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# Porter County Republicans The Eagle Eye



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## Eagle Eye Opener —

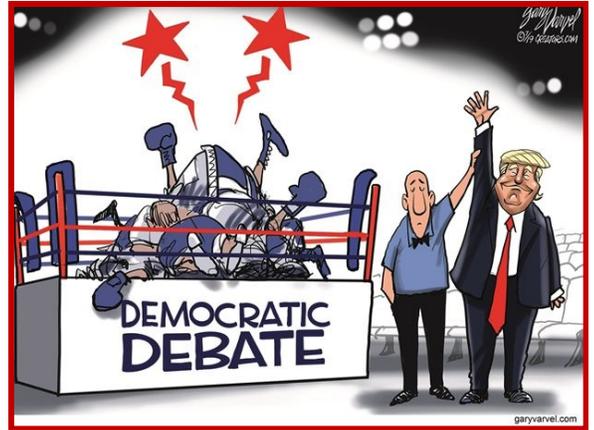
### Winner of the Democrat Debates Again? President Trump!

#### Democrats Baffled as 2020 Candidates go on the Attack — Against Obama

By: Mark Moore, *The New York Post* August 1, 2019

President Obama wasn't on the debate stage with the 10 Democratic presidential hopefuls Wednesday night – but his legacy was, and it was trashed by the many of the candidates, leaving some Democrats scratching their heads in disbelief.

Obama's record on immigration was widely criticized by the participants and his signature legislative achievement, the Affordable Care Act, became a casualty of the discussion around "Medicare for All," as his former Vice President Joe Biden attempted to defend the administration's work.



Eric Holder, Obama's attorney general, warned Democrats to tread lightly. "To my fellow Democrats. Be wary of attacking the Obama record. Build on it. Expand it. But there is little to be gained – for you or the party – by attacking a very successful and still popular Democratic President," he posted on Twitter.

The Rev. Al Sharpton said Democrats piling on Obama would alienate the Democratic base. "This whole suicide mission of going after Barack Obama smells like desperation, and I think it certainly shows that some of them are just not ready for where they are," he said.

During an appearance on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," Rahm Emanuel, Obama's former White House chief of staff, warned Democrats on the stage not to toss aside how Obama Care benefited Americans.

"I don't know what the Democrats are doing," Emanuel said. "It is very popular not only with the Democrats, it's very popular with the country. And ready? It's working—like breaking news! That's what legislation is supposed to be doing. I don't get it."

GOP strategist Rick Wilson chalked it up to Democrats' being inept at politics. "People ask why I say Democrats are holistically bad at politics. I will always point to the fact that many of their leading candidates for 2020 spent last night taking a giant dump on Barack Obama."

"It's almost as if you're trying to re-elect Trump, so go you."

Republican consultant Terry Sullivan, a campaign manager for Sen. Marco Rubio, said "kinda nuts to watch." "Obama lost tonight. Apparently, his record is far too right-wing on the issues of health care and immigration," he wrote for Politico.



# Our Republican Candidates For Municipal Office — 2019



## City of Portage

Mayor



John Cannon

Clerk Treasurer



Deborah Lee

## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

At-Large



Austin Borta

At-Large



Victoria Gresham

District 1



Dermis Wells

District 3



Antonio Gutierrez

District 4



William Fekete

## City of Valparaiso

Mayor



Matt Murphy

Clerk/Treasurer



Holly Taylor

## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Council At-Large



Evan Costas



George Douglas

District 1



Holly Howe

District 2



Tom Krueger

District 3



Casey Schmidt

District 4



Jack Pupillo

District 5



Peter Anderson





## CITY OF VALPARAISO REPUBLICAN COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATE PROFILES

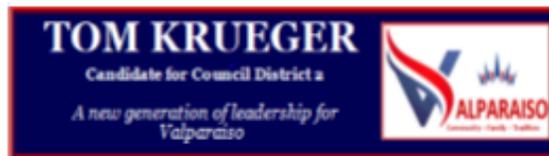
### VALPARAISO Council Districts 1, 2 and 3



**Holly Howe—District 1** “Valparaiso is one of the finest communities in Indiana. This has happened because of a great vision, solid planning and local investment. As your city Councilwoman, I will work hard to keep Valparaiso on the right path and ensure our best days are ahead.” Holly and her family have called Valparaiso home for 25 years. Holly will work to invest more money in our roads and pathways and bring in more high-paying jobs. Holly will continue to support downtown redevelopment and work to keep Valparaiso a place the next generation will want to call home. •Married to Ed, with 3 children •Lifelong resident of Valparaiso, lived in the Banta neighborhood for 25 years •Cofounded the Banta Neighborhood Association •Member of Liberty Bible Church •Graduate of Valparaiso High School and Purdue University.



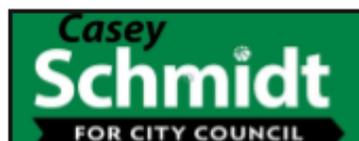
**Tom Krueger—District 2** Tom Krueger is the owner of K2 Construction, a general contracting company that has revitalized historic homes and commercial buildings in the Valparaiso community for the last 20 years. Four of K2 Construction projects have won the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Community Improvement awards. Tom knows the value of hard work and sound judgement in the operation of a successful business enterprise and he intends to apply that knowledge to local government. The art of governing well involves listening to the community and reaching acceptable compromise in a transparent democratic process.



**Casey Schmidt—District 3** Casey Schmidt is a candidate for Valparaiso City Council. Casey is a loving husband to his wife Trisha, dedicated father to his three sons and business owner running for the office of City Council, District 3. A graduate of Valparaiso High School and Valparaiso University he cares about the city of Valparaiso and has a goal to continue to provide a safe, clean, healthy, fun and family-focused environment that offers the highest quality of living.

Casey has strong leadership qualities and an understanding of teamwork that helped him become a standout Basketball player at Valparaiso High School, the Collegiate level and Professional level. Casey has tremendous value in teamwork, sportsmanship and working with many different people from around the world.

Casey has been inducted into both the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and Valparaiso University Hall of Fame. Being a business owner Casey has realized the importance of setting and achieving goals as well as making many impactful relationships throughout the Valparaiso community.





## CITY OF VALPARAISO REPUBLICAN COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATE PROFILES

### VALPARAISO Council Districts 4 and 5

**Jack Pupillo—District 4** Jack Pupillo is a native of Northwest Indiana and has chosen to live in Valparaiso and to raise his family here. He is an IU alumni, and began his adult life as a welder. He has now become a salesman and is excited by the prospect of being able to serve Valparaiso as a member of the City Council for District 4. He notes that he and his wife, Carly, moved from Schererville to Valparaiso, in order to put permanent roots down and start their family because this city has great schools, local charm, shopping, and a warm, inviting and vibrant City center. Perhaps most importantly to Jack and Carly is the fact that Valparaiso is a growing city with an unrivaled sense of community. Jack sees Valparaiso as truly the star of Northwest Indiana.



**Peter Anderson—District 5** Peter Anderson is a 25 year resident of Valparaiso and is very active in his church and in the community. As a small business owner he has a serious investment in the economic strength of the City and its continued growth and development. Peter has a passion for people, and is excited to be a part of leading this vibrant community.





## CITY OF PORTAGE REPUBLICAN COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATE PROFILES

### PORTAGE Council Districts 1, 3 and 4



**Dennis Wells—District 1** Dennis Wells is a mortgage loan originator and has been actively marketing residential property at Hometown Mortgage in Portage since 2011. He was raised in Sarasota Florida and studied finance and economics at the University of Florida. He is active in the Portage community and is committed to economic development of the community. He lives in Portage with his wife Tamra and their four children.



**Antonio Gutierrez—District 3**



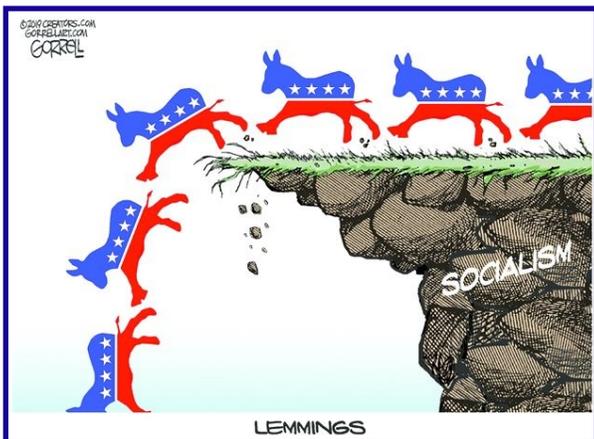
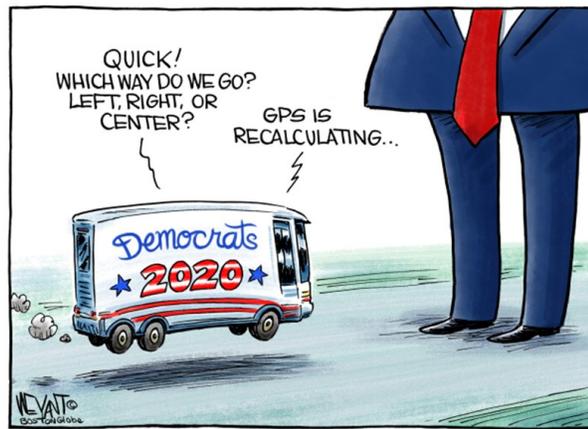
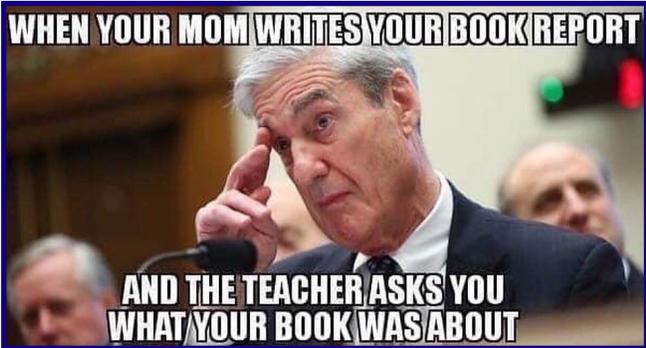
**William Fekete—District 4** William Fekete currently serves on the Portage City Council as an appointed member serving out the term of John Cannon who was recently appointed to the position of Mayor. Mr. Fekete has a long history of serving in public office in Portage. He has been on the school board for 12 years and considers himself an independent voice for residents in the city. He previously served on the Portage City Council for a full term from 1992 to 1996 and then ran for Mayor, but was defeated. He says during those times, "We were in trouble and, as a resident, I was disappointed with what was happening and I wanted to help make the city better." For those same reasons, he is now running for the District 4 seat and another full term of community commitment.



# Humor for Political Wonks



On the lighter side — sort of . . .





## Conservative Commentary



### “Democrats Prove Again They Aren't Serious About Fixing the Border Crisis”

By: Katy Pavich, *Townhall.com* July 25, 2019

In less than one week, Congress is scheduled to head out of session for their month long August recess. In an effort to fix the border crisis before leaving town, Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham held a legislation markup session today on his bill to close asylum loopholes. These loopholes are driving massive fraud, emboldening human smugglers and fueling the current disaster on the border.

Here's what the 11-page long legislation, which was introduced in May, does:

SECURE AND PROTECT  
ACT OF 2019

- ✓ Asylum claims must be filed in country of origin or Mexico, not the U.S.
- ✓ Treat unaccompanied minors (UAC) from Central America like UAC from Canada and Mexico.
- ✓ Families can be held together up to 100 days instead of 20 days.
- ✓ 500 new immigration judges.

Graham legislation closes the gaps in current law that have led to an escalating number of immigrants traveling to the border. But Democrats refused to show up to the markup session today in an effort to delay any kind of solution to fix the problem.

"Today, only one Senate Judiciary Committee Democrat, the ranking member Dianne Feinstein (D-California), showed up to the Committee meeting to consider legislation Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) has introduced, the Secure and Protect Act of 2019," Graham's office released in a statement Thursday afternoon. "Under Committee rules, business cannot be transacted unless there are two members present from the minority. The Democrats' refusal to attend is designed to prevent the legislation from coming to a vote in committee. Chairman Graham pledged to confront the delay, bring the bill up again next week, and force a committee vote."

Graham expressed frustration about a lack of leadership from lawmakers on the Committee and stated previous legislation on illegal immigration isn't suited to fix the current crisis.

"I was informed that Senator Feinstein would be the only Democrat at today's meeting," Graham said. "Despite this attempted delay, we will vote on this legislation next week."

"I went to the southern border," continued Graham. "We have had a hearing. We know what we need to do. Somebody is going to lead around here to change the laws and it will be this Committee," he continued. "I am not looking for a political solution. I'm looking for a real solution. The [2013] 'Gang of Eight' bill will not fix this problem."

In the meantime, Border Patrol agents continue to do their jobs despite being overwhelmed as a result of inaction from Congress.



## GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR November 5, 2019

### Thursday, August 1, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, to file a declaration or withdraw a declaration of candidacy for nomination by a town convention in a town having a population of less than 3,500.

### Thursday, August 8, 2019

**DEADLINE**, for a town council in a town having a population of less than 3,500 to adopt a resolution to establish a town election board to conduct the town election. If no resolution is adopted, the town election will be conducted by the county election board.

### Wednesday, August 21, 2019

**DEADLINE**, for the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican Party to conduct a town nominating convention in a town with a population of less than 3,500.

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for town council in a town having a population less than 3,500 to file a resolution with the county election board to establish a town election board to conduct the town election.

### Wednesday, August 28, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for filing certificate of nomination from town convention with circuit court clerk for a town having a population less than 3,500.

### Wednesday, September 4, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to file a copy of the certificate of nomination from the town convention with the town clerk treasurer.

### Saturday, September 21, 2019

**DEADLINE** for county election board to mail absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

### Monday, October 7, 2019

#### VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

**DEADLINE** at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019

First day that a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

### Friday, October 11, 2019

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

### Thursday, October 17, 2019

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

### Friday, October 18, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports (including unopposed candidates where no municipal election is conducted).

### Saturday, October 26, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

### Monday, October 28, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of a ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.



# General Election Calendar 2019 and Upcoming Events

## General Election Calendar

### Saturday, November 2, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

### Monday, November 4, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

**DEADLINE**, by midnight, for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

### Tuesday, November 5, 2019

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.

### Tuesday, November 19, 2019

**DEADLINE**, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified recount or contest petition.

### Monday, December 2, 2019

#### VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

End of annual reporting period for campaign finance reports.

## Upcoming Events

**Mayor Cannon Bash**  
**AUG. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**5PM to 9PM**  
**FOUNDERS SQUARE PARK**

City of Portage

**Kouts Porkfest 2019**  
**August 24th**

**Valparaiso Popcorn Festival**  
**September 7th**  
**Saturday, September 7, 2019**