

OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

To vote, fill in the oval on the ballot card that corresponds to the number assigned to your selection on this candidate list.

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HOT 09
GENERAL

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A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate

To vote on these public questions, select "YES" or "NO"

PUBLIC QUESTION #1
Vote For One (1) Only

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong. Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if:

(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and

(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.

(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

16 YES

17 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #2
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located?

(This question concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

YES 25

NO 26

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall the River Forest Community School Corporation continue to increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of sustaining educational and operational funding stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, maintaining student transportation, supporting and retaining teachers and staff, and supporting essential health and safety initiatives, including the retention of school resource officers by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed \$0.9912 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$3,000,000. If this operating referendum public question is NOT approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$150,000, the property's annual tax bill would decrease by \$589 per year. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, it would be a renewal of the most recent operating referendum public question passed in 2019 with a property tax rate of \$1.19.

YES 35

NO 36

(1) You are not required to vote a straight party ticket. If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, do not make a selection in this section, and proceed to voting the ballot by office.

(2) To vote a straight party ticket for one political party's candidates on this ballot, except for candidates described in (3) below, select one of the following parties.

(3) To vote for any candidate for:

(A) Township Board Member; or

(B) a school board office;

you must select each candidate you wish to vote for.

Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that office.

(4) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you must select the appropriate place on this ballot.

STRAIGHT PARTY

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Democratic Party

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Republican Party

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Libertarian Party

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Lincoln Party

SECRETARY OF STATE Vote For One (1) Only

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BEAU BAYH

Democratic Party

57

MAX ENGLING

Republican Party

58

LAURI A SHILLINGS

Libertarian Party

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GREG BALLARD

Lincoln Party

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WRITE-IN

STATE COMPTROLLER (AUDITOR OF STATE) Vote For One (1) Only

JESSICA BAILEY 63

Democratic Party

ELISE NIESHALLA 64

Republican Party

JOHN SCHICK 65

Libertarian Party

TREASURER OF STATE Vote For One (1) Only

COUMBA KEBE 67

Democratic Party

DANIEL ELLIOTT 68

Republican Party

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1 Vote For One (1) Only

FRANK J MRVAN 71

Democratic Party

BARB REGNITZ 72

Republican Party

WRITE-IN 73

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14 Vote For One (1) Only

VERNON G SMITH 76

Democratic Party

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Vote For One (1) Only

BERNARD A CARTER 80

Democratic Party

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1) Only

82 MIKE BROWN
Democratic Party

83 LESLIE DALLNER
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR
Vote For One (1) Only

85 REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL
Democratic Party

86 CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER
Vote For One (1) Only

88 JOHN E PETALAS
Democratic Party

89 KEVIN B DEANE
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF
Vote For One (1) Only

91 JERRY WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

92 DAVID K CRANE, JR
Republican Party

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

94 LATONYA SPEARMAN
Democratic Party

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1) Only

97 KYLE ALLEN, SR
Democratic Party

98 WILL MILLER
Republican Party

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 3
Vote For One (1) Only

DWIGHT (TWIN) WILLIAMS 103
Democratic Party

STEPHEN AICHNER 104
Republican Party

HOBART TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

LINO MAGGIO 106
Democratic Party

HOBART TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

ERICKA MCCAULEY 108
Democratic Party

JOE CLEMMONS 109
Republican Party

HOBART TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER
Vote for not more than Three (3) candidates for
this office

***To vote for any candidate for this office, you must make
a voting mark for each candidate you wish to vote for. A
straight party vote will not count as a vote for any
candidate for this office.***

MICHAEL E (MIKE) ELLIS 114
Democratic Party

CRYSTAL PEDROZA 115
Democratic Party

SUSAN (SUE) PELFREY 116
Democratic Party

DAVID (DAVE) SCHEERINGA 117
Republican Party

CHRIS WELLS 118
Republican Party

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
AT LARGE
Vote For One (1) Only

***A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any
candidate for this office.***

125 SYLVIA PEDROZA

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
DISTRICT 3
Vote For One (1) Only

***A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any
candidate for this office.***

129 RICHARD PEREZ, JR

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fourth
District
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

YES 145

NO 146

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fifth
District
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

YES 150

NO 151

Retention of Judge of the Indiana Tax Court
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

YES 154

NO 155

Lake Superior Court
County Division Room Three
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Julie N. Cantrell of the superior court of Lake
County be retained in office for an additional term?

164 YES

165 NO

Lake Superior Court
County Division Room One
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Nicholas J. Schiralli of the superior court of
Lake County be retained in office for an additional term?

169 YES

170 NO

Lake Superior Court
Civil Division Room One
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge John M. Sedia of the superior court of Lake
County be retained in office for an additional term?

174 YES

175 NO

Precinct ID: 216

Precinct Name: HOT 09

Activation ID: 01

Activation: GENERAL

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