



Committee to Elect Lynn Meadows Secretary of State



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Meadows Kicking Off Weeklong Tour of Northern Michigan Tuesday Will Be Joined by Other Green Candidates Throughout the Week, Oct. 3-9

Lynn Meadows, the Secretary of State candidate for the Green Party of Michigan (GPMI), kicks off a week's tour of Northern Michigan on Tuesday, October 3.

Lynn's first stop on Tuesday is at The Arc of Midland. There she looks forward to finding out how this group of voters with disabilities feel about the new Automark Voter Assist (AVA) terminals, and how the new equipment worked for them.

Lynn's own experience with the AVAs as an election inspector in Lyndon Township at the August 8 primary election was not reassuring. The poll workers had been trained on the new machines before the primary, which was scheduled to be their introduction to the public. However, there were major problems with ballots feeding into the machines improperly. After about 40 attempts and fewer than 10 successes, they shut down the machines. Nearby Dexter Township didn't even use its AVAs in the primary – because the trial runs there were so unsuccessful.

Lynn has been working elections – and working for election reform – for years. And she is concerned about making our elections viable and reliable. She is promoting:

- no-reason absentee ballots
- an Election Day holiday
- instant runoff (ranked-choice) voting
- Clean Elections (public funding, limited spending)
- automatic voter registration
- random audits of voting-machine counts
- tough enforcement of election laws to protect voter rights against polling-place irregularities

The tour runs through Monday, October 9 – with stops in Flint, Caro, Boyne City, Petoskey, Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie, and Traverse City. Lynn will be joined at various times on the tour by GPMI gubernatorial candidate **Doug Campbell**; **David Sole**, running as a Green for US Senate; US House of Representatives candidates **David J. Newland** (1st District) and **Ken Mathenia** (5th District); and **Michael Merriweather**, running for the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

For more about Lynn's schedule, or her positions on the issues, check her Web site:

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For information on other Green Party of Michigan candidates, visit the GPMI Web site:

migreens.org/candidates.php

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Northern Michigan Tour – Already Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 3	7-8pm	The Arc of Midland , 200 W. Main Street	www.thearcofmidland.org
Wednesday, October 4	6-8:30pm	Flint Candidates Night – Good Beans Café, 328 N. Grand Traverse	
Thursday, October 5	6-9pm	Davenport University, Caro – 1231 Clever Rd.	
Friday, October 6	9am-1pm	Petoskey Farmer's Market – downtown next to Howard and Michigan Streets	
Saturday, October 7	all day	Fall Harvest Festival, Boyne City – Veteran's Park on Lake Charlevoix	
Sunday, October 8	6:30-8:30pm	Sault Ste. Marie – Country Kitchen Restaurant, 2644 I-75 Business Spur	
Monday, October 9	6:30-8:30pm	Traverse City – Horizon Shine Café, lower level/Horizon Books, 243 E. Front	