

# State House District 42

Democratic Primary -- August 4, 2026

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## Key Facts

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- **Rachel Torres:** \$285K raised, 34.2% in-district donors
  - **James Whitfield:** \$142K raised, 52.1% in-district donors
  - **Priya Anand:** \$48K raised, 28.7% in-district donors
  - **Mark Stevenson (R):** \$310K raised, 41.3% in-district donors
  - 3 counties in district
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## District Profile

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FIELD	VALUE
District	State House District 42
Geography	3 counties: Washtenaw (partial), Lenawee (partial), Monroe (partial)
Election Date	August 4, 2026
Filing Deadline	April 21, 2026

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## District at a Glance

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3 counties | 227,500 voters | Only Washtenaw portion leans D

COUNTY	VOTERS	SHARE	PARTISAN LEAN	ROLE
Washtenaw (partial)	98,200	43%	D+8.4	Suburban Democratic base -- Ann Arbor exurbs
Lenawee (partial)	72,300	32%	R+7.2	Rural -- strong R
Monroe (partial)	57,000	25%	R+4.6	Blue-collar swing

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## Who Lives Here (3 Community Clusters)

CLUSTER	VOTERS	%	INCOME	NONWHITE	TURNOUT	D LEAN
Suburban Professional	94,100	41%	\$92K	14%	0.42	D+4.2
Rural Working Class	78,400	34%	\$54K	6%	0.31	R+6.8

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Blue-Collar Suburban	55,000	24%	\$61K	11%	0.28	R+1.2

## Issue Analysis

#	ISSUE	GOOGLE TRENDS	DISTRICT NEWS	CANDIDATES SAY	ON THE GROUND
1	Education / school funding	HIGH	HIGH (89 articles)	Torres leads	3 millage failures in 2 years
2	Healthcare access	HIGH	MEDIUM (34 articles)	Whitfield + Anand	100% primary care shortage
3	PFAS contamination	LOW	HIGH (52 articles)	Anand only	42% of GOTV tracts affected
4	Property taxes	MEDIUM	MEDIUM (28 articles)	Nobody	Headlee override on 2026 ballot
5	Agriculture / water	LOW	LOW (12 articles)	Stevenson only	38% agricultural land use

## Candidate Field

Rachel Torres -- \$285K -- Front-Runner

Former school board president. Ann Arbor suburbs. Education policy background.

STRENGTH	VULNERABILITY
Money advantage (\$285K)	65.8% out-of-district money
Education credentials in a district with school funding crisis	No labor endorsement
School board donor network	Name recognition limited to Washtenaw
MEA teachers union support	Split progressive vote with Anand

**James Whitfield -- \$142K -- Labor Candidate**

**County commissioner, former UAW organizer. Adrian (Lenawee County).**

STRENGTH	VULNERABILITY
Highest in-district donors (52.1%)	2:1 money deficit vs Torres
Labor endorsements (UAW, IBEW)	Weak in Washtenaw suburbs
Only candidate with elected experience	Rural base doesn't turn out in primaries
Name recognition in Lenawee and Monroe	No digital advertising budget

**Priya Anand -- \$48K -- Issue Candidate**

**Environmental attorney. Saline (Washtenaw County).**

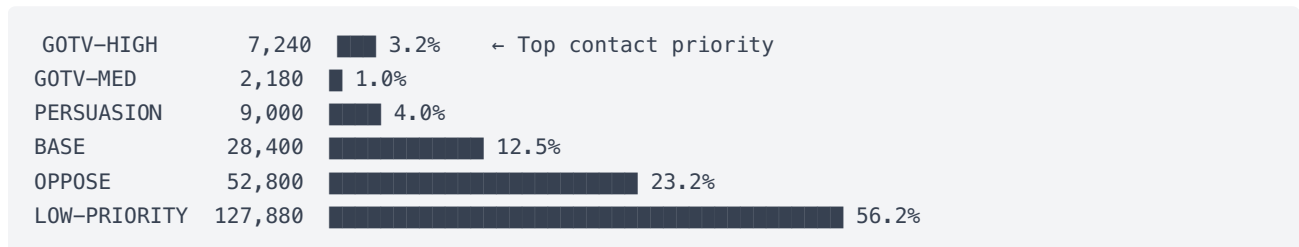
STRENGTH	VULNERABILITY
PFAS issue alignment (42% of GOTV tracts)	6:1 money deficit
Legal expertise on water contamination	First-time candidate, no political network
Young voter appeal	Splits Washtenaw progressive vote with Torres
Sierra Club endorsement	Cannot compete in Lenawee/Monroe

**Minor Candidates**

None.

**Voter Targeting**

**Universe Summary**



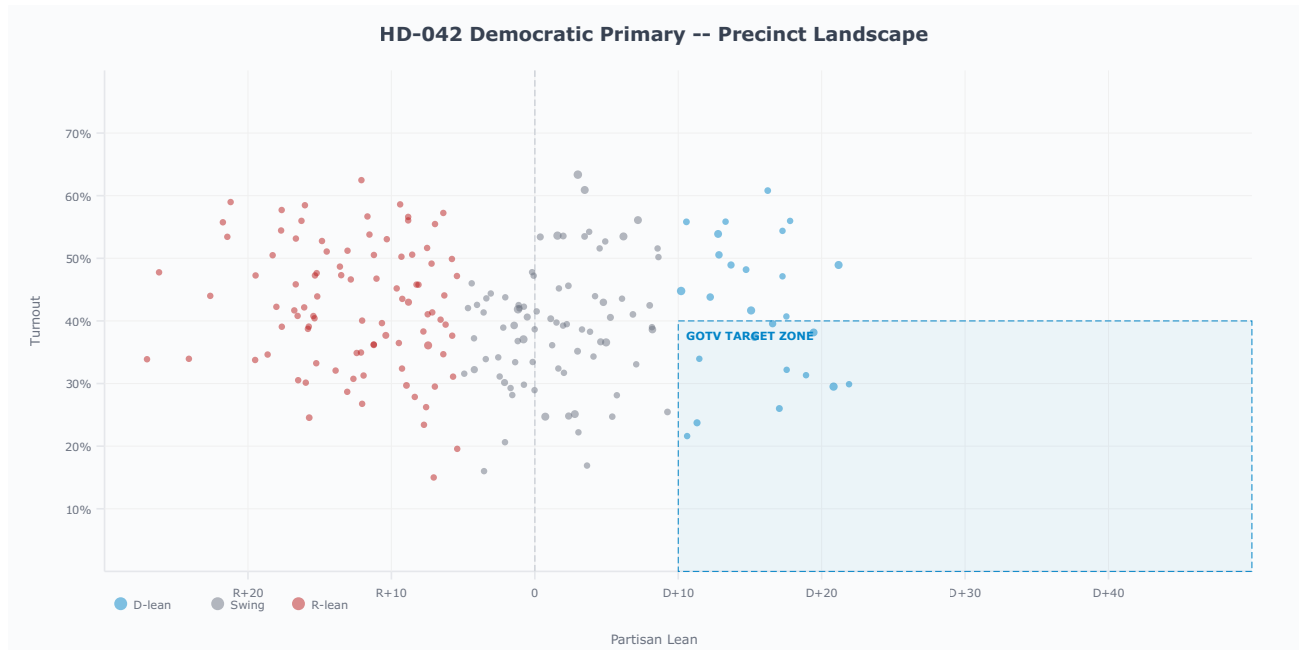
**Active contact: 18,420 | Base: 28,400 | Do not contact: 180,680**

## GOTV-HIGH by County

COUNTY	GOTV-HIGH	SHARE
Washtenaw	4,510	62.3%
Monroe	1,590	22.0%
Lenawee	1,140	15.7%

## Electoral Geography

### Precinct Landscape



198 of 215 precincts matched (92%).

### The D Base (GOTV territory)

Top D precincts are in **Washtenaw County**: Saline Precinct 3 (62% D, 38% turnout), Ypsilanti Township Precincts 1-4 (58-65% D, 32-41% turnout), Ann Arbor Township (57% D, 44% turnout).

### Top Mobilization Targets

PRECINCT	D SHARE	TURNOUT '24	GAP
Ypsilanti Twp Pct 2	64.8%	32.1%	33 pts

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Ypsilanti Twp Pct 4	61.2%	35.4%	26 pts
Tecumseh Pct 1	52.3%	41.2%	11 pts

A targeted GOTV operation in Ypsilanti Township and Saline could mobilize 800-1,200 additional primary voters.

## Issue Targeting

CLUSTER	GOTV	TOP ISSUE	NOTES
Suburban Professional	3,820	Education	3 millage failures; school funding anxiety
Rural Working Class	1,450	Healthcare	100% primary care shortage area
Blue-Collar Suburban	2,140	PFAS	42% of tracts have contamination sites

## Intelligence Gaps

GAP	IMPACT	RESOLUTION
Monroe precinct data incomplete	Missing 17 precincts in turnout model	County clerk FOIA pending
Anand FEC quarterly not filed	Cannot verify claimed \$48K	April 15 deadline
No canvass data	All support scores modeled	Requires campaign partnership

## Upcoming Dates

- **April 15** -- FEC quarterly filing
- **April 21** -- MI filing deadline
- **August 4** -- Primary election

# Methodology

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COMPONENT	METHOD	KEY METRIC
Voter file	MI QVF via FOIA	227,500 HD-042 voters
Turnout model	XGBoost, 87 features	AUC 0.976
Partisan model	Ecological + behavioral	Validated 2020/2024
Precinct crosswalk	MI SOS GeoJSON	92% match (198/215)

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SAMPLE DATA -- This report uses fabricated names and numbers for product demonstration. No real individuals are represented.

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This report was produced using publicly available government records, voter file data obtained via FOIA, and election results from official sources. No non-public, confidential, or privileged information was used. The analysis reflects the state of available records as of April 16, 2026.