MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Catholic voters encouraged to vote NO on Proposal 1 this November

The statewide general election this November 3 will include Proposal 1, a ballot question that asks voters if a constitutional convention should be initiated for a general revision of the state's current 1963 constitution.

MCC urges Catholics to vote NO on Proposal 1 and decline a constitutional convention, a position adopted by the seven diocesan bishops in Michigan. The bishops, along with appointed clergy, religious and lay members, make up the MCC Board of Directors. The board occasionally takes positions on statewide ballot questions as they relate to advancing or diminishing the common good of this state. Following analysis and discussion of the proposal's pros and cons, the MCC Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose Proposal 1.

Why vote NO on Proposal 1?

With the nationalization of state-based politics becoming more prevalent, a constitutional convention would likely open Michigan's governing document to extensive out-of-state influence, resources, and lobbying. MCC is encouraging a **NO** vote on Proposal 1 to protect the state constitution from being financed and rewritten by out-of-state interests.

Why is Proposal 1 on the ballot?

The 1963 constitution states that every 16 years, the voters must decide whether to convene a new constitutional convention. It has failed each of the three times it has previously appeared on the ballot. MCC has opposed the question each time.

History of the Constitutional Convention vote

2010	1994	1978
67% voted NO	72% voted NO	77% voted NO

What if the constitution needs to be revised?

Michigan's constitution can be amended on an issue-by-issue basis through the citizens' initiative process, which allows individuals and groups to petition for constitutional amendments to be placed on the ballot for a vote of the people. The Legislature may also put an amendment on the ballot with a two-third majority vote by both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives.

Who else is against Proposal 1?

MCC has joined a nonpartisan coalition opposing Proposal 1 that includes dozens of groups and organizations from varying perspectives and constituencies. The coalition includes statewide and local chambers of commerce, environmental groups, business organizations, unions, education groups, medical and hospital associations, and faith-based and pro-family groups. There's more information about the coalition at protectmiconstitution.com.

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What voters will see on the ballot:

Proposal 2026-1

A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

☐ Yes

☒ **NO**

To protect Michigan's governing document from out-of-state special interests, Michigan Catholic Conference recommends a **NO** vote on Proposal 1.

For a printable PDF of this document, scan the QR code or visit cthl.cc/2026p1.

In addition to voting **NO** on Proposal 1, MCC is calling on Catholics to prayerfully prepare and participate in the statewide November election. For resources related to faithful citizenship, visit micatholic.org/electionresources.