St. Louis Center Capitol Day Agenda

Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Schmaltz - April 12, 2023 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Anderson House Office Building - 124 N. Capitol Ave, 8th Floor South Conference Room

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Thank you for attending St. Louis Center Capitol Day 2023! This year's event is sponsored by our district's Representative Kathy Schmaltz. We are grateful to her and 46th District staff Jared Hockmuth and James Johnson for providing us with this opportunity to meet with many legislators using the Anderson House Office Building 8th Floor South Conference Room as our home base.

For Attendees: Building Entry, Contact Info

Please plan to arrive in Lansing 60 minutes prior to your first scheduled meeting. Upon arrival, first stop at the main floor desk of the Anderson House Office Building to check in and receive a name badge. ***PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.*** Let security know that you are with the St. Louis Center group for whom Representative Schmaltz has reserved the 8th floor South Conference Room for the day.

Welcome Room: St. Louis Center's welcome room and home base, the 8th Floor South Conference Room in the Anderson Office Building, will be open from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM with light refreshments, extra fliers, and for invited legislators and staffers to stop by for conversation.

If you have any questions or need assistance throughout the day locating the building or meeting rooms please contact **Wendy Zielen at 313-799-3639**.
If you need help with a legislative question please contact **Rep. Schmaltz's staff Jared Hoskmuth or Jimmy Johnson at 517-373-1798**.

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Parking Map

While there is parking attached to the Senate office building (yellow arrows on the map below), most appointments and our welcome room will be in the House Office Building, (red arrows) where there is no attached ramp. Street parking is sometimes available, and the map below shows several nearby ramps (rate approx $1.25/hr).

Two ramps adjacent to Binsfield (Senate) Office Building *201 Townsend St*

- **Allegan Parking Ramp 205 W Allegan St**, Lansing, MI 48933
- **Townsend Parking Ramp 221 Townsend St**, Lansing, MI 48933 (attached to bldg)

One ramp a block east of the Anderson (House) Office Building *124 N Capitol Ave*

- **North Grand Ramp 219 N. Grand Ave**, Lansing MI 48933

Capitol Day Objectives and Talking Points

The main objective for this Capitol Day is to establish a relationship with the new and re-districted legislators representing our residents and families.

The 102nd Michigan Legislature is composed of more than 50% new members and is also a Democrat majority in both houses for the first time in 40 years. The response we received when setting up appointments was very enthusiastic about meeting us to learn more about who we are and why our Mission to serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) is important to their constituents.

It is important in this first meeting that we leave the legislators with two impressions of St. Louis Center: First, an understanding of what they and we have in common regarding helping people with disabilities (regardless of philosophical or political differences on any other topic), and second, a desire to understand and thoroughly consider the bureaucratic challenges organizations like St. Louis Center face, especially when they are proposing new legislation and overseeing agencies.

MAIN TALKING POINTS - 2023 ISSUES
We have only a very short time with each of the legislators to tell them why St Louis Center matters to them, so please review the following talking points of most interest in 2023..

- **Severe shortage of Direct Care Workers**
    - Need to address the cost of living increases and other encouragement to attract and retain workers at St. Louis Center and throughout Michigan
    - Rate of reimbursement from agencies only covers at best 80% of the actual cost at St. Louis Center and sometimes far less. The difference must be made up by benevolent care donations in a challenging economy.
- **Community Mental Health accountability**
    - CMH rules (recipient independence) vs. LARA rules (recipient safety) - two agencies with differing focuses need to consolidate language so both sets of rules can be followed at the same time
    - Even when the State clears issues such as Heightened Scrutiny must wait for CMH, causing unnecessary delays
- **Money should follow the person**
    - Need more of the federal funding received by the State for programming to help those in need follows the person through the State and Counties *to reach the people for whom it was designated*
    - Cost savings to be had if counties' programs aligned, reducing the necessity for homes with residents from more than one county to follow multiple rules
    - Passage with bipartisan support of Whiteford Bill 5165 / Public Act 91 of 2022 helps, more needed

Your experiences as they relate to these issues make lasting and powerful impressions of how existing legislation and bureaucratic practices can have negative impacts on the people who most need to receive services.

Legislator Schedule and Meeting Specifics

9:30 – 9:55 REP. PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU N-1094

Meeting place - N-1094 House Office Building

- 75th House District – Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee
- Democrat
- "I'm doing everything I can in the Legislature to safeguard our freedom to vote, to control our own bodies and to live free from gun violence."
- Committees:
  - Criminal Justice
  - Elections CHAIR
  - Judiciary
  - Economic Development and Small Business subcommittee on Housing
- https://housedems.com/penelope-tsernoglou/about/

9:45 – 9:55 SEN. SAM SINGH 8th Floor S Conference

Meeting place - 8th Floor South Conference Room

- 28th District – Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee
- Democrat
- Singh served three terms as State Representative, from 2013-2018, where he was a passionate champion for K-12 education, environmental protection, and economic development. Over the past 25 years, Singh has made a career of supporting the mid-Michigan area through his work with philanthropy, public & npo board service.
- Committees:
  - Oversight, CHAIR
  - Government Operations, VICE CHAIR
  - Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Appropriations Subcommittee VICE CHAIR
  - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Energy & Environment
  - General Government Appropriations Subcommittee
  - MI Department of Education (MDE) Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Natural Resources and Agriculture
  - Universities & Community Colleges Appropriations Subcommittee
- https://senatedems.com/singh/bio/

10:00 – 10:25 REP. JENNIFER CONLIN 8th Floor S Conference

Meeting place - 8th Floor South Conference Room

- 48th House District – Washtenaw
- Democrat
- Rep. Conlin's legislative priorities include strengthening infrastructure, protecting Michigan's natural resources, improving health care access and affordability, increasing school safety, recruiting and retaining teachers, and strengthening the economy.
- Committees:
  - Education
  - Health Policy
  - Military, Veterans and Homeland Security CHAIR
  - Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
- https://housedems.com/jennifer-conlin/about/

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10:30 – 10:55 REP. JIMMIE WILSON JR. 8th Floor S Conference

Meeting place - 8th Floor South Conference Room

- 32nd House District – Washtenaw
- Democrat
- Rep. Wilson shapes his legislation with priorities such as worker rights, union rights, criminal justice reform, access to housing and environmental protection.
- Committees:
  - Regulatory Reform
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Joint Capital Outlay
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Judiciary CHAIR
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs and State Police
  - Appropriations subcommittee on School Aid and Education
- https://housedems.com/jimmie-wilson-jr/about/

10:30 – 10:55 SEN. SUE SHINK 4200 Binsfeld

Meeting place - Senate Building 4200 Binsfeld NOTE: *PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED* If you attend this meeting you must stop at main floor security for badge.

- 14th District – Jackson, Washtenaw
- Democrat
- Prior to being elected to the Senate, Shink served as Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and as a Northfield Township Trustee. She was also chair of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee (ALPAC) and served as a member on the Huron River Watershed Council as well as the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council.
- Committees:
  - Natural Resources and Agriculture CHAIR
  - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, VICE CHAIR
  - Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety, VICE CHAIR
  - Appropriations
  - Energy & Environment
  - Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Housing and Human Services
  - Local Government
- https://senatedems.com/shink/bio/

11:00 – 11:25 REP. SAMANTHA STECKLOFF N-698

Meeting place - House Office Building N698

- 19th House District – Oakland
- Democrat
- As a Farmington Hills City Councilmember, she created a Commission on Community Health, the first of its kind in the State of Michigan, authored a Human Rights Ordinance, and worked to expand green energy and sustainable buildings.
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Appropriations subcommittee on General Government
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges CHAIR
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Joint Capital Outlay MAJORITY VICE CHAIR
  - Appropriations subcommittee on School Aid and Education
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Transportation
- https://housedems.com/samantha-steckloff/about/

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11:00 – 11:25 REP. FELICIA BRABEC N-797

Meeting place - House Office Building N-797

- 33rd House District – Washtenaw
- Democrat
- Dr. Brabec is a practicing clinical psychologist with a masters degree in Clinical Social Work, with over two decades of experience. She looks forward to tackling environmental justice issues, educational inequity, criminal justice reform, and improving mental health care in our state.
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
  - Appropriations subcommittee on General Government CHAIR
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Health and Human Services
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs and State Police
  - Health Policy subcommittee on Behavioral Health CHAIR
- https://housedems.com/felicia-brabec/about/

11:30 – 12:30 REP. KATHY SCHMALTZ 8th Floor S Conference

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Meeting place - House Office Building 8th Floor South Conference Room

- 46th House District – Jackson, Washtenaw – Republican
- Kathy served on many non-profit boards, including Easter Seals of Michigan, Michigan Dyslexia Institute, United Way of Jackson, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wendy's Charity Classic for Adoption, Henry Ford Jackson Hospital Foundation, and Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. She continues to serve on Michigan Theatre of Jackson, 100 Women Who Care, and Good Shepherd Catholic Radio. Kathy chairs the Jackson Grand Slam for Kids.
- Committees:
  - House Energy
  - Communications and Technology
  - Health Policy
- http://repschmaltz.com/

OPTIONAL CAPITOL TOUR - Senate and House Chambers

If time permits between meetings, those who are interested may do a brief tour of the historic Capitol building

2:00 – 2:25 REP. JULIE BRIXIE 10th Floor Conference Room

Meeting place - House Office Building 10th Floor Conference Room

- 73rd House District – Ingham – Democrat
- Committed to improving Michigan communities by fighting for policies that protect our environment, ensure equitable access to education opportunities, and fix Michigan's crumbling roads and infrastructure.
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Tax Policy
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Natural Resources CHAIR
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Joint Capital Outlay
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Judiciary
  - Appropriations subcommittee on Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Insurance and Financial Services MAJORITY VICE CHAIR
- https://housedems.com/julie-brixie/about/

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2:00 – 2:25 REP. EMILY DIEVENDORF N-1096

Meeting place - N1096 House Office Building

- 77th House District – Ingham, Clinton, Eaton
- Democrat
- "Chart a course toward the preservation of our most cherished freedom and rights, the promotion of economic opportunity, greater accountability and transparency."
- Committees:
  - Agriculture
  - Criminal Justice
  - Judiciary
  - Economic Development and Small Business subcommittee on Housing (Majority Vice Chair)
- https://housedems.com/emily-dievendorf/about/

2:30 – 2:55 SEN. MICHAEL WEBBER 3200 Binsfield

Meeting place - SENATE BUILDING 3200 Binsfeld ***PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED***
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- 9th District – Oakland - Rochester, Troy, Sterling Heights, Utica – Republican
- Dutton Farm and the Rochester Community Schools Foundation boards, member of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce, served as the 58th president of the Rochester Area Junior Chamber, named one of Oakland County's Elite 40 Under 40 in 2013 and an Outstanding Young Michigander by the Michigan Jaycees in 2014.
- Committees:
  - Health Policy MINORITY VICE CHAIR
  - Regulatory Affairs
  - Economic and Community Development
- https://www.senatormichaelwebber.com/meet-your-senator/

3:00 - 3:25 SEN. JONATHAN LINDSEY

Meeting place - tbd

- 17th District – Republican
  Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Jackson, Hilsdale Counties
- Yale political science, Army Green Beret, veteran support, tobacco harm reduction, constitutionally based limited government focus, MI future generations
- Committees:
  - Housing and Human Services MINORITY VICE CHAIR
  - Economic and Community Development
  - Oversight
- https://www.senatorjonathanlindsey.com/meet-your-senator/

Already met REP. REGGIE MILLER

Meeting place - zoom

- 31st District – SE Washtenaw, NE Lenawee, S Wayne, N Monroe – Democrat
- Priorities include fighting for Michigan families by combating inflation, repealing the retirement tax, working toward paid family leave, supporting mental health services for children, and funding universal pre-K, advocating for first responders and veterans, expanding access to health care, and investing in roads/infrastructure.
- Committees:
  - Agriculture (Chair)
  - Economic Development and Small Business
  - Health Policy
  - Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
- https://housedems.com/reggie-miller/

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Lansing, MI 48933

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RSVP:
St. Louis Center
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slcdev@stlouiscenter.org
Light refreshments will be served during breakfast and lunch

St. Louis Center History

St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI was established in 1960 by the Archdiocese of Detroit as St. Louis School for Exceptional Boys. The Center currently cares for 56 people of all races ages 18 and over with intellectual and developmental disabilities from all over Michigan.

St. Louis Center Mission

St. Louis Center serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an intentional, faith-based community.

St. Louis Center Vision

St. Louis Center will be a leader in providing innovative and comprehensive services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, all of whom enjoy the fullness of life in an integrated and thriving community.

St. Louis Center Values

Building on our Christian tradition and the spirituality of St. Louis Guanella, with attention to the needs and signs of our times, we value:

- Loving those we serve with a generous heart
- Promoting the God-given dignity of each person
- Encouraging self-determination, spiritual growth, and community integration
- Serving joyfully with respect, compassion, and hope
- Working for justice, especially for those most in need

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Legislative Process 101 - District Maps

Below is a quick guide from legiscan.com/legislation-101 to the process of making laws.
Check the status of bills currently before our legislature legiscan.com/MI/legislation/2023Legislation 101

Bill Drafting

The process starts when someone decides current law needs revision. A bill is drafted, which is essentially a list of changes to the existing compiled state statutes and code that may add, strike, or amend the text to confer new purpose, restrictions, etc.

Introduction

The bill is introduced into the first chamber. This often entails the chamber Clerk and registering the official introductory draft of the legislation.

Read First / Read Second

The definition of "read" varies however rare is the instance that the bill is read verbatim on the chamber floor. At this stage a synopsis of the legislation is presented and any initial discussion or decisions on the merit of the bill may be decided and then the bill typically referred to one or more committees to continue the life process of the bill.

Committees

In most states committees do the bulk of the legislative debate, modification. They are specialized by area of oversight or expertise and will discuss and research the bill, potentially amending or substituting a new draft. The committee typically recommends to the Committee of the Whole, another way of saying the entire chamber, that the bill either Pass or Do Not Pass.

Passage Vote for Engrossment

After a bill has been 'read' a third time it is put to a vote for passage out of the originating house. If the vote passes the bill is then considered to be Engrossed and it sent to the other chamber of the legislative body.

Rinse and Repeat

The process then repeats itself from Introduction to Third reading in the second legislative chamber.

Passage Vote for Enrollment

Once the bill gets to third reading there is another vote for passage. Should it pass then the bill normally will be considered to be Enrolled. This version of the bill text is what will be sent to the Governor and will be codified by the Secretary of State as part of the official Chapter and Acts.

Sent to Governor

In states where Governor approval is required, the Enrolled bill is sent to the Governor. This may be ceremonial, or the Governor may have the power to veto the bill, or if left unsigned for a fixed period of time is de facto approved.

See, its really quite simple... Of course there's still matters such as conference committees, same as/similar to bills, enforced debate, suspension of rules, Secretary of State, Chapters and Acts. Not to mention all of Nebraska and Tennessee. However, that is the upper level class.

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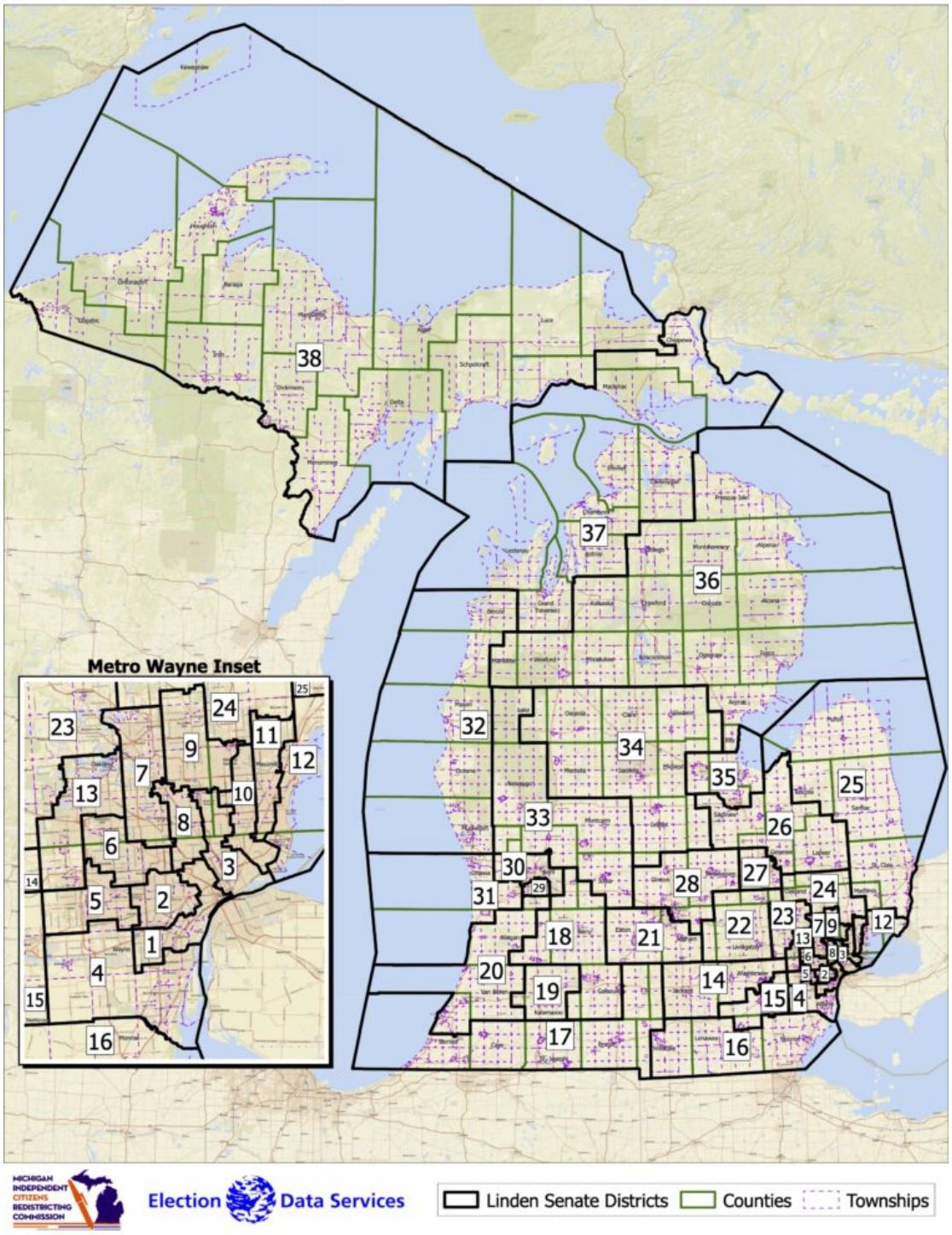

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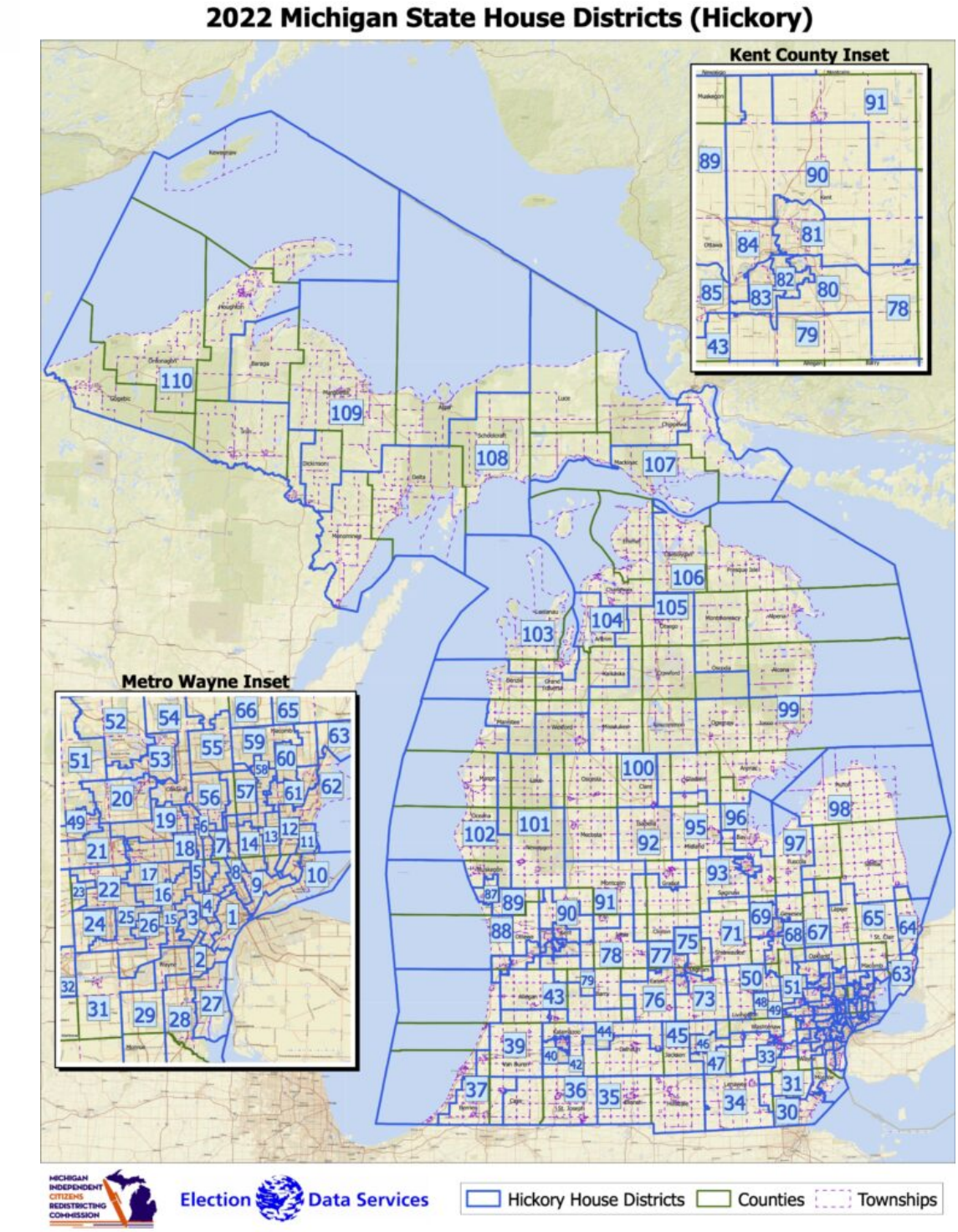

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FOLLOWUP:

St Louis Center is a caring residential community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Founded in 1960, the Center is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

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