

# ADVOCATES for Senior Issues



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## AFSI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 19, 2024 10am – 12pm

*AFSI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am*

**WHO:** The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

**WHAT:** An opportunity to advocate, learn, and grow together. There will be a continental breakfast so **be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

**WHEN:** January 19, 2024 10am-12pm

**WHERE:** Salvation Army Kroc Center  
2500 Division Ave S.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

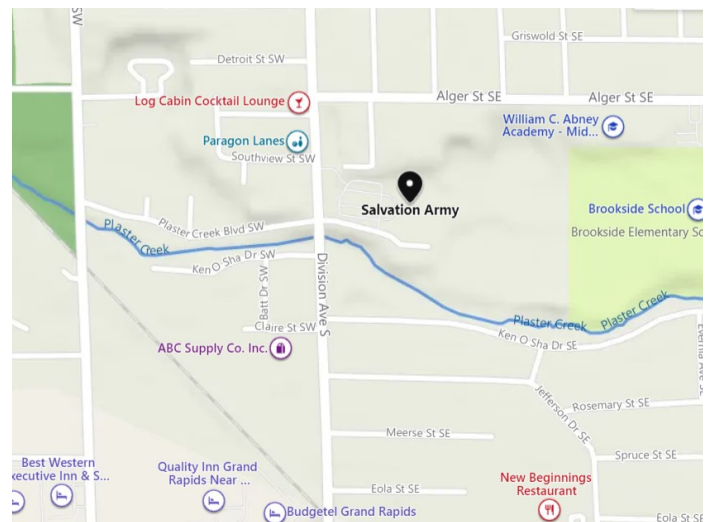
### Questions?

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### AGENDA

#### Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarensteyn, President

#### Legislative Presentation

#### Senator Mark Huizenga

Sen. Mark Huizenga has a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Calvin College (now Calvin University) and a master's degree in management from Aquinas College. Mark owns a consulting firm and has over 15 years of management consulting expertise; his firm provides services all across the United States. He is a managing partner of Key Green Solutions, a local software company that provides sustainability management software to clients. Mark has also served as an adjunct instructor at Grand Valley State University. Huizenga has been involved in the city of Walker in varying capacities from serving on the planning commission from (2005-2011), as city commissioner to the 2nd Ward (2011-2013), and as mayor (2013-2018). Huizenga was elected to serve the 74th District in the Michigan House of Representatives in 2018 and 2020. He was elected to the Senate in 2021 and re-elected in 2022.

#### Program Presentation

#### Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth M. Welch

Justice Elizabeth M. Welch joined the Michigan Supreme Court on January 1, 2021. She currently serves as the Justice liaison to data gathering and transparency work and the Michigan Judicial Institute. She is a co-chair of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission, co-chairs the Justice for All Commission's Data Workgroup, and serves on the Justice for All Commission's Resource and Communications Workgroups. She received her law degree from Ohio State University and her undergraduate degree from Penn State University.

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