

# MI-10 District Primer

**In 2024, Republican John James won this seat by 26,074 votes.**

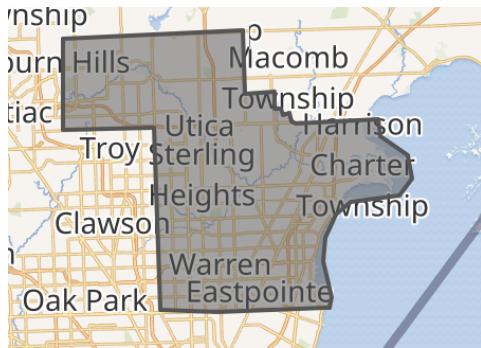
That’s just 8 votes per precinct—and *that’s close!* If we can persuade just 9 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we’re going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
<b>Filing Deadline:</b> April 21
<b>Primary:</b> August 4
<b>Midterms:</b> November 3

## Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
<b>Harris:</b> 199,324 (45.7%) <b>Trump:</b> 227,882 (52.2%)	<b>John James (R): 217,437 (51.1%)</b> <b>Carl Marlinga (D): 191,363 (45%)</b>	<b>John James (R): 159,202 (48.8%)</b> <b>Carl Marlinga (D): 157,602 (48.3%)</b>

## District Facts & Stats



### Largest Cities

- Warren: 139,387
- Sterling Heights: 134,346

### Geography

MI-10 includes the northeastern suburbs of Detroit but not the city of Detroit itself. Hugging the shoreline of Lake St. Clair, it includes parts of Macomb and Oakland counties. Selfridge Air National Guard Base and US Army Tank—Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) are both located in Macomb County.

### Citizenry

In 2023, the population of MI-10 was 770,000. The median age was 40.9 and the median household income was \$74,956. The largest ethnic groups are white (72.4%), Black (13.2%), and Asian (6.45%). The district has a large Middle Eastern population. A language other than English (often Arabic) is the primary language spoken in 17.5% of households. 95.6% of residents are US citizens.

### The Local Vibe

Tariffs, which threaten the auto industry in particular, are hitting this district hard. Stellantis, a large employer in Sterling Heights, suspended profit sharing for UAW workers for the first time since 2011, due to the shrinking profits that have been caused by Trump’s tariffs.

Hundreds of residents attended the October 2025 and March 2026 No Kings rallies in Sterling Heights.

The busy trade corridor between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario links Michigan to Canada, which is the state’s largest export market. A key connector, the Gordie Howe Bridge, is located just outside the district; this bridge is in disrepair, and Trump has threatened to block its reopening.

## Key Issues

- **ICE:** The Republican mayor of Sterling Heights has accused ICE of engaging in unconstitutional behavior.
  - **Data centers:** There is strong grassroots opposition to a proposed data center in Washington Township.
  - **Economic woes:** Tariffs are causing prices to increase at a time when wages are stagnant and unemployment is on the rise.
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## About the Candidates

A conservative closely aligned with Trump, Republican **John James** assumed office in 2023 and is running for governor in 2026. Several people are running for this now-open seat. We'll know more after the primary election on August 4. Until then, we've identified these front runners:

### The Republicans

Republican Robert **Lulgjuraj**, a native of Sterling Heights, is a prosecutor with the Macomb County prosecutor's office. Lulgjuraj seems to have strong connections to the local Republican party and law enforcement. He has no experience in elected office.

Republican **Mike Bouchard**, son of a longtime Oakland County sheriff, is an Iraq War veteran and a National Guard officer. Bouchard describes his top three issues in the race as security, the economy and education. He has outperformed his closest opponent, Lulgjuraj.

Other Republicans running include US Army veteran **Steffan Demetropoulos**, Marine veteran **Steven Elliot**, and lawyer **Justin Kirk**.

### The Democrats

A child of Vietnamese war refugees, Democrat **Eric Chung** grew up in Madison Heights. He has worked as a teacher and an attorney. He has served as a lawyer for the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Commerce. Chung is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School.

Democrat **Tim Greimel** served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2012 through 2018 and was Democratic leader for four of those years. Greimel has also served on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and as Mayor of Pontiac. He holds a BA in Economics and Political Science, an MA in Public Policy, and a JD, all from the University of Michigan. His campaign reported raising over \$400,000 in the first quarter.

Democrat **Christina Hines** is a prosecutor and law professor from Macomb County. She attended the University of Michigan and has a law degree from Wayne State University. Hines has received endorsements from several local and national leaders.