

PRIMARY ELECTION CONCLUDES – The primary election that took place on Tuesday saw extremely high voter turnout (see other article) and overwhelming support for property tax increases while setting the stage for the November general election.

The bigger picture: Victors of Tuesday’s election are already working to secure another victory in the general election this November, especially those running for **Governor**. **Secretary of State** and **Democratic** gubernatorial nominee **Jocelyn Benson** has already announced a \$10 million ad buy to begin in September. **U.S. Representative** and **Republican** candidate **John James** said that his next steps are to show voters that the choice in November is clear: “freedom or socialism.”

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PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER TURNOUT – Ahead of the August 4 primary election day, 16.5% of registered voters had already cast their ballot, with the total voter turnout from Tuesday totaling around 2.4 million Michigan residents.

The bigger picture: Compared to previous primary elections, this year’s voter turnout is high. In 2022, 2 million voters participated in the primary, with 1.1 million voting **Republican** and just under 1 million voting **Democrat**. This year however, the **Democrats** took over, with 1.49 million **Democrats** participating and 928,767 voting **Republican**.

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SENATE CANDIDATES ON NOVEMBER BALLOT – With high turnover in the **Senate** this year, there are many new faces coming to the **Senate** next legislative term.

The bigger picture: Of those who won a state Senate primary on Tuesday, certain individuals are expected to win their respective general elections in November due to their **Senate District** being a safe seat. The **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission’s (ICRC)** “Crane A1” map has a majority of safe seats, leaving only some ultra-competitive general elections. This leaves the makeup of the **Senate** from 2027 to 2030 largely known.

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ELECTIONS

- **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** endorsed **Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson** for Governor in the 2026 election on Wednesday after her primary success. **Governor Whitmer** says that **SOS Benson** is a meticulous and dedicated public servant who can continue building upon the past eight years of **Democratic** wins.

ODDS AND ENDS

- **Attorney General Dana Nessel** and **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** joined 25 other states in a lawsuit against **President Donald Trump’s** tariffs. The lawsuit states that the tariffs are illegal and claims that the decision to place tariffs on 80 countries will make already high prices skyrocket.