questions. As a result, pollsters are increasingly in the dark about what to expect on election day.

Michigan has a Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and both chambers of the legislature up for election. Republicans could lose some of their majority but how much is anyone's guess. In the meantime, Lansing is eerily quiet while campaigns continue across the state.

Once elections are over, we can expect a frenzy of activity. As a result, we will be watching for assaults on penal fines, millage elections and free speech. In addition, changes to the recently passed minimum wage bill are likely.

Recently MLA distributed an email survey to candidates. Not all candidates provided us with emails nor did every candidate respond when contacted. We've included their responses in pdf format by House , Senate and Federal seats. Responses are in alphabetical order by candidate last name but can also be searched by name or district number by pressing F3.

One response stood out from all the others. Poppy Sias-Hernandez who is running for the seat in Senate District 34 included a personal note stating, "...libraries have been essential to my personal and professional journey." While MLA does not endorse any candidates for office, Poppy's response reminds us how important it is to learn about the issues and what is important to those running for election.

If you have a particular candidate you would like to hear from let us know. We will make an

extra effort to contact them.

Please vote on November 6.

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