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The Results are in: Election Results 2018

Gretchen Whitmer wins Michigan Governor Race

Gretchen Whitmer (D) will take office as Michigan's next Governor on January 1, 2019. Read more about her healthcare platform below.

New Legislators in Lansing, Republicans Maintain Majority

Republicans will retain their majority in both the state house and senate in the next legislative session, but Democrats narrowed the margin in both chambers. Region 1-B will be served by 14 new Representatives and 11 new Senators.

Federal House Flips Democrat, Senate Retains Republican Majority

Democrats secured their place as the majority party in the federal House of Representatives. Three new Representatives will be serving Region 1-B: Elissa Slotkin (D– 8th District), Andy Levin (D– 9th District), and Haley Stevens (D– 11th District). Republicans retained their majority in the Senate.

Michigan Voters Pass Three Ballot Proposals

All three statewide ballot proposals, which were featured in the September edition of the Advocate, were passed and will become law. These proposals were to allow for the use of recreational marijuana, to form an independent redistricting commission, and to change voting policies including no-reason absentee voting.

Governor Elect Whitmer's Healthcare Platform Features Senior Issues

Governor Elect Whitmer's health plan titled *Get It Done: Healthy Michigan Healthy Economy* addresses several issues of importance to older adults. The plan highlights the growth of the senior population in Michigan and the need to ensure adequate access to quality long-term care for seniors. Whitmer outlines a plan to create a Long Term Care Options Center to help people learn and understand their care options. The plan also called out improving healthcare affordability, increasing transparency of prescription drugs prices, and the need to support Michiganders with Alzheimer's and dementia as priorities for the new administration.

Whitmer's health plan can be viewed at: <https://www.gretchenwhitmer.com/issues/healthcare/>



The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) is a nonprofit agency serving the needs of older adults in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Washtenaw counties.

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