

# Kamala Harris in Ann Arbor, MI | 10.28.24

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Summary by ChatGPT

- Endorsement of Tim Walz: Harris highlights Tim Walz as a dedicated leader and potential Vice President who values joy, hard work, and lifting people up.
- Encouragement to Vote: She stresses the importance of early voting in Michigan and emphasizes this election as one of the most consequential of a lifetime.
- Vision for the Future: Harris contrasts her campaign's focus on building a united, optimistic America with Donald Trump's divisive politics, stressing values like affordable living costs and support for the middle class.
- Reproductive Rights: She condemns Trump's influence on Supreme Court decisions affecting women's reproductive freedoms and pledges to restore these rights if elected.

- Contrast in Leadership Styles: Harris portrays Trump as self-centered and authoritarian, contrasting that with her focus on inclusive leadership and collective progress for America's future.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:00  
Good evening, Ann Arbor.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:07  
Good evening. Can we hear for Tim Walz?

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:14  
Oh, it's great to be back in Michigan. How's everybody doing? Go blue.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:24  
So let me just say about Tim Walz, uh, he's been such an extraordinary running mate, and he will be an extraordinary Vice President of the United States.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:38  
And let me tell you why I love Coach Walz. As he travels to every corner of our country, meeting with people in small towns, big towns, everywhere in between. Coach Walz is always bringing the joy. He is always bringing the joy. He cares about people.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:55  
He understands people. He understands hard work. And he understands what it means to be a leader who lifts people up instead of trying to beat people down. That is Tim Wallace and Ann Armour. I can feel the joy tonight.

**Kamala Harris** 00:01:12  
Thank you all so very.

**Kamala Harris** 00:01:18  
And we have some other incredible leaders with us here tonight. Mayor Taylor, thank you. There you are. Deputy County Executive Turfy, I thank you so very much.

**Kamala Harris** 00:01:32  
Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, Representative Dingell, a champion for this community.

And. And let's also send Alyssa Slotkin to the United States Senate. We need her in D.C. and I also want to thank all the labor, elected and community leaders who are here today. And can we please hear it again for Maggie Rogers?

**Kamala Harris**

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All right, we got business to handle. Okay, so, Ann Arbor, I have a question for you. Are we ready to do this?

**Kamala Harris**

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Are we ready to vote? Are we ready to win? Yes. And we will win. And we will win.

**Kamala Harris**

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So you just heard from the coach. Early voting has started here in Michigan. You can vote early now through Sunday, November 3rd. And we need you to. To vote early Michigan, because we have just eight days to go.

**Kamala Harris**

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Eight days left in one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime. And as everybody here knows, this is going to be a tight race until the very end. So we have a lot of work ahead of us. But we like hard work. Hard work is good work.

**Kamala Harris**

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Hard work is joyful work. And make no mistake, we will win. We will win.

**Kamala Harris**

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And we will win because together. And we will win. Yes. Yes.

**Kamala Harris**

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We could keep going all night, but one of the reasons we will win is because we are all in this together. We are all in this together. People from every walk of life understanding that the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us. And we here are fighting for the future.

**Kamala Harris**

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We are fighting for the future.

**Kamala Harris**

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And we understand the opportunity that we have before us to turn the page on the fear

and divisiveness that have characterized our politics for a decade. Because of Donald Trump, we have an opportunity to turn the page and chart a new and joyful way forward where we tap into the ambitions and we will tap into the ambitions and the aspirations and the dreams of the American people.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let me tell you something. As I travel our country, there is an overwhelming call for a fresh start. People from all walks of life. And they are calling for a new generation of leaders, leadership that is optimistic and excited about what we can do together.

**Kamala Harris**

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There is a yearning in our country for a president who will see you, who gets you, and who will fight for you.

**Kamala Harris**

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And listen, hey, on the subject of Gaza. Hey, guys, I hear you. On the subject of Gaza. We all want this war to end as soon as possible and get the hostages out. And I will do everything in my power to make it so.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let's be clear. We are all here because we are fighting for a democracy and for the right of people to be heard and seen. We're not about the enemy within. We know we are all in this together. That's what we are fighting for.

**Kamala Harris**

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And my whole career.

**Kamala Harris**

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Okay, now I want each of you to shout your own name. Do that.

**Kamala Harris**

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Because it's about all of us. It's about all of us. And listen, I have fought my whole career to put the people first and to put the people above partisanship. I never once asked in my career, are you a Democrat or are you a Republican? The only thing I ever asked is, how can I help you?

**Kamala Harris**

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Are you okay? And that, and that is a major difference between Donald Trump and me and

between the two extremely different visions that he and I have for our nation. His is focused on himself and the past. Ours is focused on the future, and it is focused on the people.

**Kamala Harris**

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So together, we will build a future where we bring down the cost of living. That will be my focus every single day as president. Because while inflation is down and wages are up, prices are still too high. You know it and I know it. And unlike Donald Trump, who had \$400 million handed to him on a silver platter, and don't forget, he filed for bankruptcy six times.

**Kamala Harris**

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The great businessman.

**Kamala Harris**

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Unlike him, I grew up in a middle class neighborhood with a working mother who kept a strict budget and did everything she could to make sure that my sister and I had all we needed. I come from the middle class, and I will never forget where I come from. Never.

**Kamala Harris**

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And so my common sense plan will lower the prices you pay on everything from prescription medication to groceries to housing. On the other hand, Donald Trump will raise costs on you and your family. In fact, independent economists have analyzed Both of our plans and found mine will cut your costs and strengthen our economy, while his will increase inflation and lead to a recession by the middle of next year.

**Kamala Harris**

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And his agenda is laid out in Project 2025. You know, I say everywhere, and I know we've got a lot of students here, and I have to tell you, I just find it really interesting that they put that thing in writing. They put it in writing, they bound it, they published it, they handed it out, and then they expect we're not going to talk about it.

**Kamala Harris**

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Are you kidding me? And when you read it, you will see it is a detailed and dangerous blueprint for what he plans to do if he is elected president.

**Kamala Harris**

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Donald Trump will impose a, ah, 20% national sales tax on everyday basic necessities, which economists have estimated will cost the average American family an additional

\$4,000 a year.

**Kamala Harris**

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Contrast, on the other hand, I'm going to take on corporate price gouging. I've done it before and I will do it again.

**Kamala Harris**

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Donald Trump will give massive tax cuts like he did before to billionaires and the biggest corporations. He did it the last time, he's going to do it again. I, on the other hand, will give middle class tax cuts to 100 million Americans, including \$6,000 for the first year of a child's life, because I understand how that will lift America's children out of poverty, which what must be one of our highest goals.

**Kamala Harris**

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Donald Trump will get rid of the \$35 a month cap on insulin for our seniors.

**Kamala Harris**

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He will cut Medicare and Social Security. In fact, economists say he will bankrupt Social Security in the next six years and understand what that means. So many of the seniors in America, that's their only source of income. That's the only way they're able to pay their rent and buy food. I have a plan to support our seniors so they can grow older with dignity and so their families are not overwhelmed by the cost of home health care.

**Kamala Harris**

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On top of that, my plan will bring down the cost of housing, cut taxes for small businesses, because small businesses are, uh, the backbone of our economy, and lower health care costs, because I believe health care should be a right and not just a privilege of those who can afford it.

**Kamala Harris**

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Donald Trump. Trump, on the other hand, intends to end the Affordable Care act and take us back, which would take us back to a time when insurance companies could deny people with preexisting conditions. You remember what that was like? Well, we are not going back. We are not going back.

**Kamala Harris**

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We are not going back and we're not going back because we together will move forward to the future. Because we believe in who we are and what is possible. And because we know it is time to turn the page. It is time to turn the page.

Ours is a fight for the future and it is a fight for freedom. Like the fundamental freedom of a woman to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do. And we all remember how we got here. When Donald Trump was president, he. He hand selected three members of the United States Supreme Court with the intention that they would undo the protections of Roe v.

**Kamala Harris**

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Wade.

**Kamala Harris**

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And they did as he intended. And now in America, one in three women lives in a state with a Trump abortion ban, many with no exceptions, even for rape and incest. I was just in Texas the other day, you know, they provide prison for life for doctors and nurses and healthcare providers for providing care.

**Kamala Harris**

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Prison for life.

**Kamala Harris**

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And no exceptions for a crime that is a violation of someone's body. And then to tell the survivor of that violation, you have no right to make a decision about what happens to your body next. That is immoral. It is immoral.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I know we all agree. One does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree. The government should not be telling her what to do. Not the government.

**Kamala Harris**

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And listen, you all have heard me say, I do believe Donald Trump to be an unserious man. But the consequences of him ever being president again are brutally serious. Brutally serious. Consider on the topic we were just discussing. Donald Trump still refuses to acknowledge the pain and suffering he has caused.

**Kamala Harris**

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He insists that, quote, everyone wanted for Roe v. Wade to be overturned.

**Kamala Harris**

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Everyone wanted this. Women are being denied care during miscarriages, some only

being treated when they've developed sepsis. They didn't want this. Couples trying to grow their family have been cut off in the middle of IVF treatments. They didn't want this.

**Kamala Harris**

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The men of America are seeing their daughters and wives and sisters and mothers put at risk because their rights have been taken from them. The men of America don't want this.

**Kamala Harris**

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And women have died because of these bans. How could anyone say these folks wanted this? And I pledge to you, when Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedoms, as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law. Proudly, proudly.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I'm traveling our nation, so I have to tell everyone here, across our nation, we are seeing a full on assault on other and additional hard fought, hard won freedoms and rights like the freedom to vote. I was just in Georgia, you know, they passed a law that makes it illegal to give people food and water for standing in line to vote.

**Kamala Harris**

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The hypocrisy abounds. Whatever happened to love thy neighbor? Right?

**Kamala Harris**

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Attacks on the freedom to be safe from gun violence, the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water. The freedom to love who you love openly and with pride.

**Kamala Harris**

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So I say to everyone, hear what you know. Generations of Americans before us, uh, fought for freedom. Um, and now the baton is in our hands. The baton is in our hands. And I want to speak specifically to all the young leaders, all the students who are here today.

**Kamala Harris**

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I want to speak to you for a moment.

**Kamala Harris**

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So I love your generation. I really do. And one of the things about it is you are rightly impatient for change. I love that about you. You are impatient for change because, look, you have only known the climate crisis and are, uh, leading then the charge to protect our planet and our future.



You, you young leaders who grew up with active shooter drills and are fighting then to keep our schools safe, you, who now know fewer rights than your mothers and grandmothers, are standing up for reproductive freedom. And for you, and for you, then I know that these issues that are at stake, they are not theoretical.

**Kamala Harris**

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This is not political for you. It is your lived experience. And I see you, and I see your power.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I know many of you are voting for the first time. Can I see a raise of hands? Who's voting for the first time?

**Kamala Harris**

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Can we hear it for our first time voters?

**Kamala Harris**

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See, that's why I know the future of our country is bright. That's why I know. So, listen, so much is on the line in this election, and this is not 2016 or 2020. We can all see that Donald Trump is even more unstable and more unhinged. And now he wants unchecked power.

**Kamala Harris**

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And this time, and this time, there will be no one there to stop him. Not even the Supreme Court, which months ago told the former president that he is essentially immune, no matter what he would do in the White House.

**Kamala Harris**

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So think about it. Before, at least there was the threat, the possibility that there would be some accountability and consequence. Now the Supreme Court has said he effectively would be immune. So just imagine Donald Trump with no guardrails. He who has vowed he would be a dictator on day one, he who has even called for, quote, the termination of the Constitution of the United States of America.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let us be clear. Anyone who suggests we should terminate the Constitution of the United States should never again stand behind the seal of the President of the United States of America. Never again. Never again.

**Kamala Harris**

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Never again.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, Michigan, there is A huge contrast in this election. And I'd ask us to just imagine the Oval Office in three months. Okay? So just picture it in your head. So either it's Donald Trump sitting in there, stewing, stewing over his enemies list, or me, with your help, working for you, checking off my to do list.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, Michigan, it all comes down to this. We are here together because we know what is at stake. Everyone here out of your busy lives, the time you have taken to be here tonight and to be here, because we know not only what is at stake, but we are here together because we love our country.

**Kamala Harris**

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We love our country. We love our country.

**Kamala Harris**

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And you know, when you love something, you gotta fight for it. Ours is not a fight against something. Ours is not a fight against something. It is a fight for something.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I do believe, I believe it is one of the highest forms of patriotism, love of our country, to then fight for the ideals of our country and to fight to realize the promise of America. That's what our campaign is about. That's what we are about. And one of the most powerful ways that we will do that is with our vote.

**Kamala Harris**

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So now is the time to get out the vote, Michigan.

**Kamala Harris**

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Now is the time.

**Kamala Harris**

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And we have eight days to get this done. So obviously, nobody here is going to sit on the sidelines. And let's make sure that we spend the next eight days knowing that in nine days, when we look back, we will be able to say and know we did everything we could to remind our friends and our classmates and our neighbors and our co workers that we're all in this

together.

**Kamala Harris**

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You know, there's been something about this Trump era that has been very backward in terms of trying to suggest that the measure of the strength of a leader is based on who you beat down instead of what we all know. Um, the true measure of our individual and collective strength is based on who we lift up.

**Kamala Harris**

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That's what we are about. And over these next eight days, yes, we will win. Yes, we must win. But let's also approach these eight days knowing our power to build community, knowing our power to build coalitions, knowing our power to reach out to one another, reminding us that nobody is alone, that we are all in this together.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let's do that then, while we knock on doors, while we take the time to text and call potential voters, let's reach out to our family and our friends and our classmates and our neighbors and make sure they know the stakes in this election.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let's remind them your vote is your voice and your voice is your power.

**Kamala Harris**

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And so, Michigan, I then ask you, are you ready to make your voices heard?

**Kamala Harris**

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Do we believe in freedom? Do we believe in opportunity? Do we believe in the promise of America? And are we ready to fight for it? And when we fight, we win.

**Kamala Harris**

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God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.