



# THE<sup>th</sup> AMALGAMATED WORKER-TO-WORKER

General Membership Meeting  
2nd Tuesday of each month

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## The 2012 Election and how you can impact working people

On November 6, 2012 we have the opportunity to vote for the livelihood of working families in Michigan and the United States. We have heard the ads, will have received the campaign lit, and talked to friends, families and co-workers about the pros and cons of all the issues and candidates.

We are going to break down the ballot proposals, list the UAW recommended candidates, have links to register to vote, and applications for absentee ballots on the UAW Local 724 website, [www.uawlocal724.org](http://www.uawlocal724.org)

The ways we can impact our future is by voting first and foremost. When must commit to go vote, then also remember that the ballot proposals and Supreme Court Judges will be at the end or non-partisan portion of the ballot. That is critical to remember when we go to the polls to make sure we can rely our thoughts on issues and people that can impact our lives on a daily basis. Remember that the last day to register is a month before the elections. If you are not registered it is better to get that done sooner than wait for the deadline.

Secondly, we can sign up or re-sign our V-CAP check-off. This voluntary contribution allows the UAW to put some resources towards worker friendly candidates. We can't use union dues for these outreach purposes, contrary to what many of the television ads portray unions as. By re-signing up for V-CAP it allows your contribution to be spent in the State of Michigan.

The third step is being informed on the issues and up to date on the information. By signing up for the UAW communication tool, GIMME FIVE, you can get updates to allow you to make the choices that can help your families. A simple way to sign up for the GIMME FIVE program is to write on the bottom of your V-CAP check-off slip the following: **G-5 YES**. Then you will either get e-mails or text messages to let you know what is going on.

If you have any questions contact the Local, your bargaining committee or your servicing rep for more information.



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## 2012 Ballot Proposals

There will be six ballot proposals on the November 6, 2012 ballot. Here are the proposals and the UAW recommendation. As with our candidates and these issues, we only make recommendations after through review and looking at all potential impact of the outcome.

### ***PROPOSAL 12-1 A REFERDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011- THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW***

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.

Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.

Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.

Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

**Should this law be approved?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X\_\_\_\_\_



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## ***PROPOSAL 12-2*** ***A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION*** ***REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING***

This proposal would:

Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.

Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.

Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargain agreements.

Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one of more employees.

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**YES**   X  

**NO**       

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## ***PROPOSAL 12-3*** ***A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY***

This proposal would:

Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind solar, biomass, and hydropower by 2025.

Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.

Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.

Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

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YES   X  

NO       

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## ***PROPOSAL 12-4***

### ***A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS***

This proposal would:

Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.

Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.

Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.

Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

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YES   X  

NO



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## ***PROPOSAL 12-5 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT***

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation. This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

**Should this law be approved?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO   X  

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## ***PROPOSAL 12-6***



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## ***A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS***

This proposal would:

Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” are to be located before the State of Michigan may expand state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, construction, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.

Create a definition of “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” that means “any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012.”

**Should this law be approved?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**The UAW position on this proposal is neutral**

**A yes vote would mean any tax dollars used for building an international bridge or tunnel would take a statewide ballot vote of the people**

**A no vote would allow Legislators and/or the Governor to make that decision**

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**Election 2012 Volunteer Opportunities**



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Here are the locations and times for outreach efforts for the candidates and also for the Protect Our Families Initiative, Proposal 2 (<http://protectourjobs.com/protect>)

## **Battle Creek Area**

### Protect Our Families Information

IBEW Local 131

3641 E. Cork St.

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Monday through Friday at 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm

### Coordinated Campaign

3244 S. Westnedge Ave.

Kalamazoo, MI

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

## **Flint Area**

### Protect Our Families Information

IBEW Local 948

1251 W. Hill Rd.

Flint, MI 48507

Monday through Friday at 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm

### Coordinated Campaign

4400 S. Saginaw

Flint, MI 48507

Next to Hurley Health & Fitness Center  
in the Great Lakes Tech Center

Open at 10:00 am with the last canvassing group

Out at 6:00 pm

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## **Jackson Area**





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## Protect Our Families Information

Teamsters (IBT) Hall  
3700 Ann Arbor Road  
Jackson, MI

Shifts available Saturday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 4:00 pm

## Coordinated Campaign

500 W. Michigan Ave.  
Jackson, MI

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

## **Lansing Area**

### Protect Our Families Information

Carpenters Hall  
2410 W. Washtenaw  
Lansing, MI 48917

Monday through Friday at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm

## Coordinated Campaign

2722 E. Michigan Ave., # 103  
Lansing, MI 48912

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

If additional opportunities and/or times occur, we will notify you as soon as possible. Please consider volunteering as you have time.