# **NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION** AND SAMPLE BALLOT

# **NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

### OFFICE OF THE KENOSHA COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF KENOSHA COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in Kenosha County, on November 3, 2020, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

#### **INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

### **Voting for President and Vice President**

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candidate for Vice President only will not be counted.

### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of his or her choice in the spaces provided and fill in the oval next the write-in lines. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device "Express Vote" to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the names of persons of his or her choice in the spaces provided. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

#### **Spoiled Ballots**

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

#### After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Regi Bachochin - Kenosha County Clerk BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the

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### SAMPLE BALLOT

#### Official Ballot Partisan Office and Referendum

Congressional

Representative in Congress District 1

Vote for 1

Bryan Steil (Republican)

Legislati

O Robert W. Wirch (Democratic)

Representative to the

State Senator

District 22

Assembly District 65

Crystal J. Miller (Republican)

District Attorney Vote for 1

o write-in

November 3, 2020 Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

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**County Clerk** 

write-in:

o write-in:

Vote for 1

JoEllyn Storz (Democratic)

Regi Bachochin (Democratic)

County Treasurer Vote for 1

Register of Deeds

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all district maps at all levels of government: federal, state, county and municipal in the State of Wisconsin Unicipal in the State

Question: Should Wisconsin

expand healthcare coverage

under BadgerCare by accepting additional federal Medicare funds

and providing healthcare coverage to an estimated 82,000 more Wisconsinites?

of Wisconsin?

O Yes

O No

City of Kenosha

General Instructions If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this:

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like

# Federal

When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices:

- · Vote for candidates on one
- ticket, or

  Write in names of persons on

A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.

President / Vice President Vote for 1

Donald J. Trump Michael R. Pence (Republican)

Don Blankenship

Jo Jorgensen

William Mohr (Constitution)

Jeremy Spike Co (Libertarian Party)

write-in (President):

write-in (Vice President):

Notice of Meeting Board of Canvassers

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Canvassers will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St., Bristol, to certify the results of the General Election. The meeting of the Board of Canvassers is subject to the state open meetings law.

Local Board of Canvassers. At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § Canvassers for the purpose of 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the Municipal Board of conducting the local and munici pal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§

#### NOTICE OF REFERENDUM - KENOSHA COUNTY **NOVEMBER 3. 2020 GENERAL ELECTION** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in

the County of Kenosha, on November 3, 2020, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

A Resolution to Conduct a Countywide Advisory Referendum on the Creation of a Non-partisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and **Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps** 

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors on August 17, 2017 passed a resolution calling for nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions U.S. congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, recent polls indicate that as many as 72% of Wisconsin voters are concerned about the practice of partisan redistricting by whichever party holds the majority, because it may stifle political participation and competition, discourage collaboration and compromise, and lack the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one person one vote.

WHEREAS, the current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare redistricting plans and maps that may result in unfair partisan representation, allowing the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives, which is commonly called gerrymander-WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to rule

on several high-profile state gerrymandering cases, including one in Wisconsin and, as a result, has left this issue to be determined by state legislatures and courts. WHEREAS, 50 Wisconsin counties have passed resolu-

ons in support of nonpartisan redistricting, including 8 ties that have also passed county wide referendums. WHEREAS, Governor Evers in his most recent State of the

State Address is moving forward with an executive order to address the problem of gerrymandering with a non-partisan commission in order to produce a "Peoples Map" that will be submitted to the legislature next year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha

County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 3rd, 2020 ballot as an advisory referendum question. Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all district maps at all levels of government: federal, state, county and municipal in the State of Wisconsin? NO \_.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Kenosha County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirereferendum shall be filed with Kenosha County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 3rd, 2020 election at which the question will appear on the ballot; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this ballot

referendum be forwarded to Kenosha County's legislative delegation, all other Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Governor Evers.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of March 2020.

#### The question will appear on the ballot as follows: "Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan proce-

dure for the preparation of all district maps at all levels of government: federal, state, county and municipal in the State of Wisconsin?'

#### **EXPLANATION OF REFERENDUM** In Wisconsin, the State Legislature is solely responsible for

drawing the maps creating voting districts for congressional (federal) and legislative (state) offices. The maps, once approved by the State Legislature, are subject to being signed or vetoed by the Governor. As they are created by individuals elected from political parties, the process is generally considered to be of a partisan nature, with the two primary parties frequently utilizing the process to maximize their own electoral advantage when they are creating the maps, often to the disadvantage of the other party. In situations where one party controls both houses of the Legislature and the Governor's office, some have argued that there is no incentive to involve the party in the minority in the process of drawing maps. In situations where one party controls the Legislature and the other party controls the Governor's office, the maps are often vetoed, resulting in the filing of lawsuits and maps that are ultimately created and approved by a judge or panel of judges. County and municipal districts are drawn and approved by locally elected officials who run in non-partisan elections and do not hold those local offices as official representatives of any political party. As the local officials are not generally overtly partisan, there tends to be less concern about a partisan advantage to one party or the other existing as a result of this process.

Some states have moved away from having elected officials direct the process of creating maps for voting districts. In such states there is often a commission made up of volunteer citizens which create the maps. Some argue that the process of creating voting district maps is inherently partisan and that it is only natural that whichever party has control at the time the maps are drawn will seek to act in its own interest. Others believe that by removing partisan elected officials from the process of drawing maps, there is less chance that the maps will unduly advantage one party over the other.

A YES vote means that you are advising the Wisconsin State Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all districts maps at all levels of government.

A NO vote means that the you are advising the Wisconsin State Legislature NOT to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all districts maps at all levels of govern-

NOT ALL CANDIDATES, RACES AND REFERENDUMS
ARE LISTED ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT
See below for the complete listing

# **FEDERAL**

# President/Vice President

Joseph R. Biden/ Kamala D. Harris - Democratic

Donald J. Trump/

Michael R. Pence - Republican

Donald Blankenship/ William Mohr - Constitution

Jo Jorgensen/ Jeremy Spike Cohen - Libertarian Party

Brian Carroll/

Amar Patel - American Solidarity Party

Write-In

**CONGRESSIONAL** 

### Representative in Congress District 1

Roger Polack - Democratic Bryan Steil - Republican Write-In

## **LEGISLATIVE and STATE**

## **State Senator**

District 22

Robert W. Wirch - Democratic Write-In

Representative to the Assembly **District 32** Katherine Gaulke - Democratic

Tyler August - Republican Write-In Representative to the Assembly

**District 61** Samantha Kerkman - Republican

Representative to the Assembly

**District 64** 

Tip McGuire - Democratic Ed Hibsch - Republican Write-In

Representative to the Assembly **District 65** Tod Ohnstad - Democratic

Crystal J. Miller - Republican Write-In

Mike Graveley - Democratic Write-In

**District Attorney** 

# COUNTY

# **County Clerk**

Regi Bachochin - Democratic Write-In

## **County Treasurer**

Teri Jacobson - Democratic Write-In

#### **Register of Deeds** JoEllyn Storz - Democratic

Write-In

# REFERENDUM

County - Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all district maps at all levels of government: federal, state, county and municipal in the State of Wisconsin? Yes No

City of Kenosha - Question: Should Wisconsin expand healthcare coverage under BadgerCare by accepting additional federal Medicare funds and providing healthcare coverage to an estimated 82,000 more Wisconsinites?

Yes No Town of Brighton - Question: Should the Town of

Brighton cease to provide garbage drop-off services at the Town Hall and have Town wide curbside pickup for all residents?

No

Yes