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ANALYSIS

5 keys to watch in midterm elections



Democrat Abdul El-Sayed's Michigan Senate campaign against Republican Mike Rogers will test whether voters in a quintessential swing state will embrace candidates from the left. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

GOP money and Hispanic voters' loyalties are factors

Susan Page
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – In November, does the blue wave become a tsunami? Watch these spaces. Five keys are shaping monster midterms that are poised to revive Democrats' political power in Washington and reinforce it across the country. But the

advantage of Republican money and the weakness of the Democratic Party brand could also mean an election night with more modest gains, a GOP catastrophe averted. In a wave election, Democrats regain control of the House of Representatives. In a tsunami, they take the Senate, too. The Texas Senate race between Republican Ken Paxton and Democrat

James Talarico and a handful of tight Texas House races will show how many Hispanic voters are abandoning their brief alliance with the GOP. The Senate race in Michigan between Democrat Abdul El-Sayed and Republican Mike Rogers will test whether swing-state voters are willing to support the Democrats' rising voices on the left. And President Donald Trump's

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TRANSMISSION
LINE PROJECT

Council hearing set for November

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USA TODAY NETWORK

After public meetings this past week, the electric transmission line project in the southern part of Columbia is ready to go before the city council in a public hearing. If the council authorizes the roughly \$34 million project to move ahead during a public hearing at its Nov. 16 meeting, that doesn't stop the public input process, said Jason West, Columbia Utilities communications and outreach supervisor. "We do hope to have more meetings as the design gets finalized and we have more exact locations of poles," West said. "We still have to present the proposal to (Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator) for its approval and then work with the firm on the final design. There can be more opportunities for input as we work with the firm on the final design." The department held public input meetings in the afternoon and evening Oct. 6 at Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd. The church is along the proposed route, West said, adding about 50 people combined went to the meetings. "We expected to have a lot more community members that live in that area and along the route," he said. "There were certainly a lot of concerns about where the route is going, where poles would be. Things like that." Other questions wanted to know about impacts to traffic, emergency

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Lawsuit: State underfunded Lincoln University for decades

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Current and former Lincoln University students are suing the State of Missouri for nearly \$550 million to address what they allege are decades of inequi-

table funding that they say has hurt the college's academic programs and facilities. In a complaint filed Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, their attorneys claim the state has treated its two land-

grant institutions — Lincoln University and the University of Missouri — unequally. The lawsuit is part of a larger effort called the 1890 Project, which is seeking to draw national attention to funding disparities at historically Black land-

grant universities. Its founder, Donald Calloway Jr., is a former Missouri House member who leads a law firm and strategic advisory firm. Central to the lawsuit is a letter the

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