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Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump arrives at an election night watch party at the Palm Beach Convention Center, Wednesday, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Trump wins the White House in a political comeback rooted in appeals to frustrated voters

By Zeke Miller, Michelle L. Price, Will Weissert and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to

clinch the presidency. He won Michigan on Wednesday afternoon, sweeping the “blue wall” along with Pennsylvania — the one-time Democrat-leaning, swing states that all went for Trump in 2016 before flipping to President Joe Biden in 2020.

His Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, called Trump on Wednesday afternoon to concede the race and congratulate him. A short time later, Biden also called Trump to congratulate him and to invite the president-elect to the White House.

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Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump, Melania Trump and Barron Trump, arrive to speak at an election night watch party, Wednesday, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Slotkin wins open Senate seat, defeating Rogers

Michigan among handful of Senate races Democrats struggled to defend

By Joey Cappelletti
The Associated Press

DETROIT » Democratic U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin has won Michigan’s open U.S. Senate seat, giving Democrats a bittersweet victory in a swing state that also backed Republican President-elect Donald Trump in his successful bid to return to the White House.

Slotkin, a third-term representative, defeated former Republican congressman Mike Rogers. Democrats have held both Senate seats in Michigan for decades, but were left without retiring incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow

now this year.

Michigan’s was among a handful of Senate races Democrats struggled to defend. They lost their U.S. Senate majority despite Slotkin’s narrow win.

The race was incredibly close. Just minutes before it was called for Slotkin, she addressed supporters in Detroit, acknowledging that many voters may have cast their ballots for her while also supporting Trump, who won the state’s electoral votes over Democrat Kamala Harris.

“It’s my responsibility to get things done for Michiganders. No matter who’s in office, just as I did in President Trump’s first term,” said Slotkin. “I’m a problem solver and I will work with anyone who is actually here to work.”

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Democratic Michigan Senate candidate Rep. Elissa Slotkin speaks during an election night watch party, Wednesday, in Detroit.

James holds on to seat in Congress

GOP continues to dominate Macomb County politics

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Two years after making Macomb his home, John James has won a second term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

James, a Shelby Township Republican who moved to Macomb County after losing two Senate races while a Farmington Hills resident, outpaced Carl Marlinga on Tuesday in the race for a two-year term to represent the 10th District House.

James secured 51% of the Macomb vote while Marlinga drew 44.6%. In Rochester and Rochester Hills in Oakland County, James received 51% of the vote while Marlinga performed slightly better with 46.5% of the tally, according to the Oakland County Clerk’s Office.

Last time, James beat his Democratic foe by only 1,600 votes — about .5% — in a race that was essentially a dead heat in Macomb.

James benefitted from Republicans’ rousing success in the county as indicated straight-ticket voting that contributed greatly to the victory. Of James’ 190,543 votes in Macomb, 86% — or 163,968 — was the result of those voting for all of the GOP candidates on the ballot. The number of GOP straight tickets nearly matched Marlinga’s total vote of 166,802.

The 128,902 Democratic straight tickets in Macomb were about 35,000 less than GOP straight tickets and made up 77.3% of Marlinga’s vote.

Also playing a role was the dominance of Republican Donald Trump at the top of the ticket, as the president-elect received 284,639 votes, compared to 214,930 for Vice President Kamala Harris in Macomb County. Trump defeated Harris 56% to 42% in the county.

The 10th District outcome has national implications as it was considered to be one of nine House races to determine partisan control of the lower chamber. That control was still up for grabs mid-afternoon Wednesday.

The contest was targeted as it drew over \$20-million total in fundraising between the two

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Wickersham narrowly retained as sheriff

Prosecutor Lucido prevails over Democratic challenger Hines

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Democratic Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham defeated Republican challenger Terence Mekoski for re-election to a third term, in the closest outcome among five countywide partisan contests.

Meanwhile, the other four GOP countywide elected officials — Prosecutor Peter Lucido, Treasurer Larry Rocca, Clerk Anthony Forlini and Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller — defeated their Democratic challengers by wider margins.

In the sheriff’s race, Wickersham received 52% of the vote compared to 47.6% for Mekoski, according to unofficial election results from the county Clerk’s Office.

This race was a rematch from 2020, when Wickersham defeated Mekoski by a wider margin, 55.7% to 44.3%.

Wickersham, 62, had previously indicated he would not seek re-election but reconsidered because he wanted to see through the \$229-million jail expansion and replacement project that began earlier this year and is set for completion by the end of 2027.

Wickersham was appointed sheriff in 2011 and won his first four-year term in 2012. He has been with the Macomb County Sheriff’s Office for 38 years. He started in 1986 as a corrections officer and worked his way up through the ranks until he was promoted to captain and served as then-Sheriff Mark Hackel’s chief of staff.

Mekoski, 59, labeled himself as a constitutional SHERIFF » PAGE 4

