

## I'll Make a Difference!

### KNOW...

Are you watching Michigan legislation?  
Do you know the groups working for you and your issues?  
How well do you know your area and community?

### NETWORK...

Are you training the next generation?  
Do you know the platforms of the political parties?  
Have you created your own email list?

### MOVE...

Are you praying for our leaders on a regular basis regardless of their stand on issues?

Are you submitting letters to your local newspapers, calling your elected leader to share your view, or hosting events for your neighbors to get to know the elected officials?

Have you considered running office?

Are you calling like minded friends and asking them to get the word out on legislation, town meetings, elections?

### YOUR CHURCH or ASSOCIATION

Have you introduced yourself to your Pastor and shared your heart on this subject?  
Do you have his/her blessing to serve as a Church Contact (or liaison) for your church?  
Are you engaging your church by registering voters, telling them about important public policy, distributing voter guides, and then reminding them to vote on Election Day?

## MI CONSERVATIVE RESOURCES

### Following Michigan's Legislation ...

[www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)  
[www.mackinac.org](http://www.mackinac.org)  
[www.michiganvotes.org](http://www.michiganvotes.org)  
[www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)  
[www.michiganpolicy.com](http://www.michiganpolicy.com)  
[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

### Groups working for your family...

[www.ctvmichigan.org](http://www.ctvmichigan.org)  
[www.americansforprosperity.org](http://www.americansforprosperity.org)  
[www.michiganfamily.org](http://www.michiganfamily.org)  
[www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org)  
[www.michigancatholicconference.com](http://www.michigancatholicconference.com)

### Are you training the next generation?

[www.ssi-online.org](http://www.ssi-online.org)

### Do you know your political parties platforms?

[www.migop.org](http://www.migop.org)  
[www.michigandems.com](http://www.michigandems.com)

**[www.ctvmichigan.org](http://www.ctvmichigan.org)**

**ACCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, TOOLS**

**for successfully impacting your political community!**

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**A POSITIVE VOICE FOR YOUR VALUES**

**HOW YOU CAN IMPACT**

**LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
in Michigan**

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
(Edmund Burke)*

## Why Get Involved?

One of the best and most important ways to influence your community is to get involved in the government arena, starting at the local level.

Citizens often feel the only way to influence the process is to run for State Representative or Senator. But, that is not always the best place to start.

Anyone thinking about political office must have *experience, relationships, associations, and credibility*. Before someone elects you to represent them, voters want to know that you understand the issues and have experience at the local level.

Even if elected office is not your goal, you need to understand that many of the policies and ideas addressed at the state and national level, originate in your local communities.

And it is imperative that you remember those in office will advocate for what issues are important to them. If no one representing your belief system is in place, your issues will not be a part of the public conversation.

Make your *community* your area of expertise. Learn how to serve your local community. You'll meet new friends, as you seek to get better acquainted with what is really going on in your area and in the process, you will become a positive voice for conservative values.

Let the journey begin!

## My Government

**County** officeholders include: **Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and the Board of County Commissioners**

**Townships** In each of Michigan's 83 counties there are 6-16 Townships. Township Boards consist of a **Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer**, and two to four **Trustees**.

**Villages & Cities** Villages are organized under townships and cities are autonomous from the townships, therefore operations differ at times.

Villages and cities generally elect these offices: **Village Council Member or City Commissioner Mayor or Village President** (sometimes elected by the council members) **Treasurer and Clerk City or Village Managers** are appointed

Each of these local units of government also appoint several boards comprised of citizens. Some of these boards are required by state statute.

**School Board** Citizens also elect local **School Board members** (these are on a county or district basis, but separate from county government)

All of these positions are important to our local government and people who hold these positions often move up to higher office.

## My To Do List!

Get started by considering the questions on the front and back of this panel. If the answer is 'no' or 'don't know' to any question, then get busy! Make copies and share with friends! Work together to influence your neighborhoods for traditional family values in Michigan! Let us know when you need help!  
**Are you a registered voter?**

**In what county do you vote?**

**Have you identified your local elected officials?**

**Have you identified the different associations in your district?** (i.e. American Legions, Right To Life Chapter)

**Have you talked to your Pastor about an 'Issues and Action' Group in your church?**

**Have you consider running for Precinct Delegate?**

**Identify your elected leaders:**

Your U.S. Senators \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 from each state)

Your U.S. Congressman  
(15 Congressional District)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your State Senator (38 total)  
Dist # \_\_\_\_\_ Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Your State Representative (110 State House seats) \_\_\_\_\_