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Voters show support for road millages on August 6 Primary Election ballot

Lansing, MI – An extraordinary number of road millages appeared on the ballot yesterday, perhaps a testament to local communities feeling the pressure of increased construction costs amid deteriorating roads and state funds that are not keeping up. Voters in local elections across Michigan expressed support for road millages during the August Primary Election by passing 97% of road millage renewals and 78% of road millage increases on the ballot, according to data provided by Lansing-based *Gongwer News Service*.

“Michigan residents made it clear that better roads are a priority for their communities,” said Denise Donohue, CEO of the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan. “Especially at this time – with less gas being sold over the last 25 years due to vehicle fuel efficiency – county road agencies appreciate voters showing their support for roads at the ballot box.”

Total road millage renewals on the ballot were 172 and total road millage increases 68, the most road-related millages in one election in Michigan since CRA began tracking this information in 2016. A total of 61 millages were restorations due to the Headlee Amendment.

Those numbers include countywide road millage renewals or increases in Allegan, Arenac, Charlevoix, Crawford, Huron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Menominee, Midland, Montmorency, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Van Buren and Washtenaw counties. Across the state, 100% of countywide millages passed.

All election results, including millages, are unofficial until certified by the State Bureau of Elections.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public’s right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan’s county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state’s highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation’s fourth-largest local road system.

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