



Community Impact Team

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Members of the Community Impact Team collected the following information from Candidate Questionnaire responses.

Please call Jim Goveia at 579-6805 if you have any questions.

Montana Ballot Initiatives

CI-132 — Judicial Elections Stay Nonpartisan (constitutional)

What it does: Locks current practice into the constitution — no party labels on judicial ballots, so a future legislature can't make judge races partisan.

Pro

- Keeps judges accountable to law, not party platforms
- Blocks the partisan-judiciary bills that failed in the 2025 session from coming back via statute
- Popular cross-group support (102K+ signatures)

Con

- MT GOP opposes: party labels give voters *more* information; calls the current Supreme Court a "partisan Democrat bench"
- Big-money critique: ~79% of its \$2.79M came from four donor-secret 501(c)(4)s

CI-133 — Protect the Citizen Initiative Process (constitutional)

What it does: Shields ballot initiatives from government interference — 90-day review deadline, ample signature time, legal challenges resolved before ballots are finalized, no disqualification for minor technical defects, signature-withdrawal rights.

Pro

- Direct response to real interference (AG's own finding against this measure was overturned; 2024 SOS directive blocked signature counting)
- Makes citizen lawmaking — a 1972 constitutional right — harder to kill on technicalities

Con

- Chief Justice Swanson dissented: the language constrains core judicial function (courts can't control case timelines)
- "Opens the door to endless litigation" over what counts as a "minor" defect (Rep. Mitchell)
- >99% of its funding from three undisclosed-donor nonprofits (incl. Bloomberg-linked)

I-194 — Ban Corporate/Entity Election Spending (statutory)

What it does: Prohibits "artificial persons" (corporations, nonprofits, trusts, trade associations, unions) from spending anything of value on candidates, parties, or ballot issues. Penalty: forfeit the right to do business in Montana. Exempts news media, individuals, political committees. A state-level Citizens United counter.

Pro

- Removes corporate treasury/dark money from MT elections
- Unusual cross-partisan backing: ex-Gov. Racicot (R) + Bullock, Tester, AOC, Buttigieg
- Small-business owners already engage as individuals, not via business checkbooks

Con

- Chamber of Commerce: prevents businesses from "defending themselves" in policy fights
- Statutory only — a future legislature can weaken or repeal it
- Severe penalty (total business forfeiture) even for minor violations
- Head-on collision with *Citizens United* — near-certain federal lawsuit if it passes

Gallatin County Ballot Initiative

Gallatin County — Nonpartisan County Elections (all precincts)

What it does: Changes elections for ALL elected county officials (Commissioners, Sheriff/Coroner, County Attorney, Treasurer/Assessor, Clerk, Auditor, Superintendent of Schools, Clerk of Court) from partisan to nonpartisan. Authorized by HB 129 (2019); simple majority. Passed the Commission 2-1 — and the *same question failed in 2019*.

Pro

- Statistically weighted county survey: **72% agreed** county leadership should be nonpartisan
- Sheriff/treasurer/clerk are service jobs — party labels add little; matches the nonpartisan model Montana already uses for judges
- Takes local races off the national-politics battlefield

Con

- Commissioner Zach Brown: risks "two classes of voters" — without party cues, casual voters have less to go on
- Study commissioner EJ Porth's own concern: candidate info becomes *harder* to find in nonpartisan races (recommends county-funded voter guides as mitigation)
- Rejected once already (2019), and split even within county government

City of Bozeman — Amended City Charter + 3 Sub-Options (city precincts only)

What it does: No yes/no on the ballot — two ovals, *both* starting "FOR": the 2006 charter vs. "FOR" the 2026 amended charter. Sub-options only count if the charter passes. Effective July 2027; ward elections + 2 new seats start with the 2029 election.

Pro (Study Commission, BozemanStudy.com)

- Keeps the commission-manager structure; modernizes it — mayor elected directly to a full 4-year term (now 2 yrs deputy → 2 yrs mayor), citizen board sets commissioner pay instead of commissioners setting their own
- Wards give every neighborhood a resident commissioner; 6 seats = more viewpoints; ward-only voting stops citywide voting blocs from deciding who represents a neighborhood

Con (Send It Back Bozeman, bozemancharter2026.com)

- Article VIII hands the **unelected Inter-Neighborhood Council** four powers no other city board has: mandatory early consultation on planning/policy/budget commission must explain itself on the record whenever it disagrees, a dedicated full-time city liaison and exemption from the ethics code (§8.04(D)(2))
- Their disclosure critique: five official online summaries and the mailed voter pamphlet never spell out those powers — "Article VIII" appears on none of the city's official pages
- Confusing ballot design (no "no" option, no measure number) — declining the new draft means filling the "2006 charter" oval.

UNITED STATES SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

FOR VOTER GUIDE INFORMATION GO TO: www.ivoterguide.com

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 29

THE ISSUES	JASON GUNDERSON	SCOTT ROSENZWEIG
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose - People who commit crimes should not be rewarded for their misdeeds.	Did Not Reply

8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Support & Oppose - I support certain limitations ease the impact of dispensaries, while also considering that it is more of a City Issue than a State Issue.	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Pro-life with exception	Did Not Reply

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 31

THE ISSUES

RICHARD AUNGIER

KATHLEEN WILLIAMS

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply

5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Pro-life with exception	Did Not Reply

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 32

THE ISSUES	NEAL GANSER	KELLY KORTUM
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply

3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Pro-life without exception	Did Not Reply

THE ISSUES	CARL ANDERSON	CALEB HINKLE
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Did Not Reply	Support
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Did Not Reply	Support
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Did Not Reply	Support
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Did Not Reply	Support
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Did Not Reply	Support
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life without exception

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 57

THE ISSUES	BOB CRANK	JORDAN VIEGUT
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Decline to Respond	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Decline to Respond	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply

10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.

Pro-life with exception

Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

THE ISSUES

JOSHUA CONGLETON

JAMIE L ISALY

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 59

THE ISSUES

KATIE FIRE THUNDER

MARC GREENDORFER

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.

Did Not Reply

Support

2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

Did Not Reply

Support

3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.

Did Not Reply

Support

4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.

Did Not Reply

Support

5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.

Did Not Reply

Support

6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Support
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life with exception

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 60

THE ISSUES	ALANAH GRIFFITH	GREG LEMAN
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Did Not Reply	Support
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Did Not Reply	Support
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Did Not Reply	Support

4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Did Not Reply	Support
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Did Not Reply	Support
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Oppose - I'm running for the state legislature and I believe this issue should be decided by local governments. I'm opposed to them in my own town.
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life without exception

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 61

THE ISSUES	RIO ROLAND	ERIC JACOBS
All Questions	Did Not Reply	Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 62

THE ISSUES	ESTHER FISHBAUGH	JOSHUA A SECKINGER
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Support	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply

10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.

Pro-life without exception - I support life for all unborn but I will vote incrementally to limit or restrict abortion until we can protect all life in the womb.

Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 63

THE ISSUES

LAWRENCE R MOORE

PETER STRAND

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 64

THE ISSUES

BRADY BREMER

DANIEL RICARDO MARTINEZ*

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.

Did Not Reply

Support

2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

Did Not Reply

Support

3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.

Did Not Reply

Support - The reason our constitution has last as long as it has is having been built on biblical principles. Next longest was around 20 years.

4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.

Did Not Reply

Support

5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.

Did Not Reply

Support

6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose - I strongly oppose. Even biblically boarders arent arbitrary.
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose - Government assistance should only assist with health and then relocation to home. Im very against illegal immigration having grown-up seeing it 1st hand.
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Oppose - But like casinos, bars and other sin tax related businessees i don't see how we can force them out constitutionally.
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose - Only if proven parents are unsafe to kids.
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life with exception - only exception to me is if birth is going to kill mother or child and only 1 can be saved. Having been involved in a abortion i know the mental, spiritual and emotional damage of it...

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 65

THE ISSUES

BRIAN CLOSE*

JOE FLYNN

All Questions	1st Response - I will happily discuss these and other concerns with the church in person. 2nd Response is below and could not be printed in full.	
1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Oppose - Voter impersonation is not a real problem...	Support
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Oppose - I support the right to have firearms. But a right ends when it harms others...	Support
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Support
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Oppose - the top income in the state has been given unwarranted tax breaks, creating a budget crisis...	Support
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Oppose - Nationwide, before the recent ban, there were a total of NINE transgender persons in college athletics...	Support
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Support - The US Supreme Court ruled as far back as 1914 that the federal government cannot commandeer local law enforcement...	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose - Most illegal immigrants contribute to the social security system with no expectation of getting social security with no expectation of being repaid...	Oppose

8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Support - the public has voted for this on multiple occasions. We now have a strong enforcement regime with quality control...	Support - Keep away from schools
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9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.

Oppose

Oppose

10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.

Bodily autonomy is guaranteed by the Montana constitution.

Pro-life with exception

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 66

THE ISSUES

All Questions

OWEN LANG

Did Not Reply

ERIC MATTHEWS

Did Not Reply

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 67

THE ISSUES

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.

LOGAN HENKE

Did Not Reply

JEDEDIAH HINKLE

Support

2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Did Not Reply	Support
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Did Not Reply	Support
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Did Not Reply	Support
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Did Not Reply	Support
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life without exception

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 68

THE ISSUES

JOCELYN KENT

RANDY CHAMBERLIN

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Did Not Reply	Support
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Did Not Reply	Support
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Did Not Reply	Support
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Did Not Reply	Support
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Did Not Reply	Support
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Did Not Reply	Oppose
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Did Not Reply	Pro-life without exception

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 69

THE ISSUES

TREVOR WALTER*

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.

Support

2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

Support

3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.

Support

4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.

Support

5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.

Support

6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.

Oppose

7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.

Oppose

8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.

Oppose

9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.

Oppose

10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.

Pro-life without exception

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77

THE ISSUES

JANE GILLETTE

DEBORAH ANNE HANSEN

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

THE ISSUES

ZACH BROWN

DAN HILL

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

THE ISSUES

COLTER METCALF

All Questions

Did Not Reply

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

THE ISSUES

DEANNA CAMPBELL

JOHN NIELSON

1) Requiring voters to show a government-issued photo identification before casting a ballot.	Support	Did Not Reply
2) Securing the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.	Support	Did Not Reply
3) The tradition of allowing invocations and prayers at the beginning of city and legislative meetings/sessions.	Support	Did Not Reply
4) To address a budget deficit, would you prefer to decrease spending.	Support	Did Not Reply
5) Women and girls should be protected by not allowing biological men and boys in women's and girls' spaces and sports.	Support	Did Not Reply
6) Allowing county/city to become a sanctuary county/city.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
7) Public assistance should be available to all persons regardless of immigration status.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
8) Allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
9) Allowing mental health professionals to remove minors from their homes for mental health treatment without parental knowledge or consent.	Oppose	Did Not Reply
10) Do you consider yourself Pro-life without exception, pro-life with exception, pro-choice without limits or pro-choice with limits.	Pro-life without exception	Did Not Reply

COUNTY TREASURER

THE ISSUES

STEPHEN BALL

MAUREEN HORTON

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

THE ISSUES

ROGER BLANK

ERIC SEMERAD

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

COUNTY SHERIFF/CORONER

THE ISSUES

DAN SPRINGER

All Questions

Did Not Reply

COUNTY ATTORNEY

THE ISSUES

AUDREY CROMWELL

JORDAN SALO

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DEPT 1

THE ISSUES

RICK WEST

All Questions

Did Not Reply

COUNTY ATTORNEY

THE ISSUES

BRYAN ADAMS

All Questions

Did Not Reply

MONTANA STATE SUPREME COURT

THE ISSUES

AMY EDDY

DAN WILSON

All Questions

Did Not Reply

Did Not Reply