

BATTLE CREEK COMMISSIONER AT-LARGE PAIGE KATSARSKY-SMITH (R)

<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE LEFT</u>	<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE RIGHT</u>
● <u>DONATED TO A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE AFTER HE SAID HE SAID RAPE VICTIMS SHOULD BE “HEROIC” AND CARRY THE PREGNANCY TO TERM</u>	●

Key Findings Include:

- **Donated To Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Garret Soldano After He Said “He Was Always Going To Fight For Life” And Encouraged Rape Victims To Be “Heroic” In Carrying The Pregnancy To Term.** In January 2022, regarding abortions for rape victims, Soldano said, “we’re always going to fight for life.” Soldano continued and said, “how about we start inspiring women in the culture to let them understand and know how heroic they are and how unbelievable they are that God put them in this moment.” In May 2022, Katsarsky-Smith donated \$20.82 to Soldano’s campaign. After Katsarsky-Smith had donated to his campaign, Soldano said the 2020 election was stolen.

Jurisdiction Summary

Battle Creek is located in southwest Michigan. The City Commission is a nonpartisan body. In 2024, Trump won Calhoun County with 57.11% of the vote to Harris’s 48.89%, a difference of 9,618 votes but Harris won Battle Creek 54%-46%. Battle Creek has a population of 52,731.

Commissioners serve a two year term with elections held during midterm elections. Katsarsky-Smith is a first-term member of the commission.

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Paige Katsarsky-Smith (née Katsarsky) is a 39-year-old Republican candidate for the 2026 election for one of the at-large seats on the Battle Creek Commission in Michigan. Katsarsky-Smith has served on the Battle Creek City Commission since 2025.

Katsarsky-Smith Grew Up In Battle Creek And Has Four Children. “Paige Katsarsky-Smith, who grew up in Battle Creek, is the mother of young children and seeks an at-large seat on the Battle Creek City Commission. Katsarsky-Smith tells Community Matters she sees a chance to entice more families to live in Battle Creek.” [BattleCreekPodcast.com, [10/29/24](#)]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

As Of August 2026, Katsarsky-Smith Had No Employers Listed On Nexus. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/28/26]

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

No findings of note.

CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND

2024: Katsarsky-Smith Was First Elected To The Battle Creek Commission. [Battle Creek, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

2024 Battle Creek Commissioner At-Large General Election Results (3 Seats)	
Candidate	Vote Total
Carla C. Reynolds	9,824
Sherry L. Sofia	8,151
Paige Katsarsky-Smith	7,334
Boonikka M. Herring	5,787

[Calhoun County, [11/5/24](#)]

IDEOLOGY & POLITICS

2022: Sofia Was Elected As A Republican Precinct Delegate. [Calhoun County, [8/2/22](#)]

AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL FIGURES/ORGANIZATIONS:

No findings of note.

PARTISAN POSTS

Katsarsky-Smith Expressed Her Thoughts And Prayers For Kirk's Death. “May you forever rest in peace Charlie Kirk. 🕊️ Such a loss. This news absolutely devastates me. I was fortunate enough to briefly meet him, and listen to him speak in person... just a very respectful and powerful voice. My prayers are with his wife and two young children. 🙏 31 years old, standing up for everyone... this is a loss that will impact many for years to come. 💔”
[Facebook, Paige Katsarsky-Smith City Commissioner At-Large, [9/10/25](#)]

CAMPAIGN INFRASTRUCTURE

No findings of note.

ENDORSEMENTS

No findings of note.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE
No findings of note.

PERSONAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

According to the Michigan Secretary of State, Katsarsky-Smith has given \$147.12 to state-level political candidates.

Katsarsky-Smith Political Giving History - State			
Contributor name	Recipient	Receipt date	Amount
SMITH, PAIGE 1540 WEST TERRITORIAL BATTLE CREEK, MI 400190000	COMMITTEE TO ELECT STEVE FRISBIE FOR STATE HOUSE 521212-Candidate	04/22/24	\$100.00
SMITH ^, PAIGE 1540 TERRITORIAL RD W BATTLE CREEK, MI 490150000	GARRETT SOLDANO FOR MICHIGAN 520044-Candidate	05/13/22	\$20.82
SMITH ^, PAIGE 1540 TERRITORIAL RD W BATTLE CREEK, MI 490150000	GARRETT SOLDANO FOR MICHIGAN 520044-Candidate	10/20/21	\$26.30
Total:			\$147.12

[Michigan Secretary of State, accessed [8/31/26](#)]

- **January 2022: When Discussing Abortions For Rape Victims, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Garret Soldano Said “Was Always Going To Fight For Life.”** When Garrett Soldano was asked on a right-wing podcast how he would ‘ensure the sanctity of life’ in Michigan, the Republican candidate for governor said he would stop at nothing to protect a fetus. Even in cases where victims of rape become pregnant, Soldano said, ‘we’re always going to fight for life.’ ‘They don’t know that little baby inside them may be the next president, may be the next person who changes humanity,’ Soldano said on the ‘Face the Facts’ podcast. A video of the Jan. 19 episode, posted on Twitter by Heartland Signal, a liberal news site focused on Midwest politics, went viral Monday. As of early Tuesday, it had racked up over 460,000 views.” [Washington Post, [2/1/22](#)] ([VIDEO](#))
- **Soldano On Rape Victims: “How About We Start Inspiring Women In The Culture To Let Them Understand And Know How Heroic They Are And How Unbelievable They Are That God Put Them In This Moment.”** ““I will do everything in my power to make sure that happens,’ he said, explaining that he believes life starts ‘when DNA is created.’ ‘We must defend life in all instances,’ he added. Soldano went on to say that society should encourage those who are pregnant — even those who are sexually assaulted — to deliver their babies. ‘How about we start inspiring women in the culture to let them understand and know how heroic they are and how unbelievable they are that God put them in this moment,’ he said.” [Washington Post, [2/1/22](#)] ([VIDEO](#))

- **Katsarsky-Smith Donated To Soldano’s Campaign After That Statement In May 2022.** [Michigan Secretary of State, accessed [8/31/26](#)]
- **July 2022: Soldano Said The 2020 Election Was Stolen.** “At a July debate, chiropractor Garrett Soldano (R) explicitly said he thought the 2020 election was stolen and cited parts of ‘2,000 Mules,’ a movie claiming large numbers of people put false ballots in drop boxes. On his Facebook page, which he is using to campaign for governor, Soldano shared a story headlined ‘26,000 Dead People Still Registered to Vote in Michigan.’ He wrote in the post: ‘This is why we need a FULL FORENSIC AUDIT of the 2020 election!’ A post on the campaign’s Facebook page called for an audit ‘to ensure that this can NEVER happen again,’ without specifying exactly what happened.” [Brennan Center for Justice, updated [8/31/22](#)]

As Of August 2026, Katsarsky-Smith Has Not Contributed To Any Federal Political Candidates. [FEC, accessed [8/31/26](#)]

ISSUES

Taxes / Controversial Budget Cuts

No findings of note.

Good Government/Ethics

No findings of note.

Public Safety

No findings of note.

Healthcare

No findings of note.

Economic development

No findings of note.

Housing & Development (affordable housing, zoning, data centers)

No findings of note.

Environment / Land Management

No findings of note.

Infrastructure (roads, parks, water and utilities, bike paths)

No findings of note.

Education

No findings of note.

Elections/Voting Access

No findings of note.

Affordability / Cost of Living

No findings of note.

Ideology, Rhetoric & Extremism Signals

2025: Katsarsky-Smith Voted Against Flying The Pride Flag At City Hall. [City of Battle Creek, Resolution #129, [5/20/25](#)]

Variable

No findings of note.

Social Media Links:

include links to social media profiles, but be sure to include any relevant information found in the profiles in other sections.

1. [Personal Facebook](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)
3. [Personal Instagram](#)
4. [2nd Personal Instagram](#)

PUBLIC RECORDS

As Of August 2026, Katsarsky-Smith Is Not Associated With Any Criminal Or Traffic Violations. [Criminal Records Search, accessed 8/28/26]

As of August 2026, Katsarsky-Smith is associated with the following bankruptcy, judgments, or liens:

Katsarsky-Smith's Bankruptcy, Judgements, or Liens						
Case #	Filing Date	Debtor	Creditor/ Secured Party	Type	Jurisdiction	Amount

101615GC	10/27/10	Katsarsky, Paige L	Capital One Bank	Civil Judgment	Michigan	\$1,071.00
087983LT	10/06/08	Katsarsky, Paige	Sidney And Sue Moore	Forcible Entry/Detainer	Michigan	
088646GC	09/26/08	Katsarsky, Paige	Michiana Metronet Inc	Civil New Filing	Michigan	
084798LT	06/09/08	Katsarsky, Paige	Sidney And Sue Moore	Civil Dismissal	Michigan	
052580SC	05/23/05	Katsarsky, Paige	Tom Wood	Small Claims Judgment	Michigan	\$2,386.00

[Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens Search, accessed 8/28/26]