

## Judge rules Macomb clerk can mail absentee ballots

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A judge today tossed out a lawsuit by Republicans aimed at stopping Democratic Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh from sending out unsolicited absentee ballot applications to all people 60 years and older living in the county.

Macomb County Circuit Judge David Viviano dismissed the GOP's claim that the mass mailing last year was illegal.

Sabaugh said the mailing was an effort to increase voter turnout.

Republicans pointed out that seniors have a long history of voting Democratic, especially in Macomb County.

"This is a victory for senior citizens," Sabaugh said. "The judge said it was wrong for Republicans to try to stop seniors from getting an absentee voter application."

To view the judge's decision, visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice).

The Michigan Republican Party couldn't be reached for comment.

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