



# EASTSIDE REPUBLICAN REVIEW

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## Rocky Raczkowski to Review Implications Of Biden's Dishonorable Afghanistan Pullout



Rocky Raczkowski, who served as an Army Lt. Colonel in Operation Enduring Freedom, will speak to the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept 21, at Encore Catering &

Banquet Center on East Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. Hospitality begins at 6:30 p.m.

"Mr. Raczkowski is not only the former majority leader of the Michigan House of Representatives, he also served in harm's way with the U.S. Army. We look forward to hearing his perspective on the withdrawal and what's happening to Americans left behind," said ERC chair Marie Hackleman in a statement in advance of the Forum.

Raczkowski in a recent Fox 2 interview said, "I think it will very much damage our reputation as a nation. It damaged the reputation of the military, and put us potentially in harm's way."

"I was actually in favor of ending the war, but this isn't how you end it. We ended it with a lot of dishonor," he said.

Now a Troy businessman, the decorated Army veteran serves as chair of the Oakland County Republican Party.

In 1996, Raczkowski was elected the youngest State Representative in the Michigan legislature, and after

his first term, was elected by his fellow-State Representatives as the youngest majority leader of any State's House of Representatives.

Raczkowski has wide experience in business, as well as political, and military service. At the age of 17 and while still in high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Infantry.

Following college graduation, Raczkowski was commissioned in the U.S. Army through Officer Candidate School and served in combat during Operation Desert Shield.

After returning to Michigan, Raczkowski launched his first business enterprise, providing printing, marketing and advertising, including services for political clients who later encouraged him to run for office.

In 2002, Raczkowski was term-limited by a State constitutional amendment he supported and worked

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### **Matt DePerno Headlined ERC-PAC Fundraiser at GPYC**

Michigan attorney Matthew S. DePerno was speaker for the annual ERC-PAC fundraiser Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

DePerno, whose topic was election integrity, is a candidate for the GOP nomination to challenge the incumbent Michigan Attorney General in the November 2022 General Election. He was introduced by PAC chairman Richard Shetler, Jr., of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He explained that for his investigation of 2020 election fraud, he has been attacked many times by elected officials, including Attorney General Nessel, but said he will not back down.

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to pass. In 2010, he ran for Congress, and while unsuccessful, it was the third closest race in the nation.

During his first combat duty assignment he served as team leader in an airborne, special ops civil affairs unit. While participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in the Horn of Africa, Raczkowski earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service during combat operations.

Raczkowski earned a BA in political science and psychology, Masters in business administration, and a juris doctorate earned while serving in the Michigan legislature.

He has been a radio and television guest commentator on political and national security topics.

Raczkowski and his wife, the former Amalia Kaddo of Grosse Pointe, have been married since 2010, and are parents of one daughter. They currently reside in Troy.

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DePerno is committed to conducting a full forensic audit in Michigan and as Michigan's Attorney General he will hold accountable those responsible for voter fraud.

He was born in Kalamazoo, where he practices law and resides with Laura, his wife of 25 years. DePerno has been defending American's constitutional civil liberties for more than 25 years.

DePerno graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he received a bachelor's degree. In 1994, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and the following year his master's in taxation law from New York University.

After practicing with a law school for 10 years, DePerno opened his own practice in 2005.

Formally known as The Thomas R. McCleary Jr. Eastside Republican Club Political Action Committee, the P.A.C. is named in memory of one of the ERC's original members, Tom McCleary, who also served as a P.A.C. director. The P.A.C. operates independently from the Eastside Republican Club.

In addition to Shetler, P.A.C. committee members include, John Chouinard, Annette Feldpausch, Carol Hackleman, Marie Hackleman, Kenneth Mullens, Mike Nolan, Joe Ricci, Dave Schumacher, Linda R. Solterisch, John Stempfle, Joe Sucher, and Carol Whitmore.

## **Michigan Redistricting Maps Subject of October 19 Forum**

Meghan Reckling chair of the Livingston County Republican Party and member of the Michigan Republican Party State Committee will speak to the Eastside Republican Club 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, at The War Memorial.



Reckling will review progress of Michigan's redistricting efforts.

"Meghan Reckling has become an authority on the redistricting process and we look forward to hearing her comments about the map drafts. By October, we should have an idea of the political implications of where the district lines have been drawn," said ERC chair Marie Hackleman in a statement in advance of the Forum.

Formally named the "Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission," on Oct. 8 the commission is scheduled to publish first drafts of its proposed maps.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking in advance of the meeting.

While in high school, Reckling was active in both the local and statewide chapters of the TeenAge Republicans.

Reckling attended Michigan State University, where she studied political science. By 2004 she took a full-time position as legislative assistant and later rose to the position of Legislative Director working for a number of State Representatives including Lana Theis, who named Reckling Chief of Staff.

Reckling and her husband, Mark, a law enforcement officer for over 15 years, reside in Handy Township with their two children.



*PAC speaker, Matt DePerno, center, is flanked by his wife, Laura, and PAC chairman Richard Shetler, Jr. At right are Dawn and Ken Mullens, PAC treasurer. Monica Palmer, left, is flanked by Cindy Holland and Reygan Lowery.*

## A Note From the Chair

By Marie Hackleman, Chair, Eastside Republican Club

My, the headlines are blowing up all over! Disaster in Afghanistan, continuing crisis at the southern border, "Bidenflation" setting in, and now vaccination edicts and threats. Meanwhile Congress is trying to stamp out our Constitutional rights with their so called "For the People Act" and "Equality Act."

Being unsuccessful, they've pivoted to incorporating them into the \$3.5 trillion spending bill, hoping to sneak their agenda through reconciliation and avoid a filibuster. They're happy to throw away 2022, if they can reshape America now.

With the federal threat of joblessness, if you don't take the jab, some might find this legal resource helpful in applying for an exemption: [firstliberty.org/vaccine-protection-kit](https://firstliberty.org/vaccine-protection-kit).



Closer to home, in the Park, four Democrat-endorsed candidates are vying for non-partisan offices.

Local contested races include: city council, mayor, and judge in the Park; city council in the City; and judge in the Farms and Shores. Know your candidates! Learn

more at our meeting Tuesday. These local races matter— get involved!

Absentee ballots will begin to arrive on your doorstep around Sept. 24. If you receive an absentee ballot or an absentee ballot application for someone who doesn't live at your address, please contact your city clerk immediately. And if you would, please let us know, too, (313) 466-1345.

Do you remember Unlock Michigan? The petition garnered over 540,000 signatures to repeal the 1945 law Gov. Whitmer was abusing to lockdown our state, telling us which Home Depot aisles we could shop, slamming fines on barbers and keeping restaurant doors closed. The people of Michigan spoke loud and clear and the law has been repealed!

Now, a new petition is underway to reign in the state's bureaucracy from unilateral edicts (Health Department, et al). It will require consultation and consent from the legislature. Another new petition, circulating concurrently, will help secure our elections. Order petitions and volunteer here: [securemivote.org](https://securemivote.org).

This summer's ERC picnic was the biggest ever! We had a tremendous turnout and the best food, thanks to our chef, Max Wiener, who served up grilled salmon and other delicacies, and to everyone who brought great picnic dishes to share! One thing these lockdowns have done is made us all appreciate getting together in person!

## Meet Ingrid Jacques

Detroit News Editor Nov. 16

Ingrid Jacques, deputy editorial page editor at *The Detroit News*, will speak to the Eastside Republican Club 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, at The War Memorial.



In advance of the meeting, Eastside Republican chair Marie Hackleman noted,

"Ingrid has had some hard-hitting pieces taking the governor to task on her response to the virus and its impact on our lives."

"The Forum is open to the public at no charge, so we invite anyone interested in current events to hear Mrs. Jacques and to ask questions," Hackleman added.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking in advance of the meeting.

Jacques has worked for the Detroit daily since 2010, and writes frequently about education. In addition, she covers other issues impacting Detroit, the state of Michigan and beyond.

Following graduation from Hillsdale College, Jacques traveled to D.C. for an internship at *Human Events*, a leading conservative publication. She then returned to Michigan where she began work at Adrian's *Daily Telegram*.

A native of Salem, Oregon, Ingrid has a degree in English from Hillsdale College and a master's in journalism from Michigan State University.

In 2014, Jacques was named one of Oakland County's Elite 40 under 40. She currently lives in Royal Oak.

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September finds us meeting at Encore in St. Clair Shores, but in October we will be back at the War Memorial.

Speaking of which, cookies are back! Due to the virus and switch in venue, we missed April and May but September's cookies will be thanks to Gloria Whelan! If you, too, would like to sponsor cookies or coffee for an upcoming meeting, contact me. We appreciate these sponsorships so much. It really helps us to present a warm welcome to those who come to our meetings!

There's a lot you can do to make a difference this fall! Stay informed and get involved.

See you at Encore on Tuesday!



## Ballot Petition Drive Ahead

Michigan Republicans have filed a ballot petition to restore election integrity named "Secure MI Vote."

The corresponding ballot petition language filed with the State Board of Canvassers is aimed at restoring the trust and integrity of Michigan's election system.

The cornerstone of "Secure MI Vote" is a strict requirement that voters present a government-issued photo-ID when voting in person, and either a driver's license / state ID number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when applying for an absentee ballot.

Learn more: [securemivote.org](http://securemivote.org).



## Michigan's Secretary of State Moves to Formalize Election "Rules"

Through the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR), the Michigan Secretary of State recently submitted three requests for election "rules" change.

MOAHR 2021-060: Would create a process for disqualifying candidates based upon certain information on a candidate's affidavit of identity.

MOAHR 2021-061: Would change the signature matching standards for absent voter ballot applications and absentee voter ballot envelopes.

MOAHR 2021-062: Would create a process for and the forms required to allow online absent voter ballot applications.

Each of these represents a rule unilaterally implemented by Secretary Benson for the November 2020 General Election. Now Benson is trying to make them permanent!



*Kristina Karamo is greeted at 2021 ERC Picnic. She is a candidate for the GOP nomination to challenge the incumbent Michigan Secretary of State in the Nov. 2022 General Election.*

## ERC Enjoyed 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Picnic at Patterson Park

"Eastsiders enjoyed a perfect summer picnic and Patterson Park on Lake St. Clair," said Marie Hackleman, ERC chair, reflecting on the club's 2021 event held June 13.

Due to lockdowns, no picnic was held in 2020.

"With local primary contests set for August 3, a General Election November 2, and statewide competitions for 2022 already underway, we heard from a number of candidates," she said.

"It was a great opportunity to meet and talk with them in an informal setting."

"This year, for the first time in modern ERC picnic history, we carried on in the absence of picnic founders Mike and Peggy Hennigan who have moved away from the area," Hackleman added.

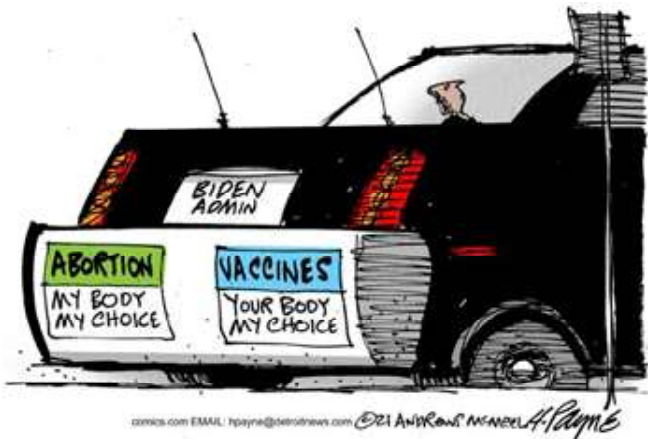
"We are so grateful for their many years of hosting the picnics, they always did a fabulous job!"



*Following lunch, Matt Seely addresses the large crowd of picnic guests.*



## Cartoon by Henry Payne



### Commissioner Eid Taints Entire Redistricting Process

As bad as it is that “independent” Anthony Eid is a closet Bernie Bro leftist, there is much more.

Seems this guy has a history of racist tweets, jokes about rape, and comments which refer to women using offensive, obscene and inappropriate terms.



That’s the same guy who—as one of 13 unelected members of the state’s Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission—is redrawing Michigan’s legislative maps.

After signing an affidavit affirming that he was politically “independent,” Eid was appointed to the Commission by Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson as one of the five “independents.”

By design the commission also includes four Democrats and four Republicans.

Eid’s background was uncovered by Michigan’s Gongwer news service which reviewed several years’ worth of his “offensive, racist and misogynistic tweets.”

They are too vulgar to quote in this space.

Starting with the Free Beacon, national news is now reporting his partisanship and questioning his ability to serve as an independent commissioner.

### Neither OSHA Nor POTUS Is Above the U. S. Constitution

Mandatory vaccinations are grabbing headlines and keeping Biden’s shameful withdrawal from Afghanistan off front pages.

Of course, the legislative branch was not consulted, and, as expected, some in Congress have strong words for Biden’s latest power grab, including congressman Walberg and Huizenga of Michigan.

“President Biden is playing politics, infringing on individual freedom, and undermining trust in the effectiveness of the vaccine,” said congressman Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Lenawee County) on the day of Biden’s pronouncement.

“Ever since Operation Warp Speed, I have supported the vaccine’s development and encouraged folks to consult with their doctor about the best medical decision. Patients, not politicians, should make this personal choice,” Walberg noted.

“The President’s top-down imposition of a vaccine mandate on private employers and millions of American workers is an egregious government overreach,” Walberg added.

Congressman Bill Huizenga (R-Zeeland) on Sept. 10 wrote, the POTUS lacks authority to issue such orders.

“By mandating forced vaccinations through executive order, President Biden is exceeding his authority under the constitution. Additionally, I do not believe the President has any power to order private companies to take this action,” Huizenga said.

#### *The Tenth Amendment*

What do these congressmen mean when they refer to “authority”?

Included in our Bill of Rights is the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which plainly reads:

“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people.”

For example, nowhere in the federal Constitution is Congress given authority to regulate local matters concerning the health, safety, and morality of state residents. Known as police powers, such authority is reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment.

Conversely, no state may enter into a treaty with a foreign government because such agreements are prohibited by the plain language of Article 1 to the U.S. Constitution.

Vax if you and your doctor want you to be vaccinated, but don’t be bullied! Case closed.



## Did You Know?

Michigan's twentieth governor, Russell A. Alger was a Civil War officer and lifelong Republican.

Yes, that's the father of Russell Alger, Jr. for whom the Alger House, "The Moorings," is named. In 1949 it became the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Beginning in October the Eastside Republican Club will again be honored to hold its meetings in the house as it has for more than 20 years.

The senior Alger was born in Lafayette, Ohio, on Feb. 27, 1836. Although his education was limited, he attended the Richfield Academy.

After being orphaned at the age of eleven, Alger worked on a farm and attended school in the winter months. He later studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1859.



RUSSELL A. ALGER (ca. 1860)

*A young Russell Alger in military uniform.*

During the Civil War, Alger enlisted as a private in the Union Army, and rose to the rank of major general by the time of his discharge in 1865. Pictured here is young Alger in a rare photo wearing his military uniform.

Alger first entered politics in 1884, winning election to the Michigan governorship.

During his tenure a state board of pardons was created, a soldier's home in Grand Rapids founded, two new counties formed, and the Michigan College of Mines was established.

After completing his term on Jan. 1, 1887, the soldier+ statesman continued to stay politically active, serving as a presidential elector on the 1888 Republican ticket.

Appointed by Republican President William McKinley, Alger served as U.S. Secretary of War from 1897 to 1899. Later he served as a Republican member of the U.S. Senate from 1902 to 1907.

Governor Russell Alger died Jan. 24, 1907, and is buried in Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery.

Source: National Governors Association

## Wayne Committee Announces Eisenhower Dinner

By Cheryl Costantino, Chair  
Wayne County Republican Committee

Republicans from all corners of Wayne County are invited to our 30th Anniversary Eisenhower Dinner set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12, at Stefan's Banquets in Redford.

Although Wayne county is served by parts of four congressional districts—11, 12, 13 and 14—all are invited to join us for a great time.

Save the date, because this year's dinner will be a "must attend," formal Black and White affair with a silent auction. Further details to be announced next month when we begin taking reservations.

In the meantime, join us for our monthly meetings at 7 p.m. every fourth Monday at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.





## **GOP Congressional District News**

By William J. Rauwerdink, Chair Michigan 14th District Republican Committee

Our fifth annual 14th Congressional District picnic fundraiser August 29 at Tompkins Center, Grosse Pointe Park, was a “yuge” success.

This *Pure Michigan* location was a great event with a packed house. Yes, it was a hot day, but the Tompkins Center air conditioning kept us all “cool” conservatives!

Thanks to the nearly 100 Republican activists who purchased a ticket to attend. Trust it was fun, educational and enjoyable to talk with like-minded people! Thanks so much for attending!

A record 20 people were sponsors and the speaker line up was terrific!

Thanks to our lineup of GOP leaders who spoke at the event, listed in order of appearance:

- Kristina Karamo, candidate for Secretary of State
- Tudor Dixon, candidate for Governor
- Meshawn Maddock, Michigan GOP Co-Chair
- Rob Yosaitis, GOP State Director for 2022 elections
- Rep. Ryan Berman, candidate for Attorney General
- Dr. Travis Menge, candidate for MSU Trustee

We are off to a great start to support candidates! Remember, all net proceeds from this (and all 14th District events) go directly to support candidates around the District. So, consider a donation at our website, [www.14cd.com](http://www.14cd.com).

Next, we look forward to our annual Christmas/Hanukah Dinner on Tuesday Dec. 7 at the GPYC.



*MRP Co-Chair Meshawn Maddock talks to 14th District Picnic crowd on Aug. 29 at Tompkins Center.*

## **Wayne 14<sup>th</sup> News**

By Monica Palmer, Chair Wayne 14th District Republican Committee

We witnessed an amazing countywide precinct delegate event last month. Chairs of four Wayne County districts—11th, 12th, 13th, and 14<sup>th</sup>—hosted over 300 guests, more than sixty percent of whom have never been delegates and are ready to get involved.



### *Opportunity*

The Wayne County Board of Canvassers is looking for Alternates to fill in when one or both of the two Republican Canvassers are unable to attend a meeting or the election Canvass itself.

Alternates must be available during the day for up to 14 days after each election, plus additional days if recounts are filed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me at (269) 625-4302.

### *Progress*

We’ve seen progress with Wayne County Canvass! As Board of Canvassers Chair, I worked with Wayne County Clerk to have the actual canvassers participate in processing of the canvass, instead of letting the Clerk’s staff do all of the work. This is huge. This brings Wayne County up to the standards followed in the rest of Michigan.

### *Meeting Ahead*

Our next Wayne 14 meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 16. The location will be included in the call to meeting.

### *CRT in the Pointes*

As Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) was adopted in 2020 by Grosse Pointe public schools for implementation this year, a local Moms for Liberty chapter will be launched officially at the beginning of November.

Many believe that SEL can be anti-parent and a pathway to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Racial Equity Initiative or DEI/REI/CRT for short. There will be an educational CRT event on Oct. 5 at Encore Banquet Center. Beverages and light appetizers will be served.

This group is a non-partisan 501(c)3 devoted to restoring liberty with a heavy focus on parents’ rights in education.

How-to-get-rid-of-it-tickets-  
Check it out here <https://bit.ly/3A95oqp>.

## ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~

### **Saturday, Sept. 18**

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children,  
1:30 p.m., Assumption Grotto Cemetery, 13770  
Gratiot Ave.

### **Sunday, Sept. 19**

Republican Women's Club of Grosse Pointe, 1 p.m.,  
Grosse Pointe Shores.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 21**

ERC Forum with Lt. Col. Rocky Raczkowski, USAR  
(Ret.), 7 p.m., Encore Banquet Center.

### **Thursday, Sept. 23**

Absent voter ballots available to voters for Nov. 2  
municipal election.

### **Saturday, Oct. 16**

Mini-Republican Campaign School: Michigan's  
Campaign Finance Act, Lansing

### **Tuesday, Oct. 19**

ERC Forum with guest speaker Meghan Reckling,  
7:30 p.m., War Memorial

### **Tuesday, Nov. 2**

Municipal elections. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8  
p.m. for all elections.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 16**

ERC Forum with Ingrid Jacques, Detroit News deputy  
editorial page editor, 7:30 p.m., War Memorial

### **Tuesday Dec. 7**

14th District Christmas/Hanukkah Party, 6 p.m.,  
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

### **Tuesday, Jan. 19**

ERC Forum speaker TBD, election of ERC officers,  
7:30 p.m., War Memorial

### **Friday-Sunday, Jan.21-23**

The 2022 Republican Campaign School, Lansing

### **Tuesday, Feb. 19**

ERC Forum with guest speaker TBD, 7:30 p.m., War  
Memorial

### **Tuesday, March 16**

ERC Forum with guest speaker TBD, 7:30 p.m., War  
Memorial

### **Tuesday, April 20**

ERC Forum with guest speaker TBD, 7:30 p.m., War  
Memorial

### **Tuesday, May 18**

ERC Forum with guest speaker TBD, 7:30 p.m., War  
Memorial

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