

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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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 School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding and sustaining educational and operational stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, supporting essential health and safety services, including retaining and employing school resource officers, attracting and retaining teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes, and funding academic and student support programs to meet the educational needs of all students, by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed \$0.3372 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$2,500,000? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$250,000 the property's annual property tax bill would increase by \$383 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

49 YES

50 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #4
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than twenty-three years for the purpose of funding the School City of Whiting 2026 Student Facilities, Safety, and Transportation Improvement Project which includes health, safety, and security upgrades to all school facilities; renovation and improvements and the potential construction of additions to student learning environments at all school buildings; upgrades to school buildings to support technology-ready classrooms; and construction of and improvements to athletic and support facilities and performing arts and music facilities, including a band room, together with the purchase of equipment, technology and buses, and student safety improvements for which the principal debt amount for the project will cost no more than \$39,305,000 and the financing cost including interest and fees will cost no more than an additional \$28,810,000 and is estimated to increase the property taxes paid to the School Corporation by imposing a property tax rate that results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$3,500,000. If this capital referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$250,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by \$530 per year.

YES 70

NO 71

(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

90  Democratic Party

91  Republican Party

92  Libertarian Party

93  Lincoln Party

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote For One (1) Only

96 BEAU BAYH
Democratic Party

97 MAX ENGLING
Republican Party

98 LAURI A SHILLINGS
Libertarian Party

99 GREG BALLARD
Lincoln Party

100 WRITE-IN

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

JESSICA BAILEY 103
Democratic Party

ELISE NIESHALLA 104
Republican Party

JOHN SCHICK 105
Libertarian Party

TREASURER OF STATE
Vote For One (1) Only

COUMBA KEBE 107
Democratic Party

DANIEL ELLIOTT 108
Republican Party

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

FRANK J MRVAN 111
Democratic Party

BARB REGNITZ 112
Republican Party

WRITE-IN 113

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 01
Vote For One (1) Only

CAROLYN B JACKSON 116
Democratic Party

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

BERNARD A CARTER 120
Democratic Party

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1) Only

122 MIKE BROWN
Democratic Party

123 LESLIE DALLNER
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR
Vote For One (1) Only

125 REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL
Democratic Party

126 CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER
Vote For One (1) Only

128 JOHN E PETALAS
Democratic Party

129 KEVIN B DEANE
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF
Vote For One (1) Only

131 JERRY WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

132 DAVID K CRANE, JR
Republican Party

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

134 LATONYA SPEARMAN
Democratic Party

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 5
Vote For One (1) Only

137 CHRISTINE CID
Democratic Party

NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

ADRIAN SANTOS 142
Democratic Party

NORTH 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.***

KELLY BRIDGES 147
Democratic Party

RICHARD J NOVAK 148
Democratic Party

LISA SALINAS-MATONOVICH 149
Democratic Party

**SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING
AT LARGE**

Vote for not more than Two (2) 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.***

166 PATRICIA HERBST

Democratic Party

167 CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT

Independent

**Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fourth
District**

Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

YES 185

NO 186

**Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fifth
District**

Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

YES 190

NO 191

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

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

YES 194

NO 195

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?

204 YES

205 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?

209 YES

210 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?

214 YES

215 NO

Precinct ID: 321

Precinct Name: W 03

Activation ID: 01

Activation: GENERAL

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