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Last night, January 22, 2026, we held an Endorsement Convention at the Fillmore complex in West Olive for the offices of Michigan Secretary of State and Attorney General. We had great energy in the room, as one hundred and twelve Precinct Delegates braved arctic temperatures and snowy roads to perform their committed, civic duty. Some Michigan residents may not be aware that in both political parties, Republican and Democrat, the candidate for the offices of Attorney General and Secretary of State, [whose name ultimately appears on the general-election ballot in November] are chosen by the delegates through a closed primary as directed by MCL 168.72 cross-referenced with Michigan's Constitution's Art. V, § 21.

The Delegation was provided thorough, vetted research gathered by the OCRP, in conjunction with the Washtenaw and Berrien Republican Parties who gave each candidate a recorded 20-minute interview, and also gathered lengthy surveys with questions all candidates answered. The Ottawa Delegates initiated their own research on the candidates as well through emails, phone calls and in-person meetings. Of the three candidates for Secretary of State, Monica Yatooma, Amanda Love and Anthony Forlini, **Amanda Love has won** the Ottawa County Republican Delegation's endorsement in a landslide.

After the same vetting and research process provided to delegates for the two candidates for Attorney General, including Doug Lloyd and Kevin Kijewski, **Kevin Kijewski came out on top**, also winning our Delegation's endorsement in a landslide. The official nominations for candidacy for these offices will be determined at MIGOP state convention on March 28, 2026.

After the voting and the results were tallied and announced, a motion was made to renew a Resolution the delegation body has passed in prior years, declaring 2026 the Year of the Bible. The language of this Resolution was originally put forward and passed by the United States Congress in both Houses back in 1983, signed by Ronald Reagan. The motion to declare 2026 The Year of the Bible passed again this year, **unanimously**.

Our next Convention will be held February 26, 2026, when we will gather to select delegates to send slates from districts 2, 3 and 4 to attend state convention in order to vote to codify who the Secretary of State candidate and Attorney General candidate will be from Michigan.

We are proud of our Delegation here in Ottawa who take their civic duties seriously, even on a night when it would have been easier to stay home. We are proud of their steadfast commitment to invest in vetting these candidates. Thank you to our many volunteers who worked tirelessly to guarantee a successful event. We also thank Washtenaw and Berrien Counties for their joint effort in gathering and consolidating the research on these candidates, now being used by County Party Delegations throughout the state of Michigan.