# 2022 Voters Guide

### A Guide to help Michigan voters make informed choices in the Primary Election on August 2, 2022

We need you! Every vote counts! The only way we replace the "do nothing for us" establishment is to vote in true grassroots candidates in the primaries and then vote for them again in the November general election.

If we don't vote then those who wish to stifle our freedoms or enrich themselves at our expense will be the ones who will be in power. As far as election fraud, they can only hide so much cheating. **If we increase our turnout then we can achieve more wins.** If we don't show up then we are rolling out a red carpet for any potential bad actors or bad candidates ... elections have consequences. We deserve great candidates which is why primary elections are extremely important. We also feel it's more secure to vote in person on election day.



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## **Candidates at a Glance**

<u>Candidate</u>	Highlights/Mini Biography
Tudor Dixon	<u>Tudor Dixon</u> is a wife, mother of 4 and a breast-cancer survivor. She was a steel industry sales manager for 9 years but in 2017 she co-founded Lumen News, a subscription-based pro- America, pro-Constitution morning news program designed for grade school students. Her goal was to reach pre-millennials before they were brainwashed into hating capitalism and admiring socialism. Then for 2 years she moved on as a conservative commentator hosting "America's Voice Live" on the cable news network Real America's Voice. Now she hopes to facilitate a family-friendly, business-friendly Michigan and support parents in our schools.
Ryan Kelley	Ryan Kelley is a husband and father of 6. He owns a real estate firm & also built a real estate franchise partnership that expanded to other states and was their CEO, which he says allows him to understand government red tape regarding businesses. Ryan is an appointed Planning Commissioner for Allendale Twp. He is founder of the American Patriot Council and is an enthusiastic boots on the ground grassroots fighter who has taken & also led action with other patriots since 2020 on various issues such as the COVID-19 lockdowns, election integrity, and medical freedom. He created a <u>first 100 days Plan</u> of action of what he would do as governor.
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph Rebandt is a husband, father of 4, grandfather of 16. He is a pastor of 35 years who will filter everything thru a biblical worldview. He is a chaplain for the MI Chiefs of Police and 2 police departments. Thru his Lighthouse Initiative he hopes to make Michigan a lighthouse to the nation by lifting our Judeo-Christian principles & bringing them back into culture. He's seen God change peoples lives and believes God can change our culture. He's <i>"running because if we don't get God right in this next election nothing will matter."</i> He believes that God called him to run and that he has unique insight into repairing the family and healing our State.
Kevin Rinke	Kevin Rinke is a husband and father of 3. He is a wealthy former car dealer who was the head of the Rinke Automotive Group. He has been an executive for Penske Automotive and Sonic Automotive and has also led other businesses including a traumatic brain injury center and Centria Healthcare. Kevin was thinking of leaving the state because of the corruption and bad liberal policies but was motivated to run for governor by his son who said he should stay and try to help fix the state instead. He is leaning on his business experience as his sales pitch to voters and says government does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem.
Garrett Soldano	<u>Garrett Soldano</u> is a husband and father of 2. He is a chiropractor, author, and former WMU Broncos football player who originally intended to become a police officer. He is best known for founding the Facebook page Michiganders Against Excessive Quarantine and the grassroots group StandUp Michigan both of which fought against COVID-19 lockdowns. He was previously a sales rep & national marketing director for the multi-level marketing (MLM) company Juice Plus+ where he also was a motivational speaker. As far as policy, one plan is his <u>Sunshine Plan 2.0</u> that he modeled after Gretchen Whitmer's 2018 Sunshine Plan.





	On the Economy
Tudor Dixon	She says "we have to be more business friendly", and that "we are over regulated" and says she wants to cut regulations by 40% over 4 years. "We need a million more people to come to this state." "We also need to make sure that this state is affordable and it's desirable for the middle class to come here, because our businesses right now could be thriving but they don't have a workforce." She wants tax relief, a gas tax holiday, energy independence, to reduce income tax and eliminate it over time and also to work to replace that revenue.
Ryan Kelley	To incentivize and attract businesses to Michigan and create jobs Ryan wants corporate income tax cut in 1/2 or eliminated, no vaccine mandates, reduced regulations and he said he wants the State to "develop a robust nuclear energy program" because to attract a diverse array of businesses we need to be able to provide inexpensive, reliable, and abundant electricity. He also wants to "eliminate economy-destroying unemployment incentives to those eligible/capable of working" but who refuse to return to work. He wants to "encourage tourism and intentional visits", keep Line 5 open and "promote diverse energy solutions". He would invite ammunition manufacturers and give them a great deal to operate here. He wants to extend and increase the personal tax exemption deduction and "reduce, cap and potentially eliminate property taxes" and provide tax credits to businesses who provide childcare to employees.
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph would "Assemble a Round-table team to examine the State Budget with the view to help Michigan residents keep more of their hard earned money while reducing government regulation and waste, and reform Michigan's tax base to make Michigan an attractive place for people and businesses to move." He would "cut the budget in many ways" and "get rid of corporate welfare".
Kevin Rinke	Kevin wants to eliminate personal income tax by 2024. He says " <i>Michigan residents are overtaxed</i> " and says Lansing has too much money. He says " <i>we have got to stop government from spending like drunken sailors</i> " and " <i>the only way to control government is to starve it</i> ." He says we need to transition Michigan into new areas like aerospace, artificial intelligence, cyber security and expand our agriculture base while also protecting our existing businesses. He also wants to focus on Line 5 that would provide 33,000 jobs.
Garrett Soldano	Garrett says we need to stop the exodus of people from our state and that he wants to inspire people to come back. "We have to make sure that Michigan is a business friendly state" and "make sure that no governor can weaponize the health department again." We need to cut regulations, cut corporate welfare, and need forensic accounting line by line on the budget to eliminate wasteful spending and cut the budget every year. He says we need "to lead the nation in tourism" and that "we need to invest in long term energy dense solutions." "We need to start investing into our natural gas again." He says he also wants to eliminate the state income tax.

	Education Approach
Tudor Dixon	Tudor is for school choice and wants dollars to follow the child. " <i>We are failing on a state level on education</i> ." She wants a Parents Right to Know Act so parents can see what's happening in the classroom and see what books are used or in the library. She wants to rid the school library of books that if read at a bus stop would get you arrested and prosecute the school officials who provide access. She would call for 25 hours of tutoring for every student in Michigan to help offset COVID setbacks. She says " <i>it</i> 's <i>not the schools place to talk to my child about gender and sexuality</i> " and that we need to focus " <i>on reading, writing and math</i> ". She wants to bring trades into our high schools.
Ryan Kelley	Ryan supports charter schools and school choice and wants to " <i>invest in our students and not the school districts</i> " so the money follows the kids. He wants to get rid of common core, critical race theory, SEL and DEI because kids " <i>should be learning about academics</i> ", real-world " <i>skillsets</i> ", " <i>different skilled trades</i> ", and " <i>constitutional civics</i> ." He says teachers can't teach how they want because of woke curriculum and that in Detroit it's causing negative impacts like bullying. He says the Dept. of Education is not a federal constitutional role and they should leave it "up to the states." If kids have access to

	sexualizing materials he would cut school funding and charge school boards with criminal sexual misconduct. He supports the presence of armed guards/teacher/staff to protect our kids and .
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph says we don't need the US Department of Education and he "would dismantle the public school system and rebuild it with parental involvement." He supports vouchers and wants "the money to follow the student and the government to not follow the money." He would remove sex ed and replace it with real health and remove critical race theory and replace it with real American history. Rebandt suggested creating one entry for schools, deploying "gun-sniffing dogs" and hiring retired law enforcement or veterans to patrol schools.
Kevin Rinke	Kevin says education has failed us since the US Dept of Education was implemented. He wants kids education to focus on, "reading, writing, arithmetic and civics." "I want them to have physical activity so they can burn off their steam like kids need to do. We don't need kids to go to school to learn about gender, critical race theory." He wants to defend and promote school choice and says we need the money to follow the kids. He does not support arming teachers. "We don't want our kids to feel like they're going to prison" and has suggested former military members volunteer as hall monitors. "We'll have people protect them. It doesn't need to be teachers with guns. We'll have folks that are familiar with guns and comfortable with them." "Schools as a gun free zone are killing zones."
Garrett Soldano	Garrett wants to reform and audit the Dept. of Education and says we don't have a teacher problem in Michigan, "we have a teacher union problem and an administration problem in this state." "We're not going to allow a few bad apples to spoil the whole bunch." Instead, he sees the solution to the problem in schools is getting more parents involved and engaged with their kids education. "My child should never ever know your political beliefs. If we can't teach God in school, then you have no right teaching and influencing your political beliefs on my child." He says "you don't co-parent with the government." and he wants to ban CRT, and gender theory. "We must get rid of the mask mandates that are not based in science and which hinder our children's academic and emotional development."

	On Crime or the Police
Tudor Dixon	Tudor wants to "increase funding for training in de-escalation techniques, starting by redirecting funding from so-called implicit bias training programs" and "stop perpetuating the false and racist myths that law enforcement officers are inherently racist and predisposed to violence against minorities." She wants to keep cash bail for violent criminals and repeat offenders, enhance criminal penalties for crimes committed during riots or violent protests, and stop radical leftists from re-branding criminals as victims and law-abiding citizens as racists for wanting public safety. "Our police have some of the hardest jobs in our society and I will always stand with them." She says we can't "normalize people resisting arrest and physically aggressing police." On capital punishment she says "I don't believe in the death penalty, I don't think there's any reason to bring that back."
Ryan Kelley	"We need to make sure we're being tougher on crime and getting rid of any county prosecutors that don't want to prosecute these criminals." He says it's about accountability, not gun control and that people with mental health issues are the problem and that hurting people with guns is already illegal. "Guns are not the problem." "Tell me, what laws can we pass that criminals will follow?" He says Democrats are soft on crime and soft on wanting to hold criminals accountable. He supports constitutional law enforcement and wants to improve police funding and training. Attracting and retaining good police officers will be a top priority of his.
Ralph Rebandt	"When you break a law you are criminally responsible for breaking that law." "Community policing" is one of his goals "so that there is a strong bond between the citizens and the police" and he favors more continuing education for the police. On jails he says "If you don't know what the problem is you'll never have the right solution" and that prisons are a revolving door but if prisoners "go thru a faith based organization program in jail the recidivism rate is only 8%." On election fraud he says we have to go back and prosecute.

Kevin	Kevin says "we're gonna go back to law and order", "we are gonna convict people who commit crimes
Rinke	no matter what their position is in society because that's what makes America a safe place." He says he
	will be a staunch defender of the law enforcement and first responder community and that he will stop
	any effort to defund the police or undermine first responders in Michigan. He also says that progressives
	and socialists throughout our state and country have waged an all out assault on law enforcement and
	first responders, undermining their service and sacrifice.
Garrett	He has a criminal justice degree and went to the police academy but changed career paths because "my

**Soldano** He has a criminal justice degree and went to the police academy but changed career paths because "*my* heart wasn't in law enforcement anymore." "If anyone ever interferes with our elections that's called treason and they must be accountable and held responsible." As far as interacting with the police he says "If you do not resist, it is very, very, very rare that you are going to get shot by a police officer, if you do exactly what they tell you to do."

	2nd Amendment Stance
Tudor Dixon	Tudor says " <i>I will always protect and defend the Second Amendment.</i> " and once tweeted an image with a caption of " <i>Gun control means using both hands</i> ". She supports constitutional carry and has proposed using one-time federal COVID relief funds to harden schools through increased security features and planning. She says schools shouldn't be gun-free zones, as it makes them a " <i>sitting duck</i> ," and says " <i>We do not want red flag laws in the state of Michigan.</i> "
Ryan Kelley	Ryan has a concealed carry permit and wants to work with the legislature to pass constitutional carry legislation. He has carried openly at rallies and is against red flag laws and against pistol registration. He says he will not allow federal gun law overreach in Michigan. To prevent school shootings he says we need early warning systems to ID those that may need help before a tragedy happens.
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph is a gun owner and a 2nd Amendment rights advocate. He say guns haven't changed but culture has changed. He knows people who as kids brought guns to school and went hunting with teachers after school without issue. The first semi-automatic guns were available to the public around the year 1892. He says gun violence should be renamed people violence.
Kevin Rinke	Kevin supports constitutional carry and open carry. He says he will be a fierce defender of 2nd Amendment freedoms from the assault of radical progressives. " <i>I do not support red flag laws.</i> " " <i>Taking guns away from law-abiding citizens</i> … <i>is not the solution,</i> " " <i>I will defend the 2nd Amendment the same way I will defend the Constitution – at all costs</i> … <i>We need to fix the people.</i> " He doesn't agree with guns in schools, at least from the standpoint of parents carrying them.
Garrett Soldano	Garrett supports constitutional carry. His website says "Liberal elites don't understand guns, how they work or what they're for, and they shouldn't be dictating how We the People can exercise our constitutional rights. None of our other rights matter if we are unable to defend ourselves and our liberties." "No one is taking my guns that's for damn sure." "We don't have a gun problem, folks. What we have is a culture problem. We have a mental health crisis problem."

#### **Did Election Fraud Steal the Election from Donald Trump?**

**\*Note:** In Michigan ballot harvesting/trafficking is illegal. The <u>2000Mules Documentary</u> details how Michigan had at least 500 illegal ballot mules and over 200,000 illegal votes. Video evidence matched with cellphone geo-tracking data proves the election was stolen from Donald Trump and that more illegal ballots were cast than the margin of victory he needed in order to win.

**Tudor YES**. "2020 was not fair." "I believe that there was voter fraud. We see that there is voter fraud in most elections, but this election was very interesting because the Secretary of State was able to change the rules right before the election." "Why reduce the signature match requirement unless you wanted to do something fishy with the election." In a Nov. 8 reply to a Trump tweet Dixon wrote "Steal an election then hide behind calls for unity and leftists lap it up." She feels "there was a system setup in the election that would allow fraud and that there was a goal to allow fraud." She has asked: "would we have seen

	Vaccine Status and Stance
	<b>YES</b> . In Sept '21 he said: "You know I think a lot of Americans when they went to bed that night, they saw a different outcome than when we woke up, and that's why I'm for a full forensic audit. Because we just want the truth, no matter if it proves that the election was stolen or not, let us know the truth so we can restore voter integrity." At some debates his answer was "Donald Trump is still my President." Garrett was slower than some candidates to say the election was stolen versus that there was just fraud and he preferred to stay in the middle by calling for an audit and supporting election integrity. After the 2000 Mules movie came out he was much more confident in his stance and at the June '22 debate in Warren he referenced that evidence as proof the election was stolen and mentioned that election interference is treason. He does think that Trump would have won without the fraud.
Kevin Rinke	<b>NO</b> . In Nov '21 interviews he said: " <i>I don't look back I look forward in regards to elections</i> " and " <i>the election has been certified and that stands for itself.</i> " " <i>I've seen nothing that would tell me the election was rigged.</i> " " <i>In regards to the election, I know what I've been able to gather through normal media outlets. I've read about it. And currently, there is no information that says that the election was stolen. I will say that there are significant irregularities that have been exposed in the past election in Michigan.</i> " At the May '22 debate in Howell Rinke wouldn't answer with a yes or no and added after the debate that there was no " <i>simple answer</i> ." He believes there were rules broken but he doesn't know if there were " <i>154,000 plus one</i> " fraudulent votes. At the May '22 debate in Traverse City he said referencing 2000 Mules " <i>we don't need movies to prove that there was fraud, maybe the greatest fraud ever in the history of our country</i> ", and his answer to "was 2020 a fair election?" was " <i>it couldn't have been with the way it was conducted.</i> " At the June '22 debate in Warren Rinke did not raise his hand to indicate that the election fraud was big enough or widespread enough that Trump should have been rightly elected and later oddly claimed that it was "showing that I was the adult."
Ralph Rebandt	<b>YES</b> . "I was at the TCF center the day after the election, and I saw that the Detroit Police Department was not allowing people to get in." "I got in because I have a badge." "So was there voter fraud? Yes. Was there a chain of custody breakdowns? absolutely." Regarding the fraud Ralph filed an affidavit with Trump's lawyers, filed an affidavit with the State and also gave testimony to the State. "In 2005 the Federal Election Commission established the Carter-Baker Commission and it said there are two ways to steal elections, one is mass mail out ballots and the other one was lack of signature verification, those are the playbook that they took to steal our election."
Ryan Kelley	<ul> <li>wouldn't show up as widespread fraud?" "There were too many opportunities for fraud."</li> <li>YES. He protested outside the TCF Center for 2 days directly after the stolen election. He also planned and hosted Stop the Steal Rallies in Nov &amp; Dec 2020. He has also called to decertify the 2020 election results. "If there is nothing to hide get out of the way and let us look at it." "Don't listen to people that tell you to move on from the 2020 election. Full forensic audit is NECESSARY for our future elections." "Without Election Integrity nothing matters." Ryan spoke out early and often and continued to speak out about the stolen election before more detailed evidence emerged that made it more convenient for other candidates to talk about it.</li> </ul>
	widespread fraud if you were experiencing fraud in an election? Or would you have it in areas where it wouldn't show up as widespread fraud?" "There were too many opportunities for fraud."

	Vacchie Status and Statice
Tudor Dixon	Tudor is vaccinated because of previous cancer issues but didn't get a booster. She is against vaccine mandates and says no vaccine mandates on my watch. On vaccines she said: " <i>I also believe the data shows there were certain people that their lives were saved because they had the COVID-19 vaccine.</i> " She says lives were possibly lost because access to therapeutics was blocked.
Ryan Kelley	Ryan is unvaccinated and says that as governor the pandemic ends on Day 1 and that there will be no COVID mandates or regulations on his watch. On the vaccine's effectiveness he said: " <i>The answer is no, it was not helpful, I think we need to continue to push against that narrative.</i> " He boycotted the Mackinac Policy Conference Debate because the event host had a vaccine card or COVID test policy for

	event attendees and treated the candidates as 2 <sup>nd</sup> class citizens by segregating the debate outdoors and made " <i>rules for thee but not me</i> " exceptions for the gubernatorial candidates.
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph is unvaccinated and would end all medical mandates. " <i>I am not against vaccines but I'm against the redefinition of a vaccine 3 times on the CDC website</i> ". He doesn't think that the vaccine was effective against combating COVID & said it was pushed on us by a tyrannical governor and president. He calls it a shot and not a true vaccine. " <i>We were told if you get the shot you can't get or spread COVID and we know that's not true.</i> "
Kevin Rinke	Kevin got vaccinated. "The vaccine represented political science versus medical science and it's a damn shame that people were used as guinea pigs for political gain in this country and in this state. It wouldn't of even qualified pre-COVID to be called a vaccine. It was experimental medicine, and I gotta tell you, I've had COVID twice and I'm still here. And the sickest I was was after I had to get the vaccine because I had to leave the country." He said "I believe it is in people's best interest to consider a vaccination and ultimately to receive one" but he would not mandate it.
Garrett Soldano	Garrett is unvaccinated & has natural immunity. He says that no long term safety studies were done on the vaccines but thinks it should be a choice. He says we do not need to mandate the vaccine but that the research says " <i>it does protect people from dying if you</i> 're are obese, over the age of 70 with 2 or 3 underlying medical conditions" and that it sounds like more like a therapeutic than a vaccine.

	Abortion Stance
Tudor Dixon	Tudor says her only exception for abortion is the life of the mother although in Sept '21 her position was NO exceptions. She says we need to be " <i>honest with young women about the joy of motherhood</i> " and " <i>we have to stop the lie that it's not a baby.</i> " " <i>It's very important to me to protect life.</i> " Tudor says there was an uptick in abortion in 2020 (the highest rate in 15 years) and that our state " <i>isn't providing what it needs to families</i> " to make sure they feel supported enough to afford to have a baby.
Ryan Kelley	Ryan believes "from the womb to the tomb, every life is precious" and that MI Law must uphold this basic biological principle. He say's it's a culture problem that the left "continues to push this lie that it's a right for a woman to have an abortion it's absolutely not a right. A new life, a new body, and a brand new strand of DNA starts at conception. We need to be very vocal about this. We need to make sure that as Republicans we stand on the truth and we stand on the side of God." He wants to fight to bring the pro-life culture back to Michigan and his only exception for abortion is the life of the mother.
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph says "For 35 years I've been a pastor supporting life because in Psalm 139 the Scriptures tell us that God intricately wove us in our mother's womb and that life begins at conception." He says he will sign any law that outlaws abortion because he is convinced it's murder. "It's murder", "we have to call it what it is." He does not believe any exceptions for abortion should be made.
Kevin Rinke	Kevin is Pro-life with exceptions: " <i>I believe in exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother</i> ". He is against taxpayer funded abortions. " <i>Personally, I'm pro life. If the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, what falls back is the state constitution which happens to prohibit abortion. And if that's the law of the land, then as governor, I'm going to enforce that law of the land.</i> " Per his non-answer and wavering at the Warren debate he does not appear to believe in life at conception.
Garrett Soldano	Garrett believes life starts at conception. He says women who are raped should not have abortions because "God put them in the moment. That little baby inside them might be the next president." His mom was adopted and if her birth mother had an abortion he wouldn't be here. He said instead of sending taxpayer money to planned parenthood we should send it to adoption centers, foster care centers and crisis pregnancy centers instead. His exception for abortion is the life of the mother. He says abortion providers shouldn't receive our hard-earned tax dollars. He's against the Plan B emergency contraception pill unless "you can prove conception didn't happen, you can use it."

	Stance on Illegal Immigration
Tudor Dixon	Tudor says housing migrant children supports criminal cartels and criticized Whitmer for allowing the federal government to temporarily house them at an Albion facility. " <i>Gretchen Whitmer supports the abuse of children at our southern border, because she's bringing them here</i> ." She opposes amnesty, wants to implement a statewide ban on sanctuary cities and require cities and local governments to comply fully with federal immigration law. She wants stiff penalties for politicians or government officials that willingly ignore federal immigration laws.
Ryan Kelley	Ryan is 100% against illegal immigration. "We must deport illegal immigrants and put Michigan <i>Citizens First!</i> " "Open borders is a disaster." He favors a moratorium on immigration and would not allow illegals to vote and says people here are struggling and that if we have all this extra money to support illegals & people around the world then we need to tax the people less and take care of our country first. He spoke at an Alma city meeting against zoning a Masonic lodge to house illegal immigrants. "Illegal immigration is a major threat to Michigan."
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph favors a moratorium on immigration and would bus illegals to Delaware to Biden's backyard. He's not in favor of bringing people into our state that will be a greater drain of resources. He says we need to take care of people in our state first. He also says he's "not responsible for the world" but would be responsible to Michigan citizens as governor. "Illegal immigrants should be sent back to their country of origin or from where they entered." He also wants to enforce immigration laws and wants legislation that closes loopholes.
Kevin Rinke	Speaking on illegal immigration Kevin said "Michigan is accepting people that have crossed the border illegally and those people have not been vetted so immigration and illegal immigration thru the southern border potentially is a security issue."
Garrett Soldano	Garrett is 100% against illegal immigration. He says the " <i>invasion</i> " brings higher crime rates and " <i>stress</i> " on our medical system & labor force. He won't allow illegals to be bused or flown in and says they aren't welcome in MI. " <i>We need to stop them from getting licenses and taking our jobs. We need to stop them from getting health care.</i> " "I'm all for the building the wall on the border."

	Views on Bipartisanship					
Tudor Dixon	Tudor says "it's a skill to learn to listen to people", "I'm a listener and I'm ready to listen to people on both sides." She says "It's time for us to sit down together and talk about what makes a family-friendly Michigan. And I believe that people on both sides of the aisle want to make sure that this state is thriving and right now now it's not." She goes on to say that we have problems in education and that "we can all get behind our kids having a world class education, and having no wrong path for students. Let's sit down and listen to one another." "We also need to make sure that this state is affordable and it's desirable for our middle class to come here because our businesses right now could be thriving, but they don't have a workforce. These are all things that we can come together on, sit down and listen, and work out a plan to make sure Michigan is number one for families." Tudor has also said "We have an opportunity to reach across the aisle and have parents come together and have dollars follow the child." "We're very much a purple state so we have to have policies that appeal to everyone including independents."					
Ryan Kelley	Ryan says bipartisanship from one party or the other "doesn't necessarily mean solutions for the people." He says we need to follow our constitution, uphold rights, and not overstep government boundaries. "I'm willing to work with any individuals that wanna do the right thing but I will not be compromising on our conservative values that will be bringing prosperity to the state." He's open to hard conversations saying "we listen, we learn, we understand, but we don't compromise on our values and we don't reach across the aisle to find compromise that benefit politicians instead of the people." He says right now is "the time to stand up for America" and not worry about "who's feelings you're gonna hurt" or "that everybody in the room is happy but everyone out there is getting screwed over."					

	"Compromise is what got us into the position that we're currently in." He says he will reach across the aisle "With a steel spine and strong conservative values with no compromise, no more BS, no more nonsense, it's time to fight for Michigan 1st, America 1st, and God is our #1 thing."
Ralph Rebandt	Ralph says "My entire experience as a pastor for 35 years has put me in front of people – husbands and wives, families, and even businesses that children inherit – who have been at each other's throats, ready to kill each other. I have been successful in counseling those families." He says he has 35 years of "the experience to bring people together that are at odds with one another." "I'll go anywhere to talk to anybody who disagrees with me." "I want to take the message of unity and bringing people together and that's why I'm here."
Kevin Rinke	Kevin says "I have led my companies, and the companies that I've worked for, for over 35 years by creating an environment for the people that I lead to be successful in. If we take Democrats and Republicans and we give them a survey for what they expect from government, interestingly enough, they agree on about 90%." "We're going to have a contract with Michigan that's common sense that both sides of the aisle can see that moves the state forward. We're going to disagree and fight like hell on the 10% that we don't agree on. And that's part of the process and that's part of what makes us great. But bringing people together is what executives do." "When you are talking about what benefits everyone you avoid partisanship." "As governor I'm gonna be representing 100% of the people of Michigan and do it with grace and dignity."
	He says " <i>it's time to have conversation again.</i> " Referencing his football locker room experience, he says he is bringing to the table experience dealing with people from a wide variety of backgrounds, values, and beliefs and suggests that we might have difficult conversations and we might have arguments "but if you have a great idea on how to move the state forward economically, how to invest in the long term energy dense solutions my door will always be open for that." Referencing the beginning of his grassroots groups he says he preached a message of unity. He says "we're sick and tired of the fringe left and the fringe right". "Most folks are in the middle." He said to take down a country "you do it from within. You do it with infighting." He has also said "It is time for unity now. United we stand, divided we fall." He says he would "restore faith in government" with "truth and transparency".

	Age	Declared Candidacy	Debates Attended	Debates Missed	Favorite President
Dixon	44	5/20/21	7	4	"Lincoln"
Kelley	41	2/01/21	11	1 * as a boycott	"Donald Trump!"
Rebandt	64	4/30/21	11	1 * excluded from	"I'm gonna say Donald Trump." He's also said "He's my favorite president. Because not only did he have awesome policies, but he had amazing tweets."
Rinke	61	9/10/21	7	3	"I'm giving you two, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan"
Soldano	44	4/28/21	7	3	"Ronald Reagan"

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## **Candidate Deeper Dives**



#### **Tudor Dixon:**

Website: <u>https://www.tudordixon.com</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/DixonForGovernor</u>

**Expanded Biography:** Tudor grew up in the Chicago suburbs and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky and once landed an internship on TV's *Rosie O'Donnell Show*. Dixon believes her first big break was working full time at the Oxygen Network cable channel as a production assistant during its startup year. She has a main background in the steel industry where she started with customer service before moving on into sales. She

was a Sales Manager for Michigan Steel, Director of Sales for Cast Steel Technology, and District Sales Manager for Finkl Steel. She made a name for herself as the chairwoman of the SFSA's Future Leaders Committee, which seeks to identify upcoming leaders in the steel casting industry and facilitate learning and networking opportunities.

At the end of her time at Michigan Steel she paused her career upon having children and being diagnosed with breast cancer. Around that time she was an actress in some low budget horror films. According to Mlive Tudor Dixon has a few tense scenes of sordidness and violence in the 2008 Kalamazoo-made film LexiBaby. She played a minor role in the 2009 horror film Buddy BeBop vs the Living Dead. She was briefly shown running away from two male zombies and then being eaten by them. In the credits, her role was described simply as "tag-teamed bopper." Tudor also played a prominent role in the Vampire series Transitions: The Series (2010-2011) and appeared in 11 episodes as a vampire who speaks with a British accent. In one episode, Dixon's character is shown with a large sword before a woman's neck is slashed and Ed appears to feed on the woman.

She Co-Founded Lumen Student News which led to her being approached to become a conservative commentator hosting "America's Voice Live" on the cable news network Real America's Voice.

#### **Patriot Credentials/How She Fought for Us:**

• Tudor Dixon began the Lumen Student News company in 2017 in an attempt to help High School students learn positive aspects of American history and culture to fight against CNN 10 broadcasts. "*I started really fighting for conservative values in 2017 when I left my job in manufacturing to speak out for children's voices and eventually moved on to a conservative network where we were amplifying all these things.*" The Lumen Student News organization was teaching young people to be informed and to think for themselves and was delivering 10 minutes of news to middle and high schoolers every weekday, year-round. The morning news programs were telling students about what was happening in their country and world, and exploring big topics like the importance of Free Speech and individual rights and provided pro-America, pro-Constitution content.

• Tudor began to speak out before the lockdowns. Tudor began to speak out further for job creators like Marlena Hackney, the Holland restaurant owner jailed for reopening her doors in defiance of Whitmer's unconstitutional orders, and for families like her own.

• In August 2021 she called on state legislators to investigate Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and 2020 election-related grants from nonprofits funded by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

#### **Candidate Controversies:**

• For months Tudor has been leading people to believe that Donald Trump has endorsed her even though he has NOT endorsed anyone as of 7/24/22.

• Tudor is not supported by the Michigan grassroots but is supported by RINO's such as Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, and former Michigan Governor John Engler. Tudor also has the establishment endorsement of the DeVos family who have been among Michigan's largest political donors for a decade. Many voters want to clean house and not have candidates owing favors to the donor class that don't actually look out for the interests of the people. Let us not forget that former U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos acknowledged she discussed invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump from office and resigned after realizing it wasn't viable. On April 14 2021, a new nonprofit called Tudor Dixon for Governor, Inc. was formed. Per Mlive the nonprofit filing is unusual, but not unprecedented. State records show former gubernatorial candidates Dick DeVos and Dick Posthumus both organized similar nonprofits for their runs. She might have gotten this idea which will allow dark money into her campaign from the DeVos family.

• Tudor has a pattern of not directly answering questions at Gubernatorial debates and that habit does not inspire trust or make us believe she will be fully transparent. She also did not sign <sup>38</sup> the Contract with Michigan and didn't attend several important early debates.

• In a 2021 Diamond and Silk interview <sup>33</sup> Tudor Dixon said regarding being a servant leader that she would make sure "*Whatever the rules are for you are the same rules for me.*" In 2022 some feel she didn't live up to her ideal when she chose to attend the Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference Debate where they treated the Gubernatorial candidates as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens and segregated them outdoors in a tent in lieu of them having to meet the COVID requirements of the entire conference. She could have lived up to her ideal by accepting to attend the alternate debate for those who would make a stand and boycott the debate. Some people feel this shows she would tolerate medical tyranny polices from the left more than a stronger conservative should.

• Tudor possibly lied at the 7/6/22 WoodTV debate <sup>48</sup> (timestamp 47:36) "When I walked out of a meeting with the Devos's and other business leaders, Garrett was ushered in after me, so I would guess he would have to explain why he would sit down with them if he thought so poorly of them.". Garrett immediately held up his rebuttal card and after her time explained: "Man you are really doing your role as an establishment politician because she's lying, every candidate in this room was at that same Business Association meeting and we were all in that banquet, I didn't get ushered in after, in a closed door behind scenes, not at all, and this is the establishment politicians that we're sick and tired of folks, giving us lip service, lying and not telling the truth." After the debate Soldano provide more info that it was a Restaurant Association meeting back in mid May and that Johnson, Craig, Dixon, Rinke, and possibly Rebandt were there. Soldano said the DeVos family showed up for the cocktail hour and he only had small talk which included how their education petition was going that lasted for about 45 seconds. There was no private meeting per Soldano.

This controversy continued at the Oakland University debate when Tudor said "How do you explain going to that meeting, I know you lied to the Michigan people that you did not go to a meeting to try to get the DeVos support, but this is your biggest attack against me, it was not a Restaurant Association, Kevin Rinke was there as well. We all went in individually and spoke".... (Rinke flashes his Rebuttal card) "and both Kevin Rinke and Garrett Soldano were looking for support from all of those same people that now they're so angry about, sounds like sour grapes to me sir," (Soldano flashes his Rebuttal card) "Sorry about your luck, you can't afford your campaign." Soldano then asks Rinke "Do you wanna go first or would you like me?". Rinke says, "Tudor I wasn't looking for anyones financial support, I didn't need it, I'm that the candidate that put his money where his mouth is, you wouldn't even be here without the DeVos's" Tudor interrupts "oh but you were there... looking for their support then?" Rinke continues, "I was there to present myself to the Restaurant Association and all those people to get to know me, the fact of the matter is the DeVos family owns you, you're our version of Gretchen Whitmer, you'll say anything, you'll do anything to get elected," Tudor interrupts and brings up a 2012 donation "why did you give money to Mitt Romney?" Rinke continues "just be honest Tudor, it's OK, tell the people the truth." On Soldano's rebuttal he says: "Yes it was a Restaurant Association, the very restaurants that I was standing up..." Tudor interrupts "well maybe they'll comment"... then as Soldano talks about standing up for restaurants Tudor interrupts and says "the DeVos' introduced you." Soldano continues, "and so here we go again with an establishment backed politition with her lies, trying to sugarcoat everything." Watch the whole clip https://t.me/MichiganCandidateVetting/23245 . We know for sure either 1 or 2 people are lying.

• At the Oakland University debate, Tudor, who after bragging about some RINO endorsements accused the other candidates of not doing anything. "*My opponents, what have they been doing? They've been talking at you. They've been puffing up their chests, and they've been running silly attack ads against me because they thought it was a popularity contest. They didn't realize it was about serving you.*" Statements like this are designed to fool people who don't follow closely. All the candidates have been busy campaigning since 2021 and some have been actively engaged in the conservative freedom movement. Her misleading statement rings hollow.

• Some take issue with her acting in the aforementioned horror films because of the gore and other actors in sexual scenes. We're left wondering if Tudor at one time wanted to be a professional actress as she did not directly answer the question from the Detroit news <sup>25</sup> when asked. She told them that acting was a hobby and that she was helping a group of people from Kalamazoo who were trying to learn about making films as a volunteer. When asked if she had wanted to become a professional actress she didn't directly answer the question and said "*I believe that you said you watched some of it, so I certainly hope you don't think that was ever a career goal of mine.*" According to the Transitions: The Series creator, she went thru the normal audition process and had a stronger skill set of acting abilities than some others.

• She has said *"We're very much a purple state."* We feel this is a weak statement. It is our opinion that considering all the voter fraud and years of disenfranchisement we think it's Michigan is red if everyone voted and voted legally.

• One very minor issue is that Tudor Dixon backtracked <sup>32</sup> on her abortion stance... in Sept '21 her position was NO exceptions but she now says her only exception for abortion is the life of the mother which is an extremely rare scenario nowadays with advances in medical care.



#### **Ryan Kelley:**

Website: <u>https://ryandkelley.com</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/minextgov</u> Telegram: <u>https://t.me/rkforgov</u> **Expanded Biography:** Ryan Kelley has been a Michigan resident for 35 years. He went to Grand Rapids community college where he studied electronic engineering. He began his career in telecommunications as a union employee with the CWA for over a decade with Ameritech. After that he worked in real estate where he built a multi-state franchise with a few different partners selling waterfront properties and he also served as the chief executive

officer. He now operates his own real estate brokerage where he specializes in new construction homes and commercial property sales.

Family life is very important to Ryan and in 2019 their family traveled from coast to coast, living in their RV for 5 months. Ryan and his wife are also Christians and are on their 10<sup>th</sup> year of homeschooling their kids. As far as what led Ryan to run for Governor, he says his wife encouraged him to make a bigger difference than the rallies he was attending. "A lot of prayer went into where to specifically go, God's number one in my life, as well as my relationship with my wife, and the Lord being the center of our marriage. So, lots of prayer, lots of talking between my wife and I, and there was a path that led this direction, so I'm following it as long as God keeps opening up those doors." He's also stated, "I'm on God's side. I have a strong message and I'm not scared, and I speak it clearly, strong conservative values, and it's attracting people to our message."

Ryan Kelley is a teetotaler as he doesn't drink alcohol. At multiple debates Ryan has shown that he a good sense of humor by cracking jokes on the fly when unexpected things have happened. His positions on the issues are grounded in our national and state constitution. He is *"a limited government guy"* and his <u>first 100 days Plan</u> outlines his plans for Michigan.

#### Patriot Credentials/How He Fought for Us:

• Ryan founded the American Patriot Council who's mission was to restore and sustain a constitutional government in the United States of America and who organized nationwide Freedom Marches in 2020 and multiple Freedom rallies in Lansing at the capitol, notably the April 30th, 2020 rally that inspired similar activities across the nation.

• In July 2020 he took a case to the FBI and DOJ in Michigan to hold Whitmer accountable for violations of federal law, violations of the US Constitution, for putting COVID-19 positive patients in nursing homes, and for her vetoing of Senate bill 956 which would have stopped putting COVID-19 positive patients in nursing homes which he said shows malicious intent on her part. After that meeting he had several follow ups with US Attorneys and Special Agents.

• After election day 2020 he protested for two days outside the TCF center at the two election integrity rallies there. He also helped to organize and host three Stop the Steal rallies at the Lansing Capitol building in November & December. He also attended the January 6th rally at the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC.

• After the George Floyd incident in May 2020 BLM/Antifa had rallies in Allendale calling for a Confederate statue's removal. Kelley organized and participated in counter-protests and did not let them tear it down or destroy it. He says the progressive radical left will not tear down our history and our country.

Ryan has been a busy freedom fighter. He has permanent Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn bans and he's locked on TikTok and can't post anymore. To save space we will refer you to where he lists all he has done in 2020 and 2021 as it's too much to list here.
 How Ryan Kelley Fought For You in 2020 <a href="https://ryandkelley.com/ryan-kelley-2020">https://ryandkelley.com/ryan-kelley-2020</a>
 How Ryan Kelley Fought For You in 2021 <a href="https://ryandkelley.com/ryan-kelley-2021">https://ryandkelley.com/ryan-kelley-2020</a>

#### **Candidate Controversies:**

• Ryan attended the January 6th rally at the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC. in order to show his support for President Donald Trump, which the mainstream media have falsely claimed was an insurrection. It was a mostly peaceful protest and evidence has surfaced that the violence was a setup. Pelosi's Capitol Police denied the Trump request for 10,000 National Guard, there were federal and Antifa instigators dressed as Trump supporters who broke windows, removed barricades, and opened doors. Ryan was arrested 6/9/22 when the FBI raided his house and was charged with multiple alleged misdemeanors (unauthorized entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct, knowingly engaging in an act of physical violence against a person or property, and willfully injuring property)<sup>43</sup> but Ryan states that he committed no crimes. The timing of his arrest was very suspicious as the previous night Biden threatened <sup>50</sup> to throw his opponents in jail and the arrest was just hours before the Select Committee on Jan. 6 was launching its prime-time sham trial. Ryan says he never entered the Capitol building. "*I never went inside the Capitol building, never had the intention to and did not go inside, nor did I have any altercation with police officers. That was never the intention <sup>42</sup>." Kelley says he left the scene around 2:45 pm. after learning that Ashli Babbitt had been killed. "<i>As far as going through any barricades, or doing anything like that, I never took part in any forceful anything,*" "Once things started getting crazy, *I left.*"

• Misinformation is being spread that Ryan's alleged misdemeanor charges would disqualify him from public office. That's not the case in Michigan and even if he were to end up in jail he could still win and serve and even Dana Nessel the current Attorney General admits it <sup>52</sup> (in between her normal dishonest narrative spinning). In Michigan even a felony wouldn't disqualify him unless it happened while in public office.

• Ryan is being targeted by the left with silencing tactics, smear campaigns, fake campaign websites, as well as a frivolous lawsuit to try to get him removed from the ballot over false insurrection allegations (which was dismissed on 7/21/22). They apparently have never looked up insurrection in the dictionary. A fake Michigan Tea Party Twitter channel @MichiganTea is even trying to claim audio "*Come on, let's go! This is it! This is, this is war baby!*" likely from John Sullivan (Jayden X) in a Jan 6 video was Kelley. Ryan has said <sup>49</sup> it was not him it's a "*baseless claim*", "*it's not me saying that.*" More fake news related to the Jan 6 charges was that there was a court order for him to surrender his guns. That was not true... the word used by the court was possess. Another smear is taking his words out of context: "*We need to start blowing up law enforcement across this nation, and we need to make a big deal out of this.*" The full quote <sup>51</sup> actually was "*We need to start blowing up law enforcement across this nation, and we need to make a big deal out of this.* No more lawsuits, no more thinking a court is going to handle this. These are criminals, and we need to blow it up across the country that these people need to be prosecuted and put into prison." Even MLIVE <sup>44</sup> got in on it when they cropped the beginning part of his voter fraud interview question and instead put … (3 dots) indicating it wasn't the full quote. Oddly AirBnb also banned him <sup>61</sup> after a recent stay even though the host said "*Ryan was an ideal guest.*"

• Ryan was misquoted by CNN that at a 1/29/21 Livingston county event he called for <u>observers</u> to unplug machines at the next election if they see fraud. Ryan was referring to <u>trained</u> election inspectors who were hired by the state or county and working the election and if they were actually witnessing fraud happening, for them to take action. Ryan explained <sup>52</sup> "*My message was that if individuals working the* 

election inspect fraud that they repair the injury. I stand by that 100%. The left is mad that we're taking control of the narrative and we will not let them steal another election." He says that he hasn't seen a law that says that IF as a trained poll worker if you should witness fraud on election night while working as a poll worker that it wouldn't be a legal thing to do. He also says <sup>58</sup> "we're not looking to cheat, we're not looking to steer the election one way or another, we want a fair valid election." He referenced Michigan Election Law 168.799 and a prior official Michigan.gov statement from the Attorney General Dana Nessel on 7/18/20 "When you see something that is not right, you have a moral obligation to do something, say something." as backing his prior statements.

• Ryan and his wife did a YouTube challenge "my husband let me do his makeup" and yet people are trying to say he is a drag queen.

• There was controversy when Ryan didn't attend the Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference Debate. His position was the candidates were treated as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens and segregated in a tent outdoors from the main conference which had COVID requirements for entry. He boycotted the debate <sup>41</sup> even though he lost out on the TV publicity because as conservatives he said we shouldn't legitimize the leftist COVID narrative and medical tyranny. He also mentioned that it was a "*rules for thee and not for me*" type situation as well and that he wanted to fight against the show me your papers type of society. His full statements: https://ryandkelley.com/mackinac-policy-conference



#### **Ralph Rebandt:**

Website: https://www.ralphrebandtforgovernor.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ralphrebandtforgovernor **Expanded Biography:** Ralph was raised in Woodhaven, Wayne County. He served as lead pastor for Oakland Hills Community Church, Farmington Hills for 35 years. He is chaplain for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police, Farmington Hills Police Department, Beverly Hills Police Department, and serves on the board for the Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Advisory Committee. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education from Summit University, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; Master's Degree in Religious

Education and Master of Divinity Degree from Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia, where he graduated magna cum laude and acquired credits in the Ph.D. program. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the Michigan Laborers Union, and the United Steelworkers. He served as Religious Advisor on Governor Engler's Sex and Drugs Education Task Force and as a member for Farmington Families in Action. Presently, he serves as a member of the Board of Governors for the Council for National Policy in Washington, D.C., and as a member of Farmington Hills Suicide Awareness for Everyone. He and his high school sweetheart, Carol, were married in 1976 and have four grown children and sixteen grandchildren. They live in Oakland County, Michigan.

All of his policies would be implemented thru a biblical worldview as well as a constitutional standpoint. He says that unless we get God right, nothing else will matter, and the claims of socialism and communism will find a place in the public square and in the marketplace of ideas. He would use a "*roundtable*" with 9 segments of society to discuss issues with citizens and would restore the foundation of our National Motto "In God We Trust".

During the time frame that Rebandt was praying on whether or not to run for office he says he received confirmation on Mackinaw island while sitting on a bench when a stranger gave him a coin with a Lighthouse on it. <sup>36</sup> This is significant because of Ralph's idea of a campaign of making Michigan a Lighthouse to the Nation, and the Lighthouse Initiative. The stranger said "*I'd like to give this coin to you in the name of Jesus Christ*". Ralph said "*thank you he's my savior and my Lord*". He flipped the coin over and on the back was a bible verse that said "Send Forth Your Truth and Light" Ralph says he looked up to ask why he gave the coin to him but the guy wasn't there. Ralph believes that it was likely an angel because the stranger could only have gotten 8 steps away after he looked up. Ralph says he got up and looked around for the guy but he couldn't find him.

#### **Patriot Credentials/How He Fought for Us:**

• The bulk of his actions were behind the scenes. During the height of COVID and the mandates Ralph was counseling police officers, parents, children, and others who were suicidal or who thought they would die of COVID. He was signing religious exemptions for college students, doctors, nurses and military members.

• He only shut down his church for a few weeks. His church sign out front said "*Worship was essential*" and he didn't require masks. He and a group also went to Target without masks on and watched people freak out.

• He was at TCF center when many were locked out... he showed his badge and got inside to witness the fraud. He filed an affidavit with Trump's lawyers, filed an affidavit with the State of Michigan, and gave testimony to the State. He put up a billboard on 96 saying "*Dear Joe, when I'm elected Governor you will never see another stolen election.*"

• Ralph has attended many rally's and has spoke at some.

#### **Candidate Controversies:**

• Some voters have concerns that Ralph is too outwardly religious to win the statewide vote and that he isn't enough of a fighter to take on Gretchen Whitmer.

• Ralph chose to attend the Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference Debate where they treated the Gubernatorial candidates as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens and segregated them outdoors in a tent in lieu of them having to meet the COVID requirements of the entire conference. He declined to attend the alternate debate for those who would make a stand and boycott the debate. Some people feel this weakened his medical freedom stance.

• At a debate Ralph accused Ryan Kelley of saying that he was the only one who stood up and Ralph took offense at that. In a 4/20/22 Ron Jolly interview <sup>21</sup> Ryan said "All throughout 2020 I'm the only gubernatorial candidate with the boldness and the courage to actually take the lead to pushback against Gretchen Whitmer and everything that we saw happening in our state when our freedoms were under attack." At the time of this guide we couldn't find a closer quote. It's possible Ryan misspoke or that Ralph thought it meant that he didn't do anything and ignored his important public service as a pastor.

• At the 7/21/22 LCRP Barn Party, Ralph was talking with and then took a photograph with Texas RINO Dan Crenshaw who voted for Red Flag laws, and who is also a World Economic Forum sellout. Ralph wrote "honored to share the stage with former navy seal congressman Dan Crenshaw. Dan shared a powerful speech about heroism and true patriotism!" Some grassroots feel this is a bad sign.



#### **Kevin Rinke:**

#### Website: https://rinkeformichigan.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/KevinRinkeMI

**Expanded Biography:** Kevin started his career working at the family automotive business, picking up trash, cleaning customer restrooms and washing cars. Dedicated to understanding the business from the ground up, Kevin worked his way through every department in the business under the tutelage of the employees and management team. After graduating from Michigan State in 1983, Kevin joined the family business on a full-time basis. His father's dream was to have his sons succeed him in the dealerships he created and loved. Unfortunately, in January of 1988, Kevin's

brother and business partner died in an airplane accident, a tragedy that shaped both Kevin's life and his approach to business. As the head of the Rinke Automotive Group, Kevin was known for a leadership style that welcomed input from every team member. He considered various perspectives prior to decision-making, encouraging collaboration, and making the right choice the first time. Under Kevin's leadership, the Rinke Automotive Group became one of the most successful private dealership groups in the country, providing goodpaying jobs and quality healthcare to thousands of Michigan families. He has also been an executive for Penske Automotive and Sonic Automotive, two of the largest publicly traded auto dealerships in the world. He once worked for President Gerald Ford post presidency and considers him a mentor.

Rinke was inspired to run for governor by his son. "My wife and my son Grant and I were in our family room, and I was complaining about the direction of Michigan." "I was complaining about Gretchen Whitmer. I was complaining about the political environment that existed and how petty it was and how it wasn't serving the people of Michigan, and I said to my wife, 'I think we should move out.' To my utter surprise, my son just looked at me and said, 'Dad, that is total BS.' I said, 'What do you mean?' And he says … 'Instead of moving out, why don't you fix it?'" Rinke also credited "voting irregularities that threaten the integrity of our elections" and "critical race theory" for reasons as to why he launched his campaign.

Rinke is self funding his campaign and said he will invest at least \$10 million of his own money. On his policies Kevin focuses on his business experience and says government needs to be accountable, and that he "spent significant time as a businessman in Lansing learning how the process works, so not only do I have the business experience in private business, public business but I've also got political experience with the process in Lansing."

#### **Patriot Credentials/How He Fought for Us:**

• Rinke says during COVID he didn't comply with face masks, says he researched and challenged, and says he contacted judges and encouraged them to enforce the laws of the state.

#### **Candidate Controversies:**

• In the 1990's Rinke was sued <sup>54</sup> for making sexual and racist comments. Rinke maintains <sup>35</sup> the accusations were not true. He says the same lawyer represented all 4 employees and the suits were all filed at the same time and the case from the 4<sup>th</sup> employee was dropped after 3 days with no settlement. Rinke says he fired the insurance company that said he had to settle and that he didn't want to settle because it wasn't true. He says there were 39 depositions over 3 years and he was 2 weeks away from going to court and the plaintiffs came to him and said they wanted to get out of the case. Kevin says he settled for \$5000 each and they dropped the case instead of him paying \$200,000 to fight it in court.

• Rinke at times appears to be a moderate with his positions and statements. One such moderate sounding statement was: "*Michigan's a purple state, and this is going to be a tough election. It's going to be decided by people who have traditionally struggled with President Trump.*" <sup>46</sup> He says "*We're gonna win over the traditional Reagan Democrat, or maybe the female suburban moms who didn't like some of the tweets or didn't like some of the actions.*" Kevin has sat down with Trump but he also is distancing himself from him when he says he wouldn't have the "same rhetoric" as Trump. As far as saying we are a purple state we feel this is a weak statement. It is our opinion that considering all the voter fraud and years of disenfranchisement we think it's Michigan is red if everyone voted and voted legally.

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• Rinke may have lied about the DeVos or Restaurant Association meeting as discussed in the Tudor Dixon controversy section. We know either 1 or 2 people are lying.



#### Garrett Soldano:

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**Expanded Biography:** As a young child, Garrett grew up in a trailer park, and witnessed his parents pull their family out of poverty and reclaim the American Dream. His dad joined the Michigan National Guard, and instilled a fierce love for country and sense of duty in Garrett that he has carried with him his entire life. His family eventually moved to Lenawee County, where Garrett graduated from Onsted High School before receiving his bachelor's degree in

Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University. He played football for the WMU Broncos for 5 years, and signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears but was cut before the season began. After his dream to become an NFL football player had faded, he returned to Onsted, where he got a job in construction, digging ditches. While digging ditches Garrett did a tremendous amount of soul searching to figure out what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. After his mentor gave him the advice to "follow your heart", he decided to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, and has since dedicated his life and career to relieving pain and encouraging healthy, abundant lifestyles.

Governor Whitmer's unconstitutional executive orders have impacted Garrett personally. Like thousands of small business owners across Michigan, he was forced to navigate excessive restrictions, regulations and job-killing lockdowns that defied science and common sense. This motivated Garrett to mobilize hundreds of thousands of everyday citizens to Stand Up for Michigan, defend our constitutional freedoms, sacred values, citizen rights and peacefully rally to re-open and rebuild our state.

Garrett says he was waiting for someone to step up to run for governor but his wife later convinced him to. They homeschool their kids so they don't experience the trauma of mask mandates or get exposed to the "*CRT garbage*". Soldano has always been spiritual, but he became Catholic to marry his wife Jennifer and found that he loved it. <sup>20</sup> "*I'm a ceremonial guy – I love mass and the celebration.*" "*I then realized the miracle of the mass. I feel like a knight when I take communion.*" He does not oppose same-sex "*unions*" with the same benefits as marriage but wished "*they would have respected my (Catholic) religion and called it something else.*"

#### **Patriot Credentials/How He Fought for Us:**

• On 4/9/20 Soldano started the Facebook Page Michiganders Against Excessive Quarantine which grew to 386,227 members before being shutdown by Facebook. On 4/11/20 StandUpMichigan.com was created and they eventually became a non-profit opposed coronavirus policies in Michigan.

- Garrett Co-Chaired the Unlock Michigan petition campaign that revoked the 1945 law that allowed Whitmer to abuse her power.
- For speaking truths he's been banned from YouTube and Facebook.
- He has helped promote the recruiting of election inspectors for the 2022 election.

#### **Candidate Controversies:**

• There is major controversy <sup>53</sup> surrounding the transition to StandUp Michigan according to Kevin Skinner and others. Soldano eventually stepped down to run for governor but the main argument is that Garrett sold out the grassroots to former politician Ron Armstrong for \$20,000 and that Ron made the group more about money and merchandise while also not being transparent with the bookkeeping. Skinner says <sup>53</sup> Ron was only concerned with small wins to give the appearance of change. Kevin said that the 1945 law was ruled unconstitutional and didn't actually need to be repealed. That leads into Garrett co-chairing the Unlock Michigan petition campaign that took attention away from Katherine Henry's petition which was said to be more comprehensive and effective than the Unlock 1.0 petition. Many believe the Unlock 1.0 petition kept people occupied and spinning their wheels instead of affecting more robust changes. Time showed that Whitmer switched tactics away from using the 1945 Law to using the health department codes instead to maintain the lockdowns.

• Many believe Unlock Michigan and StandUp are intertwined as one organization with a "thin veil" between them. We would need more research to prove that but many were upset when a non-profit called Michigan, My Michigan which is owned by RINO Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, gave \$550,000 to the Unlock Michigan campaign <sup>59</sup>. The claim is that this donation compromises Soldano.

• Garrett chose to attend the Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference Debate where they treated the Gubernatorial candidates as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens and segregated them outdoors in a tent in lieu of them having to meet the COVID requirements of the entire conference. He

declined to attend the alternate debate for those who would make a stand and boycott the debate. Some people feel this weakened his medical freedom stance and we saw lots of social media posts of upset people switching away from Soldano because of it.

• An article from US Against Media <sup>62</sup> claimed that Soldano was chased out of Florida in 2018 for selling fake stem cell therapy and ripping off seniors for \$5k a pop and that he was trying to get connected to sell phony blood and COVID-19 tests. The sources were unnamed and when asked for a citation, US Against Media responded "*I cannot reveal some of our sources unfortunately… They wish to remain anonymous.*" When we asked "*So you trust your sources were telling the absolute truth*?" US Against Media responded "*I do… Garrett is for Garrett and that is all. Period.*" We still feel that with unnamed sources we aren't comfortable trusting this claim. Soldano says he wasn't chased out of Florida. He says the research on stem cell therapy looks promising but he never sold any.

• Garrett did not sign <sup>38</sup> the Contract with Michigan and didn't attend several important early debates. Many say he's too focused on fundraising.

• Some people are rubbed the wrong way because Soldano resigned from StandUp yet still tries to take credit for their actions. Many more people have reported that he has banned them from Facebook or Telegram just for asking questions. Still more are irritated with various misleading claims made such as when he claimed "*we are the only frontrunner for Governor to NOT have our nominating petitions challenged*." His claim was subjective because other candidates weren't challenged and one was also considered a frontrunner.

• Some people said they can't take him seriously after seeing his Juice+ MLM motivational videos <sup>56</sup> where he was dressed as Deadpool and talking about pissing rainbows and pooping glitter.

• Garrett may have lied about the DeVos or Restaurant Association meeting as discussed in the Tudor Dixon controversy section. We know either 1 or 2 people are lying.

• According to BridgeMI <sup>55</sup> he says his work in StandUp Michigan made him a target of the "*woke left and their cancel culture*." and has twice had to move his wife and kids to undisclosed locations "*because we had a guy on video saying he's gonna come shotgun me dead in the streets*." Apparently he reported an alleged death threat to police in Oct 2020, but the man who made the shotgun threat was a fellow Stand Up Michigan member and not the "woke left mob."

• Some reviews of his book God's True Law, a parent's guide to raising successful children, say that he barely mentions God in it.

## **Regarding Endorsements**

We feel endorsements should be taken with a grain of salt because with most endorsements you don't know what the full endorsement process was, if any politics was in play, or even if money was paid for the endorsement... yeah... I'm surprised too... there is indeed chatter across the country that this is a thing where statewide power brokers sell endorsements. Some state GOP members have provided President Trump with lists of names of people to endorse, and along with that are claims of pay to play schemes.

What endorsements often do is create buzz. They don't actually change the underlying qualities of the candidate. These endorsements are many times what under-informed voters use to decide... it's the lazy route and shouldn't replace proper research and vetting. Even President Trump has occasionally picked wrong with his endorsements and the voters in those states actually overruled his pick and voted in a better candidate. Other times a terrible RINO pick still ended up winning the primary. That's where the power of research comes in. Being fully informed voters is what's gonna get us better candidates into office who will actually work for the people. We have to get away from the big money establishment candidates who all endorse each other and can afford to send 100's of mailers of things that people wanna hear but that they don't actually practice while in office.

Regarding **Right to Life** endorsements: They have a policy of automatically endorsing the incumbent even if another candidate is **MORE** Pro-Life. Apparently incumbents can get this endorsement as long as they did not vote for abortion laws or funding. Right to Life also doesn't give out honorable mentions or seals of approvals if multiple candidates are Pro-life which leaves the establishment incumbent or other endorsed candidate able to unfairly claim that other candidates are not Pro-Life even when they are. Right to Life even once pulled their endorsement of an incumbent commissioner candidate, who was also a Pro-Life volunteer, not because of any abortion stance, but because they voiced concerns about election integrity. So unfortunately it appears that the Right To Life PAC has been co-opted by a donor class who are NOT social conservatives and as a result we feel that their endorsements are not to be fully trusted.

The DeVos affiliated PACs refuse to support any candidates running on election integrity, and refuse to support anyone calling for a forensic audit. They also desire to punish any candidate with a Trump endorsement. Their fake conservative NeverTrump PACs include the Great Lakes Education Project, Michigan Opportunity Alliance, and the Michigan Freedom Fund. Candidates endorsed by these PACs are most likely NOT the true conservative grassroots. Kevin Rathburn, a Trump-endorsed state House candidate says <sup>63</sup> that the Michigan Freedom Fund explicitly told him they would endorse him only if he agreed to "*refrain from talking about VOTER FRAUD and rely solely on the establishment talking points.*" He did NOT agree and politely ended the call.

# **Regarding Polling and Funding**

Remember in 2016 when all the polls had Donald Trump losing to Clinton? Yeah, we do too. Some polls are paid for by establishment pollsters and used to create the result they desire. Some pollsters are even hired by candidates. Be cautious of AstroTurf type, narrative shaping polling that's designed to sway public opinion towards candidates. Remember when Clinton outspent Trump by a factor of 2 to 1... by \$200 million? Ah yes, so do we. Not being rich, well-funded, or a big spender doesn't mean you can't win. Edward Durr, a truck driver with no political experience raised and spent roughly \$10,000 yet defeated New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney, one of the most powerful Democrats in New Jersey who spent at least \$490,000 on his campaign and still lost. No more scarcity mentality for us! We will elect better candidates because we deserve them!

## Just Tell Me Who to Vote For!!!

Here's our advice to you. We would strongly recommend you read thru this guide, watch as many previous candidate Forums/Debates as you can (which we list at <u>https://t.me/MichiganCandidateVetting/21488</u>), and also visit the candidate websites to get a full understanding of all the candidates. We would also highly recommend that you attend an event, meet the candidates in person, and ask them a question. Treat mailers very low as far as trusted information sources as the negative ones often twist the truth and ones from candidates themselves might just be telling you what you want to hear and also potentially twisting the truth. Also some mailers might be funded by dark money Democrats posing as America 1<sup>st</sup> grassroots candidates.

If you still just want someone to help you decide then how about we tell you who NOT to vote for with reasons why. Since we are a grassroots group we can't in good faith recommend voting for Tudor Dixon or Kevin Rinke when there are more conservative candidates with more "fight" to choose from who also have business experience. Dixon has very little grassroots support, is too close to the establishment, has dodged questions at debates, skipped the most debates and has shown some shady behaviors as described in her controversies section. We also aren't buying the argument that Whitmer has to face another woman so she can't pull the sexist card. Rinke also has very little grassroots support and has also dodged questions at debates, skipped important debates and we don't like his moderate stance on some issues especially on his fence riding views on the fraud that stole the 2020 election from President Trump. The <u>2000 Mules documentary</u> and other revelations make it nearly indisputable that more illegal ballots were cast than the margin of victory Trump needed in order to win. So that narrows your grassroots choices down to Ryan Kelley, Ralph Rebandt, and Garrett Soldano. If you want to discuss things with other voters/researchers come join us in the vetting group as we are continuing our research right up to the election.

## **Important Primary Races**

#### **Critical Primary Races**

• Mike Detmer must beat Lana Theis (District 22 State Senate) • John Gibbs must beat Peter Meijer (District 3 Congress)

Important Primary Races (partial list of grassroots going against RINO's or DeVos PAC endorsed candidates)

• Jake Hagg (Write-In) over Tom Barrett (District 7 Congress)

• Robert Regan over Mike Milanowski & John Wetzel (District 84 State House)

- Larry Hull over Geyer Balog & Cam Cavitt (District 106 State House)
- Austin Kreutz over Ed McBroom (District 20 State Senate)
- Keith Hinkle over Mark Huizenga (District 30 State Senate)
- Jonathan Lindsey over Kim LaSata (District 17 State Senate)
- Gary Mitchell over Matt Hall (District 42 State House)
- Diane Randall (#1), Kim Morley (#2) over Ken Borton

## **Voted Absentee and Want to Change your Vote?**

If you have become unhappy with who you previously voted for based upon new information you can spoil your absentee ballot with your local city/township clerk and then re-cast a vote for a better candidate. Contact your local city/township clerk to fill out an official written request to throw out your previous vote so you can cast a new vote. This must be done BEFORE election day.



# **Upcoming November 2022 General Election preview**

- These are the previously nominated candidates that we need to get elected in November:
- Attorney General: Matt DePerno
- Secretary of State: Kristina Karamo
- Michigan Board of Education: Linda Lee Tarver and Tamara Carlone
- Michigan State Trustee: Mike Balow and Travis Menge
- UofM Regent: Lena Epstein and Sevag Vartanian
- Governor: Republican candidate to be determined after the August primary

• Ballot Proposals: There will be some terrible ballot proposals in November with good sounding language. Look for our upcoming November Voter guide for what to vote for or not vote for.

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