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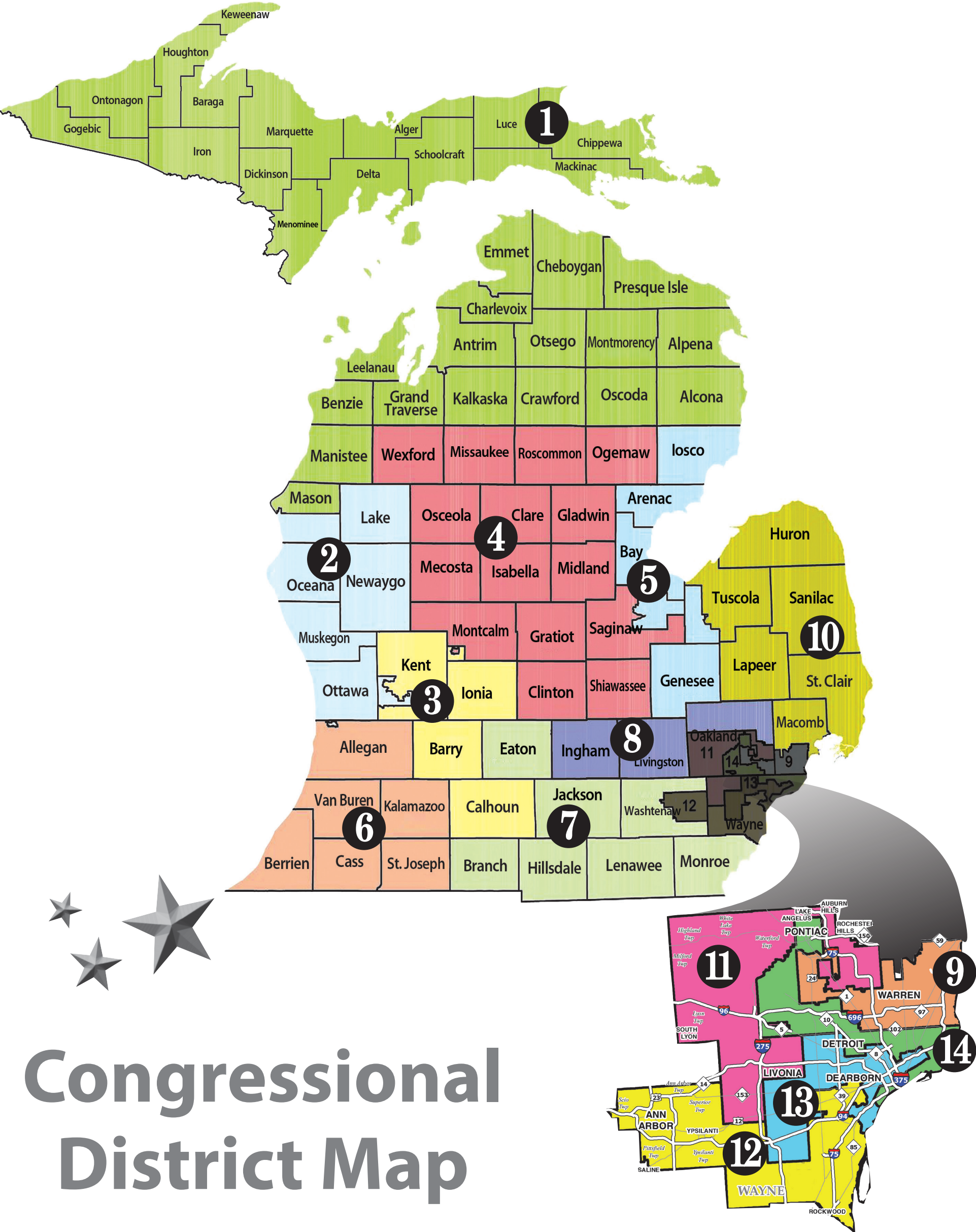


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Also see www.LWVMI.ORG for links to local Leagues and additional election information.

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www.LWVMI.org – The League of Women Voters of Michigan website contains this printed Voter Guide. It also links to VOTE411.org and contains links to more documentation about the ballot proposals. “Find your Local League” selection provides a list of the Local Leagues in Michigan and a link to their websites where additional local election information may be available. Many list their Candidate Forums which may be recorded for local cable broadcasting or online viewing.

Voting Who Can Vote



You can vote if you’ve registered to vote in Michigan by October 9, 2018.

You can register if you are a U.S. citizen; you’re a Michigan resident; and you will be at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Photo Identification

A photo ID is not required in order for you to vote. You can still vote if you sign a statement stating that you are who you say you are. You will still be able to vote a regular ballot.

Unless you registered to vote at your local clerk’s office or at a Secretary of State office, if you are a new Michigan voter, you must meet a federal ID requirement. This requirement can be met by showing at the polls a current photo ID or a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement or government document that shows your name and the address you used on your voter registration form.

Absentee Voter Ballots

Who can apply?

Registered voters can get an absentee ballot from your local clerk for any of the following reasons:

You are:

- 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct other than your own



Where and when?

You can request an absentee ballot by asking your clerk for an absentee ballot application. This application must be submitted to the clerk no later than 2 pm the Saturday before the election. This application will ask which of the reasons listed applies to you. You will then receive an absentee ballot, which can be mailed to you in another state, or overseas. If you apply in person and receive an absentee ballot, you must show photo ID.

If you are a new Michigan voter, and you registered to vote other than at a clerk’s or the Secretary of State’s offices, you can vote using an absentee ballot the first time you vote only if you personally apply for the ballot at your clerk’s office. This is because you are subject to the Federal first-time voter ID requirements.

Returning the ballot

An absentee ballot must be returned to the clerk’s office by 8 pm on election day. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature on the return envelope matches your signature on file. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household who is acting on your instructions, a mail carrier or an election official can deliver your absentee voter ballot to the clerk’s office. Note that anyone else who is in possession of another person’s absentee ballot is guilty of a felony. If you mail back your ballot, make sure it has enough postage on it. Due to size, extra postage is required.

For more information call your city or township clerk.

Michigan Governor

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor run as a team - one vote elects both.

Duties: The state’s executive powers are vested in the Governor.
Qualifications: A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

BILL SCHUETTE, Republican

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Twitter Page: twitter.com/SchuetteOnDuty
Occupation/Current Position: Attorney General Of Michigan
Education: I am a graduate of Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and studied at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. I received my law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law.
Qualifications/Experience: Before becoming Michigan’s 53rd Attorney General, I served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, a State Senator representing the 35th District, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and as a United States Congressman. My experience means I understand our state and know how to work with the legislature, local leaders and other partners on needed reforms to advance Michigan.



GRETCHEN WHITMER, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Governor
Education: Michigan State University College of Law Michigan State University, BA Communications
Qualifications / Experience: Michigan State Representative from the 69 th District 2000-2006; Michigan State Senator from the 23rd District 2006-2015; Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate 2011-2015; Ingham County Prosecutor July 2016-December 2016



BILL GELINEAU, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Owner and Licensed Title Agent for a Grand Rapids based real estate title insurance agency.
Education: Attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Pre-law student majoring in English and Michigan History. Extensive professional certifications and currently hold a state license.
Qualifications / Experience: Read personal biography at: <https://liberty4gov.org/about-bill/> This provides extensive personal background from growing up in Downriver Detroit to my long professional and political career in Michigan. All of that training provides a balanced perspective needed to develop cooperation in Lansing.



TODD SCHLEIGER, US Taxpayers

Website: checktodd.com
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Twitter: twitter.com/toddschleiger
Occupation / Current Position: Driver/ Fleet Manager
Education: High School Online Business classes
Qualifications / Experience: I manage equipment under federal guidelines along with 23 drivers. I deal with customers on daily basis, whether good or bad I have settle their complaints with compromises or a remedy of other sorts. Such as a refund or credit towards their next load of product.



Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three priorities for the State of Michigan and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

My top priority can be summed up in one word: growth. Michigan needs a growing population and growing paychecks to become one of the leading states in the country economically. I want to cut taxes and regulations at the state level. Additionally, I will focus on cutting auto insurance rates and fixing our 3rd grade reading scores, which are some of the lowest in the nation. My “GROW” (Great Readers On the Way) plan will prioritize literacy with a cabinet-level literacy director and more. Together these things will make Michigan more attractive to job creators and people, allowing our state to grow again.

I support policies that give families more great educational choices and make wise use of taxpayers’ \$15 billion annual investment in our schools. My “GROW” plan will reverse Michigan’s 15-year decline in reading scores with a cabinet-level literacy director, reading coaches in every elementary school, tutoring and summer reading programs. My “Paycheck Training Plan” will restore a balance between career and college preparation in our schools and foster apprenticeships in skilled trades and other fields. We should grade our schools A-F and reward high performing and improving schools with grants and incentives.

Fixing the roads by investing \$3 billion per year in the Rebuild Michigan Infrastructure Bank to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, including water pipelines and expanding access to broadband. Making health care more affordable for families, like when I worked across the aisle to expand Medicaid to cover over 680,000 Michiganders. I’ll take on Trump and Republicans who threaten our health coverage and protect people with pre-existing conditions. Making the first two years of college debt-free and funding more trade schools and skills training programs so Michiganders can get a good job and support their families.

The key to a good job is a good education. My Good Schools Now education plan will: put Michigan on a path to universal preschool; triple the number of literacy coaches in our schools; respect our educators and treat them as professionals instead of attacking them for Lansing’s policy failures; expand career counseling and skilled trades training so every student has a path to a high-wage job, whether college is right for them or not; hold all schools to the same high proficiency standards – traditional and charter schools alike.

1) It is no accident that I chose the domain ComeTogetherMichigan.org as my campaign website. I believe that the election of a non-Democrat/Republican would send a strong message to the legislature to develop non-partisan consensus. 2) I would work diligently to reform the spending priorities in our state. I’ve identified several large areas - these include prison reform - where tremendous assets are wasted. Also, the elimination of corporate subsidies - which squeeze out necessary funding for roads, schools, and other priorities. 3) Mental health initiatives to ensure stable opportunities for all citizens.

The core of making changes is recognition of limited resources. Prison and business subsidy reform is an essential component of developing the resources to make other planned improvements possible. There won’t be massive new revenues available. My priorities would include funding to return to 70/80’s levels of student/counselor ratios. We need these objective “ombudsman” for students to provide perspective, support, and a safe place for students to reveal obstacles to success. Counselors would also become a key asset in our battles with suicide and opioid use. Also, expand parental engagement from K forward

I would have to say exactly what I have been saying for the last 3 years. Lowering Auto Insurance up to 70%. I have a plan to lower Health Insurance Premiums by up to 50%, and creating 500,000 new jobs in Michigan. Between infrastructure, legalized cannabis,solar and wind generation, roads, and environmental this all in 4 years.

I am the only candidate that comes to the table with a 20 billion dollar budget. Broken down as the following 1.2 billion towards bringing 2 years of community college into the public school realm, this would include trade schools and vocational schools. 17.8 billion into pre-k and k-12 bringing a minimum pay to any teachers through out the state of 60,000 dollars,putting more money to the classrooms than the administrations. That leaves 1 billion to bring our schools into a more efficient and safe standards, such as protecting our children by hardening our school buildings and more police on site.



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Michigan Governor Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)



Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 3

What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

QUESTION 4

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

QUESTION 5

EQUALITY: What, if any, specific steps will you take to address inequalities facing women in Michigan?

QUESTION 6

JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

As governor, I will implement growth-friendly policies that make Michigan attractive to job creators and families and help rebuild our population. I will cut taxes and regulation at the state level I want to eliminate the Granholm income tax hike that has cost Michigan taxpayers \$8 billion. There isn't a problem facing Michigan today that couldn't be made better if we had more people living and working in Michigan. We need more people filling jobs and contributing the growth that will allow us to invest in better roads and improved infrastructure.

Our Great Lakes are the crown jewels of Michigan and their safety and security is etched in the DNA of every Michigan resident. I support building a 4.5-mile-long utility tunnel in the Straits that puts all existing utility connections into one underground concrete tunnel which would protect the lines from hazards and would also contain possible spills. Michigan must maintain a regulatory climate that provides reliable and affordable energy. I support a review of energy policy to provide a mix of nuclear, clean coal, natural gas, renewables and to encourage more choices for businesses, consumers and families.

As attorney general I have established a strong record as being a voice for victims of human trafficking and sexual assault. I helped secure funding to test thousands of abandoned rape kits in Detroit and across the state and set up a special unit to prosecute human traffickers. I prosecuted Larry Nassar and he is behind bars for life. I also prosecuted Kevin Beverly, who threatened and intimidated his ex-wife from prison. As governor, I will continue this legacy of seeking justice for women.

As attorney general, I have consistently been a voice for victims, consumers and all Michiganians, because I believe everyone should be treated equally under the law, with dignity and respect. As governor, I will ensure such policies are practiced within my administration, and I will approach the laws and budgets I sign with the same standard in mind.

My Better Skills, Better Job plan focuses on raising household incomes by expanding education and skills training, investing in our infrastructure, aggressively pursuing economic development and supporting small business growth so that everyone has a path to a good job and a secure future. We must also raise the minimum wage to \$15 and enact strong paid family leave policies to help working families get ahead. My administration will also adopt strong Buy American, Buy Michigan policies to ensure more of our tax dollars go to Michigan businesses that hire Michigan workers.

Diversifying Michigan's energy generation portfolio is good for our environment and our economy. I support increased investment in the renewable energy sector of the economy and the 92,000 Michigan jobs it supports. Michigan is home to 21% of the Earth's fresh water, and we've got to protect it. An oil spill in the Great Lakes would be an absolutely devastating blow to our environment and our economy. My administration will immediately file to enjoin the easement and begin the legal process for shutting down Line 5.

I have always been on the front lines fighting for women's rights. As Senate Democratic Leader, I shared my own story of surviving sexual assault to fight Republican efforts to erect more barriers for women in their health care. As Ingham County prosecutor, I established a new domestic violence unit, and I recently released a plan to combat sexual assault on campus. As governor, I will fight for equal pay and end pay disparities for women of color, enact earned paid sick leave, and ensure quality, affordable childcare, because the average cost of infant care in Michigan is too high.

We've got to level the playing field so the amount of money in your bank account does not determine the level of justice you receive. That's why as Prosecutor, I prioritized rehabilitation programs for nonviolent first-time offenders. As governor, I'm committed to building a diverse cabinet that represents every community in Michigan so every voice is heard. I support universal voter access, so everyone who is approved for a driver's license or state ID should be automatically registered to vote, and any registered voter should be able to vote absentee or by mail.

1) My Drop-th-Cap initiative: <https://liberty4gov.org/drop-the-cap/>, is widely agreed by economists to provide confidence to investors to bring their companies to Michigan. It is vital to tell companies they won't be overtaxed. 2) By ending corporate welfare, we have the resources to invest in students to fill the high-skill positions available. 3) Legalization of cannabis. There are massive opportunities in the agricultural and industrial sectors in which our farms and business can provide leadership and high-margin success.

These intertwined issues require more than 625 characters. A good starting place is the position paper on our website: <https://liberty4gov.org/environmental-policy/>. I've outline the creation of an Evaluation Board which could recommend areas forever "off limits", such as the Straits. However, the most important matter is finding the revenues to clean up all the toxic sites in Michigan. Nobody else in the race has proposed a plan such as the IFT expansion explained on my site. I'm also the only candidate putting the "HOW" into a clean energy future. Again, with limited space, you should check out my website.

I don't believe it is the role of the government to provide special status or ensure anything other than equal opportunity to any group. However, as Governor, I will enforce the laws of the State to make sure discrimination or other systemic biases are eliminated. As a father with daughters and grand-daughters, my efforts will always be to ensure a FULL and EQUAL opportunity for them to compete in the workplace, free of institutional discrimination. I believe we should eliminate the income tax on those under 25 and below \$25,000/yer. income to help lift women and children out of poverty.

The legalization of marijuana - consequences of which have fallen hard on many minority communities. 2) I've pledged to commute the sentences of all drug offenders who have not committed a violent crime. 3) I will work to amend Elliot-Larsen to include transgender persons. Everyone has the right to enjoy the full benefits of citizenship. 4) Investigation and prosecution of abusive police practices - and the elimination of military-style SWAT teams and use of military vehicles as everyday common practice. 5) I will appoint a cabinet of qualified people that reflect all the faces and communities of Michigan.

Between my restructuring of our complete tax system, and the creation of 500,000 new jobs in my four years we will move Michigan forward as a leader in cyber and manufacturing along with renewable energy. By cutting and removing certain taxes that overlap or burden our businesses, creating a three tier income tax that will benefit 80% of the working people of Michigan putting more money back into their paychecks. We all know if we have more money, we spend more money.

The answer to Enbridge Pipeline 5 is simple and straight forward, it has to go. Know amount of insurance or promises can pay for a devastating leak if it were to occur. We are the stewards of the land an must do all that we can to support it, that is why I will mandate an increase in percentages to renewable energy to 33% by 2025. By bringing back the Public Works and forcing the utilities the comply without substantial rate increases, they have profited billions on the people and can afford to spend more of their profits. This field alone will create over 100,000 new jobs. Even more if we include infrastructure needs.

This is a hard question to answer, for the issues that are being seen are more towards where salaries are negotiated than at a starting job say at a factory. I would mandate that where a company must start all its employees at the same rates per hour or salary, equal pay for equal work. If the employee has worked at a job equally as long as another employee whether male or female should be making the same wage as long as they have had the same training as the other. Example a skill trades person should make more than John Doe of the street if hired into the same job.

I will bring back the Common Law Grand Jury or also known as The Peoples Grand Jury, This will empower the people to literally remove an official who has taken an oath of office to defend our Constitution. Judges, police enforcement, elected officials who abuse their powers granted by the people will think before they act on violating the peoples rights. Judge Antonin Scalia wrote the Peoples Grand Jury is a fourth branch of government belonging only to the people, not to answer to the other three branches in 2005. This will promote social and racial justice in our state.



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JENNIFER V KURLAND, Green

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Education: Associate’s Degree, Liberal Arts, with Honors - Schoolcraft College Bachelor’s Degree, Political Science Public Affairs - Wayne State University
Qualifications / Experience: Redford Union School Board elected 2012 term of 2013 - 2018, served as President for 3 1/2 years, current Treasurer. Elections pollworker/chairperson since 2006. Appointed - Redford Township Festival Committee since 2012, served as Secretary for 2 years. Redford Jaycees - multiple executive positions, 60th President. Michigan Junior Chamber - District 4 Director, 2015.



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Flint, Public Education, and Prisons/Policing. Flint is the canary in the coalmine for our crumbling water and sewer infrastructure on top of our crumbling roads and bridges. We need to replace all lead water lines statewide. We must properly fund public education, earmark general fund money for Pre-K-12, and include funding for infrastructure, curriculum, and technology. We must end the war on drugs and mass incarceration. Ending solitary confinement, raising the age for prosecution of minors, requiring community policing, and ending the cash bail system will help fix our broken criminal justice system	We must bring technology to all classrooms around the state, and fund professional development for teachers. We must properly fund school infrastructure and fund early childhood opportunities. We can make public colleges and then public universities free for all Michiganders while expanding college and trade opportunities to high school students. We must end the for-profit charter school system and school of choice, both of which has been increasing segregation in our schools. We must properly fund a statewide ALICE program, end abstinence-only education, and stop the school to prison pipeline.
Reduce auto insurance costs by eliminating no fault and other requirements. I would also make carrying insurance optional, as the government should not be able to force you to buy anything. Eliminate the income and property taxes, then the sales tax, and other charges. Taxation is theft. Legalize drugs, not just marijuana and alcohol, without taxation. Stop jailing people for victimless crimes.	Part of the problem is the federal Department of Education, which I would constantly lobby to remove their regulations forced upon the state. I would eliminate state regulations, allowing education to return to the local level and the people. Other options, such as online school, home school, etc would be encouraged instead of pushing a government school program. Post-secondary would not be subsidized by the taxpayers. This would force these institutions to cut costs and remove bloated administrations.

KEITH BUTKOVICH, Natural Law

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Qualifications / Experience: Common sense

Let’s celebrate freedom...



Remember to vote on November 6



Use the form on page 40 to write down your ballot choices. Clip it and take it to the polls with you!

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We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr immediately, and permanently fix the minimum wage to other indicators like inflation, housing, and food costs. Climate change is real and green jobs are the jobs of the future. We can put our tradespeople to work making wind farms, solar panels, and becoming innovators of hydro power. We must transition to a more diverse economy by creating grants for Michiganders who wish to start new businesses without personal capital. The legalization of marijuana and subsequent ability for our state to grow industrial hemp will also create new economic opportunities and industries.	We must completely transition over to clean, green, renewable energy. We can fully meet our energy needs with wind, solar, and hydropower. We must charge the full cost of pollution permits to include the health effects to the public, cleanup, and require full disclosure of all chemicals and pollutants released. We must immediately shut down and de-commission Enbridge Line 5, and halt all current pipeline projects for future, stringent environmental assessments before future approvals or completion of any pipeline projects. We need to recombine the DEQ and DNR, and create legislation to allow for permit denials.	We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr. We need to end abstinence-only education and begin teaching age-appropriate consent to all students. We have the ability to create legislation that will end the wage-gap in Michigan, and we must enshrine equal rights for all into our state constitution. We must fully protect abortion rights as part of women’s health care, and end the “women tax” on items like sanitary products. It is imperative that we treat the LGBTQIA community with equal protection, including housing rights, job protection, adoption rights, and health care.	We must give the Michigan Civil Rights Commission teeth. This includes expanding Elliot Larson to include all LGBTQIA citizens, and the ability to have some level of enforcement capabilities. We must end the drug war, end the cash bail system, and transform our prisons and police policies to those of community policing. We must work to end gentrification by requiring community benefit agreements to coincide with local business tax breaks, create new economic opportunities for those in impoverished communities with a grant program for small business and fix inequities in public education.
Let people keep the money they have earned. Taxation is theft. I would also remove burdensome regulations on businesses. The economy will explode because government will be out of the way.	Common sense. Don’t dump into streams and rivers. The government is one of if not the largest polluters, so reducing government would be a major key in this. The officials involved in Flint, both local and state, should be sued if the people choose to go that route. No immunity. Pipeline 5 needs to be repaired. I would not ban pipelines and drilling, provided they are safe and companies clean up any problems they may cause. The residents would be the ones who could sue. I would not ban nuclear energy.	People should have to stand on their own merits. Sex, race, religion, etc should not be a factor in any hiring. I am against affirmative action. Smart employer realize this, and would not underpay someone just because they are a woman or otherwise, because they know good people are in demand by many companies.	Government should get out of marriage. Adults should be allowed to marry who they wish, and however many people they wish. A marriage license is just another tax. All people should be treated equally in court. Police officers should not be given special treatment just because they wear a uniform. Murder is wrong, no matter who commits it. Self defense must be thoroughly proven in court.

Michigan Lt. Governor Term: 4 years

Candidates for Lt. Governor are nominated at their party convention to run as a team with the candidate for Governor.

- Duties:** There are three main duties assigned to the Lieutenant Governor:

 - (1) to serve as acting Governor while the Governor is out of state;
 - (2) to become Governor in the event that the Governor is unable to serve due to death, illness or incapacitation; and
 - (3) to preside over the Michigan Senate.
- Qualifications:** A Lt. Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years.

Lt. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

LISA POSTHUMUS LYONS, Republican Running Mate: Bill Schuette	GARLIN D GILCREST II, Democrat Running Mate: Gretchen Whitmer 	ANGELIQUE CHAISER THOMAS, Libertarian Running Mate: Bill Gelineau Website: www.liberty4gov.org Occupation / Current Position: Chief Operating Officer Education: B.S. Political Science - University of Detroit Mercy J.D. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law MBA - Northwestern University Certificate in Change Management - Michigan State University Qualifications / Experience: Deeply versed in Public Policy, Michigan Law, and Administrative Systems.
EARL P LACKIE, U.S. Taxpayers Running Mate: Todd Schleiger	CHARIN H DAVENPORT, Green Running Mate: Jennifer Kurland	RAYMOND WARNER, Natural Law Running Mate: Keith Butkovich Occupation / Current Position: Retired Education: Graduated Redford Union 1965 Attended Highland Park College and Wayne State University Qualifications / Experience: Twenty years of civil service Political activist since 1964

Michigan Secretary of State

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state’s official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal.

Qualifications: Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

Questions (625 characters each):			
QUESTION 1:		QUESTION 2	QUESTION 3
Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?		What voting reforms do you support?	What are your top priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?
<div></div> <div><div>MARY TREDER LANG, Republican</div><div><div><p>Website: https://marytrederlandforsos.com/</p><p>Facebook: http://facebook.com/marytrederlandforsos</p><p>Twitter: twitter.com/mtlforsos</p><p>Occupation / Current Position: I have taken a leave of absence from Vista Maria as their Vice-President of Major Gifts</p><p>Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in both Accounting and Marketing from the University of Dayton</p></div><div></div></div></div>		I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 30 years of success in computer security, business development, and executive leadership. I have background in both the private and public sector, most recently working for Michigan’s oldest non-profit, Vista Maria, and serving as VP of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. My work has a CPA has given me the opportunity to assist my community and state in a number of ways, including working on Mayor-elect Mike Duggan’s Finance Transition Team in 2013. I am confident my career has given me the right experience to manage a department with a \$250 million budget.	I support online voter registration and secured no reason absentee.
<div><div>JOCELYN BENSON, Democrat</div><div><div><p>Campaign Website: www.votebenenson.com</p><p>Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/votebenenson/</p><p>Twitter: twitter.com/jocelynbenson</p><p>Occupation / Current Position: CEO & President Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE)</p><p>Education: Wellesley College Harvard Law School</p></div><div></div></div></div>		I have over a decade of experience as a national leader in election law and administration and have authored, “Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process,” the first major book on the role of the Secretary of State in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. I have a proven track record running organizations including the Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE) and the Wayne State University Law School, where as dean I froze tuition for incoming students and increased scholarship funding that led to a 14 percent reduction in tuition for all students.	I believe it should be easier to vote and harder to cheat. My plan includes online voter registration, automatic voter-registration, no- reason absentee voting, early voting, and new laws to prohibit voter intimidation. My election security plan includes risk-limiting post-election audits (RLA); improved poll worker training, recruitment, and accountability; the convening of an Election Security Commission; tough, new penalties for equipment tampering; and strengthening the accuracy of the Qualified Voter File by joining the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC.)
<div><div>GREGORY SCOTT STEMPFLE, Libertarian</div><div><div><p>Website: https://stempfle4sos.com</p><p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Gregory-Stempfle-for-Secretary-of-State-114624199243815</p><p>Occupation / Current Position: I currently work as a Medical Technologist in the Henry Ford Hospital System and live in Ferndale.</p><p>Education: Stempfle has a BS in Clinical Laboratory Sciences and MS in Molecular Biology, both from Wayne State University.</p></div><div></div></div></div>		I have been involved in Michigan politics and the Libertarian Party for over 20 years. In that time, I have run for public office, and been a campaign manager and treasurer. When the Libertarian Party of Michigan qualified for the 2018 primary election for the first time, I chaired the committee that redrafted the party bylaws to bring them up to date with current Michigan election law. This experience has given me a unique insight into Michigan’s election and campaign finance laws and how to improve elections to make them more fair and representative of the voting public.	I support expanding the absentee voting program. All voters should be able to request an absentee ballot for any reason, including those who find themselves working long hours or unable to get transportation to the polls on Election Day. I support adopting ranked choice voting, an election reform that requires a winning candidate to receive a majority of support in order to win a primary or general election. Ranked choice voting reduces negative campaigning, encourages the election of candidates that are more representative of their district.
<div><div>ROBERT GALE, U.S. Taxpayers</div><div><div><p>Occupation / Current Position: Self employed businessman</p><p>Education: I attended MCCC and MSU</p></div></div></div>		I am a taxpayer not a professional politician like my opponents I accept no special interest money and I am not obligated to no one I am the owner of a very successful business for over thirty years built from the ground up I will get the job done	This will be put under review
			Downsize by closing nonefficient and outdated Secretary of State offices throughout the state and opening new smaller efficient locations and kiosks in high traffic areas such as major box stores and shopping malls with a major emphasis on doing business online from anywhere the current system is all over the map with no definite plan in place lines are to long and employees are to negative towards customers it is time for a complete overhaul by saving taxpayers money in wasted dollars

Michigan Attorney General

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan.

Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1:

Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney General and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

QUESTION 2

What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to implement them?

QUESTION 3

What recommendations would you make to the Governor and State Legislature regarding the administration of justice and safety in Michigan?

TOM LEONARD Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives

Education: BA, University of Michigan; JD, Michigan State University



I have spent my entire career making Michigan safer and stronger, and I can think of no better place to continue that important work than the office of the attorney general. I served as an assistant prosecutor in Genesee County, putting murderers and drug dealers behind bars. I have also been an assistant attorney general, defending taxpayers from frivolous lawsuits filed by convicted felons. If elected, I will be the first attorney general Michigan has had with previous experience working in the office. That gives me the unique ability to hit the ground running and implement my plan for the office on day one.

I have a detailed plan for the office, including an increased focus on fighting violent crime, rooting out sexual predators, and continuing to reform Michigan's broken mental health system. My experience working in the office and my experience working on those issues in Genesee County will allow me to reorganize the department, reallocate resources and manpower and get these new initiatives up and running sooner than anyone else can do it. I am prepared on day one to build new partnerships with local prosecutors and judges on these important issues and begin making a difference.

We have made important progress on issues like criminal justice reform and mental health reform over the past few years, but there is no such thing as good enough. In particular, many of the recommendations from the House CARES Task Force I created have been passed into law to reform our broken mental health system, but there are still many bills yet being written and reforms being worked out. That progress needs to continue in the next year to make sure we continue to implement the changes that our members heard about from parents, law enforcement and health officials at town halls and forums all across the state.

DANA NESSEL, Democrat

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Occupation/Current Position: Democratic Nominee for Attorney General

Education: University of Michigan - BA; Wayne State University - JD



I began my career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office handling the county's most difficult cases. In 2012 I initiated the precedent-setting case DeBoer v. Snyder, which was consolidated into Obergefell v. Hodges in the United States Supreme Court. We won, legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. I am also the President & Founder of the Fair Michigan Foundation, a task force that investigates and prosecutes hate crimes. I am running to be the People's Attorney in a state that has prioritized corporate interests over the needs of Michigan residents for too long. That ends if I am elected.

1) I will protect our Great Lakes & provide clean water for all. I will close Line 5, fight for justice in Flint in criminal & civil cases, and hold chemical companies accountable for PFAS. 2) I will fight for consumers & seniors. I will prosecute Medicaid fraud, create an auto insurance fraud division, & protect students from aggressive debt collection. 3) I will protect workers and ensure safe workplaces free from discrimination, sexual harassment or environmental hazards. I will take on right to work laws so that all Michiganders have a good paying job with access to affordable health care & a retirement plan.

My recommendation would be simple, put people first. For the too long, the people of Michigan have gone without a champion in the Attorney General's Office. It is my intent to return the office of the AG to one that works for the people of Michigan and protects working families, and I will do that by being the same fighter as Attorney General that I've been as an attorney for the last 25 years. Michigan needs an AG who fights for working families instead of corporations and special interests, and puts the paychecks of regular people ahead of corporate profits.

LISA LANE GIOIA, Libertarian

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Education: Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1989); The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama (1990-1991)



Laws created in Lansing are often partisan, short-term solutions devoid of respect for individual rights and consideration of potential ramifications. The Office of the AG is the last line of defense, also against abuses of government and law enforcement. The Office must be set in a direction of prioritizing thoroughness and objectivity – a goal achievable only by a leader who is not beholden to any level of government nor to any special interests, and who has business experience to eliminate inefficiency, complacency and incompetence rampant in government, and whose intent is to serve, not rule, the public.

Top priorities include legalization of cannabis, civil asset forfeiture, occupational licensing, and auto insurance. Further, given the increasing ineptitude of many bureaucrats and the increasing militarization of federal and state law enforcement, the Office must promote a culture of welcoming not only complaints from citizens, but also reports from public servants brave enough to come forward with knowledge of malfeasance in their organizations. The “circle the wagons” approach of fellow officials can no longer be tolerated, and a policy of defending Michiganders against all forms of abuse must be made clear.

Policies/laws relating to prohibition, especially of cannabis with its proven medical benefits including those to opiate addicts and PTSD sufferers, are being applied in a horrifically disproportionate manner to minorities, and create inescapable cycles of violence in our urban areas. All persons incarcerated for non-violent, marijuana-related crimes should be freed, their rights restored, and the records of previously convicted should be expunged. Legalization would end an untold number of crimes, result in savings in incarceration costs, free-up law enforcement resources, and provide an economic boon to our state.

GERALD T. VAN SICKLE, U.S. Taxpayers

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Education: MA - International Affairs: Catholic University of America; JD: University of New Hampshire Law School; BA - Liberal Arts: Magdalen College



For the last five years, I served as the Chief, Violent and Organized Crime Unit, US Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan. I concentrated our office's efforts in reducing homicides and non-fatal shootings in Detroit. By working collaboratively with our local/ state partners, we successfully dropped these crimes by over 30%. Prior to my work as a federal prosecutor, I was a prosecutor in Wayne County and a US Army lawyer. In the Army, I prosecuted the high profile and politically sensitive Abu Ghraib cases. I am running because partisanship should play no role in the work of the AG's office.

My top priority is to remove partisan political considerations from the AG's office. I would put an end to the practice of using this office to advance the political parties' policy arguments through lawsuit. I would be vigilant in the hiring process to ensure that we build a strong and competent team with politics playing no role in that process. In terms of the work of the office, I would focus our resources on helping our cities and municipalities in curbing violent crime, the opioid trade, human trafficking, and identity theft. I would shift more resources to aggressively pursue consumer protection enforcement.

I believe that the AG should focus on enforcing laws that are already enacted as opposed to actively advocating for specific new policies. With that understanding, public safety demands joint action and the ability to communicate and share information. I would recommend to the Governor that we ensure that law enforcement on the local and state level have the necessary systems in place to ensure efficient information sharing. Also, I would encourage the legislature and Governor to consider additional programs and assistance to citizens returning to society from a period of incarceration to aid in that transition.

U.S. Senator (Michigan)

Term: 6 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

JOHN JAMES, Republican

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Education: United States Military Academy, Bachelor of Science Penn State University, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems University of Michigan, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Qualifications/Experience: I spent half of my adult life serving this country. I led two platoons in Iraq and brought all my men home to their families. The other half of my adult life was spent serving my community and creating jobs right here in Michigan. I served on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Board of Directors of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.



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Education: Michigan State University, B.A, MSW
Qualifications / Experience: As the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Michigan, I have a strong record of getting things done for Michigan families. I will continue to be a champion for Michigan and to work across the aisle to help move Michigan forward.



GEORGE E HUFFMAN III, U.S. Taxpayers

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Education: Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University on a full academic scholarship, Majoring in Psychology
Qualifications / Experience: *2 Terms on the Board of Directors for Ingleside-Grossedale Park Association (2nd Vice President & former Chairman of the Board)* *2016 U.S. House Candidate for Michigan's 14th District* *Lifelong Michigander who cares more about People than Megacorporations*



JOHN HOWARD WILHELM, Natural Law

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired
Education: Ph.D., Economics University of Michigan 1974
Qualifications / Experience: By training a Soviet/Russia specialist in addition to my training in economics. I have been working with third parties, the most recent the Modern Whig and Green Parties, on the issue of voting system reform to open up our political processes to third parties.

Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration polices?

1. Economic Opportunity. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs. 2. National Security and Veterans. We also have to take care of our veterans. The toughest fight our forces face should not be in a VA hospital. This in particular is a priority for me when I reach the Senate. 3. Infrastructure. Upgrading the Soo Locks and our roads must become a national priority.

We are a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. Our economy and national identity depend on a workable legal immigration system. But it needs to be tough as well. I oppose sanctuary cities and would work to ensure sanctuary cities are defunded. I also would work to ensure we have secure borders. I will work to support reform of the legal immigration system that provides greater security while supporting our economy.

One of my top priorities is helping create jobs in Michigan. I am focused on growing a diverse economy that includes manufacturing and technology, small business creation and agriculture, education and career training. The first bill I passed into law as a U.S. Senator banned oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that has been successful in cleaning up our waters and led the fight to restore funding after President Trump tried to zero it out. I have been a champion for Michigan agriculture and rural communities and authored the 2014 and 2018 bipartisan Farm Bills.

I have heard from thousands of Michigan citizens about their concerns with our broken immigration system and there is no question that we need comprehensive immigration reform that works for our families, workers, businesses, and farmers each and every day. I support the DREAM Act, the Keep Families Together Act, and comprehensive immigration reform.

My top 3 national legislative priorities are: 1- Retroactively ending the War on Drugs. 2- Ending Foreign Interventionism & endless war-for-profit. 3- Giving the People the representation in government that they deserve. I would like to repeal and replace the following pieces of legislation: Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Patriot Act, Controlled Substances Act, DARK Act, Authorized Use of Military Force (AUMF), National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), Telecommunications Act & Federal Reserve Act. I would support the expansion of Medicare & Public Education for All.

If we end the wars on drugs and terror, we would reduce our overbloated and unsustainable military industrial complex. We would also see a positive shift in immigration patterns, as people from other countries might be more inclined to stay in their homeland, easing the refugee crisis. Drug cartels would see their power and influence diminish, reducing undocumented immigration and crime in general. As for those who are migrating to the U.S. legally, they should have to pass background checks for violence. In addition, if we shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewables, we would benefit the entire world.

1. Voting reform at the federal level to open up our political processes to third parties. 2. Promoting a better discussion of the policy issues we face especially in a post peak-oil period. 3. Working to get better Russia and Middle East policies. Get Elected.

My concerns are that we have not had an honest discussion of this issue. Given the impending reality of peak oil we face some troubling issues concerning population sustainability on which the issue of immigration looms large. On this issue I have been much informed by articles published in the Social Contract in Petoskey, Michigan by Dr. John Tanton. It is outrageous that groups like Southern Law Poverty Center have labeled John Tanton a racist for his efforts on immigration reform. Political correctness in this area has done a lot of damage to a much needed honest discussion of this issue.


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 QUESTION 3 HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?	QUESTION 4: ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?	QUESTION 5: ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.	QUESTION 6: ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
<p>We need to look at everything that comes in between a patient and their doctor. We must keep the decision making ability in the hands of doctors and health professionals. After that, we need to look at everything that happens after that patient walks out of the doctors office and has to pay for the care. We need to focus on patient-centered, market based solutions. Mothers and children across Michigan deserve better. Our Veterans deserve better.</p>	<p>Michigan is one of the most innovative states in America. We are home to some of the most innovative manufacturing innovators in the world, and one of the most diverse agriculture sectors in the nation. Both of these important industries are sensitive to government regulation, tax and trade policy. The best thing the federal government can do in many cases is get out of the way. That means reducing regulation instead of increasing regulation. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Our Great Lakes are a national treasure. They support a robust fish and tourism industry here in Michigan. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure such as the Soo Locks to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I will champion policies and programs that protects environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protects them from invasive species like Asian Carp. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in this state and need to guarantee it for future seasons.</p>	<p>As a cadet in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Voting and sharing our opinions and values is how we pass on our democracy to future generations. We must protect the integrity of our elections and protect against voter fraud. It is equally important that we maintain a campaign finance system that is honest, transparent and accessible by every American citizen. When you take away an American's right to vote or their right to share their views, you hurt our democracy.</p>
<p>Health care is a human right and everyone should have affordable, quality health care. I helped lead the fight to stop Republicans from dismantling our health care system and taking away health care from millions of Americans, and am focused on lowering health care and drug costs for Michigan families. I led bipartisan efforts to increase funding for community health centers and extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, which 100,000 children in Michigan rely on, and am working to pass my Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act to provide funding for new partnerships to improve maternity and infant care.</p>	<p>Everyone deserves a fair shot to work hard and be successful. And right now, that fair shot is not available to everyone in Michigan or our country. Work should be rewarded – in our tax code, in our wages, and in our quality of life. If you work full time, you should not be in poverty. I know that not every young person will pursue a four-year college degree. I am working with businesses, building and construction trades, parents, students, and educators to promote job opportunities in skilled trades and technical careers. If we make things and grow things in Michigan, our families will be able to stay in Michigan.</p>	<p>I have lived in Michigan my whole life and understand that our Great Lakes are vital to our economy and Michigan way of life. That is why I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which has been successful in cleaning up our waters. I will continue working to protect the Great Lakes for the next generation. We can protect our environment while creating new clean energy jobs. It's critical that we reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should continue investing in clean energy technologies – a wind turbine is made with over 8,000 parts, every one of which can be made in Michigan.</p>	<p>All voters must be able to cast their votes without barriers, fear, or intimidation. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, and will continue pushing to make sure elections are fair and transparent. It's so important that we reduce the influence of special interests in our election. I strongly oppose the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. I also cosponsored and voted for the DISCLOSE Act that would cut down on dark money. You can count on me to continue fighting for the people of Michigan every day in the U.S. Senate.</p>
<p>Millions of people are not getting the health care they deserve because of cost. We deserve Medicare for All & access to life saving remedies. We should shift funding away from more death & destruction and towards more worthwhile endeavors like healthcare & education. We are dying from lack of proper healthcare, while millions of people overseas have also died as a result of our weaponry & interventionism. Right now, we offer publicly funded healthcare to minors, seniors, & pregnant women. We need to stop discriminating against everyone else and ensure their rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness too.</p>	<p>I support publicly funded health-care for All people, regardless of age, and education for All, from preK to PhD, plus skilled trades. I support a jobs program focusing on what I call #HIRE, which stands for Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We should be our healthiest, most educated selves in order to reduce income inequality and further civilization.</p>	<p>I want to shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable off-grid energy, which would bring an end to all the leaky oil pipelines that criss cross our waterways and land, causing pollution and environmental damage. We should offer incentives and tax breaks to small businesses that are in the environmental and energy industries. This would be very beneficial to the future of the Great Lakes, as well as the environment as a whole.</p>	<p>I support banning SuperPAC's and Corporate donations, lowering the voting age to 16 or 17, and having automatic voter registration, up to and including election day. I also support hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, not machine-counted ballots with government oversight. In addition, I'm the only candidate for US Senate in Michigan who has pledged to file for recounts in any and all suspicious precincts in my race, since our voting machines and central tabulators are extremely easy to manipulate in order to produce fraudulent results.</p>
<p>My concerns is that we have done a very poor job of intelligently discussion this issue. If elected I would support a bill putting a sunset on Obama Care, if and only if as part of that effort a hard copy of David Goldhill's 2009 Atlantic article on health reform were given to every American taxpayer. That would make it much more difficult for the two parties to peddle a lot of nonsense about this issue which is dumping down our electorate and preventing us to get good health care for all of these categories.</p>	<p>None. There are certain strata whose economic position public policy ought to help. But besides this all the evidence indicates that we are consuming beyond sustainable levels, especially given impending peak oil. On this score, our compelling need is to develop stabilization policies for a sustainable economy. If elected, I would push for the Joint Economic Committee to initiate a discussion of this issue. As Tim Jackson of the British Sustainable Development Commission has pointed out we have virtually no economic scholarship on this vital issue.</p>	<p>A stiff carbon tax with the revenue going towards supporting good public transportation in central cities like Detroit, research on alternative sustainable energy sources and reducing our blooming national debt</p>	<p>Our most important voting right in addition to the right to vote is to have a good voting system not our current plurality voting system which is the worst. I support approval voting (see my website www.nationalrenewal.org) to open up our political process to third parties. On campaign finance reform. We need to repeal all campaign finance laws and start over again. The current ones are very discriminatory against third parties and have done a lot to undermine the effectiveness of our political system. Our focus has been on the supply side, not on the demand side of the problem. I want to change that.</p>

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U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1

JACK BERGMAN, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative
Education: Gustavus Adolphus College (BA) University of West Florida (MBA)
Qualifications / Experience: Small Business Owner Union Airline Pilot for 22 years. Highest-ranking combat Veteran ever elected to the United States Congress. Served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 40 years. Began military career flying the CH-46 in Vietnam and retired as a Three Star Lt. General. Grandfather to eight.



Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policies?

I’ve worked to secure the President’s support, and pass legislation to authorize construction of a new Poe-sized Lock In Sault Ste, Marie. The next step is continuing the work I’ve started and ensuring the project is included in the President’s budget. High-speed broadband access remains one of the top inhibitors of growth in the rural First District. This remains a priority for me, and is why I recently sponsored the Rural Broadband Connectivity Act. This is integral in my effort to create an atmosphere where businesses can create good paying jobs. Keeping the government off your back and out of your pocket.

We are a nation founded by immigrants, a melting pot, and a welcoming nation. However, we can never forget that we are a nation of law and order. For years, Congress has shied away from making tough decisions on comprehensive immigration reform, which has led to the problems we are dealing with as a nation today. My number one immigration priority remains securing our borders, specifically our southern border. Once we have secured our border, we must ensure a fair system is in place so those who wish to come to our country legally can be properly vetted, and assimilate into our nation.

MATTHEW MORGAN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired Marine Corps officer
Education: University of Illinois
Qualifications / Experience: 20+ years active duty Marine Corps infantry and armored reconnaissance; served at the highest levels of government, three years as Strategic Communication Advisor, Office of Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon; member, White House Interagency Task Force on Violent Extremism; Senior Advisor to the Commander, Multi-National Forces, Iraq.



Infrastructure: By prioritizing infrastructure investment through special legislation, setting aside funding for critical projects like rural broadband Internet and the Soo Locks (while authorization for the locks has been passed twice, Congress has to-date, failed to budget the money). Health care: Amending and expanding the Affordable Care Act to bring down high drug prices, and address growing insurance premiums. Protecting Social Security: Ensuring Social Security remains funded for this generation and beyond, guarding against efforts to privatize the trust, and protecting the benefits people have earned.

Comprehensive immigration reform must be a legislative priority of the next Congress. A system that is fair to all Americans, and those who have gone through the proper process to become American citizens, is necessary for both our sovereignty and our economy. As a career Marine officer who has worked at the Pentagon and with our partners at Homeland Security, I understand the importance secure borders plays in any plan to reform immigration. I also recognize the importance of good relationships with international partners in addressing cross-border crime, such as drug smuggling and human trafficking.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2

BILL HUIZENGA, Republican

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ROB DAVIDSON, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Chief of Emergency Services, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial
Education: MD, College of Human Medicine/Michigan State University
Qualifications / Experience: Nearly 20 years of experience as an emergency physician; international medical experience (Haiti, New Zealand); assistant clinical faculty, MSU; Spring Lake Public Schools Board of Trustees.



1. Healthcare: I support healthcare for all. 2. Economy/jobs: I will work to create an economy that provides access to opportunities for middle-income and working families, including a progressive tax. I support paid parental leave, paid family/sick leave, childcare support, pay equity, and a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, providing incentives for companies that provide these and other family-friendly benefits such as 401(k)/retirement. 3. Education: I support quality universal early childhood education; low-interest loans/scholarships for education beyond high school; strong gun reforms to keep schools safe.

1. A fair, humane and responsible pathway for law-abiding immigrants—documented and undocumented—to receive legal status. 2. Keeping immigrant families together 3. Protecting children who come to America as undocumented minors 4. Continued robust screening of refugees, in coordination with U.S. domestic and international law enforcement agencies as well as international organizations to protect national security and public safety while allowing legitimate victims of war, persecution and terror to find safe haven.

RONALD E GRAESER, U. S. Taxpayers

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Occupation / Current Position: physician
Education: 1) bachelors degree in electrical engineering. 2) doctors degree in osteopathic medicine
Qualifications / Experience: Medical examiner for 23 years. Retired Army Medical Corps. General practice and emergency room practice of medicine for 47 years.



Build the wall. Repeal as many laws as possible that are outside activities allowed by the U.S. Constitution. Allow the states to completely outlaw abortion without federal interference.

Stop immigration until the present crisis is resolved.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

JUSTIN AMASH, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

CATHY ALBRO, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Congress, Michigan’s 3rd District
Education: Michigan State University BS Child Development & Elementary Education; Graduate studies in early childhood education and elementary curriculum development
Qualifications / Experience: Teacher and educator serving diverse communities Small business owner: Creative Learning Toys - 30 years (Grand Rapids) Small business owner: Creative Learning Center - 15 years (Grand Rapids) Advisor: Grand Rapids Children’s Museum Consultant and Director: Elementary Education with Highscope Educational Research Foundation (Nationwide) Activist: Education, families, peace, environment Farmer



The top three priorities on my agenda are: a public education system that prepares ALL children for success in life, health care for all, and an economy where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, not just survive. As a teacher, I know that we could be doing so much more to invest in our children, and the Department of Education must hold states accountable to provide the highest quality free education from birth through career. I will work for a single-payer health care system that focuses on wellness, costs less and is more efficient. Everyone who works 40 hours per week must make a livable wage.

Except for the Indigenous People, we’re all immigrants or descendants of immigrants. My immigration reform plans include: Ending the inhumane ICE detention and deportation policies, legislating a fair policy to keep immigrant families together and children safe. A quick path to citizenship for DACA people. Modernizing border security and ending militarization of our southern border. Legislating new fair and humane immigration policies; addressing family-based worker visas, expanding legal rights of immigrant workers, strengthening support for refugees and asylum-seekers, and upholding the Diversity Visa program.

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In the 115th Congress I was proud to successfully fight for the longest term of continuous funding for CHIP (Childrens Health Insurance Program) and for full funding for our Community Health Clinics. I will continue to support these successful programs, which have such a drastic positive impact on First District constituents. We must continue our work to find free market solutions for our broken health care system. Under the ACA, insurance premiums and deductibles are skyrocketing, leaving First District families with minimal options and insurance they can't afford.	Since August of 2017, the unemployment rate in all 32 Counties of the First District has dropped. For years, families and small businesses in Michigan's First District have been suppressed by an overbearing tax code and burdensome regulations. One of my top priorities in congress has been, and will continue to be, rolling back over-bearing regulations, and ensuring the hardworking men and women of the First District keep more of the money they've earned.	Bringing our energy infrastructure into the 21st century is critical as we seek to protect our environment and economy. When it comes to the Great Lakes, we cannot do anything that would risk the quality or health of our most treasured natural resource. This is one reason I've advocated at the Federal level with our partners at the State level and energy entities like Enbridge to find forward thinking solutions, such as utilizing a tunnel, as we look to rebuild and protect our energy structures.	Voting in a free and fair election is one of the most sacred privileges we have as Americans. Bad actors, such as Russia, looking to interfere in the integrity of our elections must know that their decisions will have lasting repercussions. That's why I strongly supported the House effort to implement the harshest sanctions ever enforced on Russia, following their effort to meddle in the 2016 election.
Rising costs and higher drug prices make access to health care difficult for more Americans every year. Putting corporate profits over patient care has a disproportionate impact on women and children, and is a principal factor in the United States ranking worst among developing countries in maternal mortality rates. Real, lasting, systemic change requires broad bi-partisan support and cooperative efforts, so that programs like Children's Health Insurance Program are never again used as a political bargaining chip.	In order to have an economy that works for all people, we need to start with the building blocks for success: improving public education. This includes increased access to localized technical training, which in turn increases access to higher skilled, better paying jobs in communities. In addition, history has proven that one of the most effective ways to protect wages is to give workers more flexibility to organize, and collectively bargain, for contracts that are in their best interests. We also need real tax reform that is equitable. It must balance the burden, instead of shifting it away from corporations.	The United States has a responsibility to be a global leader on the environment, and this begins by fulfilling our obligations under the Paris Climate Accord. We have the opportunity to do so via a Carbon Fee and Dividend program, which could reduce carbon pollution and create jobs, while protecting citizens from increased energy costs. Michigan's 1st Congressional District touches three Great Lakes, and therefore, we have an obligation to lead on these policies and protect our freshwater resources.	Campaign finance reform begins with getting corporate money out of politics, which is why I have refused to accept any corporate PAC money. Broader legislative reform is necessary to end the ever-increasing influence large corporations play in deciding government policy, including a need for absolute transparency in the way campaigns are funded. We must ensure we are protecting the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and encouraging all states to implement automatic voter registration, and better access to the polls.
Too many Americans are underinsured and uninsured. Americans with insurance are struggling with increasingly high healthcare costs. Our infant and maternal mortality rate remains unacceptably high. To address these issues, I support: 1. Providing a Medicare-style program for all 2. No copays or deductibles 3. Protecting people with pre-existing conditions 4. Covering general healthcare, maternal and child health, nutrition support for underinsured populations, mental health, addictions and substance abuse prevention/treatment 5. Ending lifetime coverage caps 6. Ensuring low-cost prescription medication	We must close the gap between the rich and the rest of America. I support: 1. A fair, balanced tax system that rewards people whose income is derived from labor, not from other sources such as investments and stocks 2. A system that ensures low- and middle-income families get the most tax breaks 3. Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour 4. Closing the gender pay gap so women don't earn 79 cents for every \$1 a man earns 5. A federal repeal of so-called "right-to-work" laws 6. Incentives for workers in critical public safety or national security roles, including police, firefighters, EMS and military personnel	To protect our Great Lakes from large corporations that want to take our water or threaten to pollute it, and reduce pollution of our water and air, I support: 1. Stopping large-scale water diversion through a per-gallon water withdrawal charge 2. Making polluters pay for clean-ups 3. Rebuilding critical water infrastructure so every Michigan household has safe, affordable drinking water 4. Increasing America's energy independence by using wind and solar, which are more cost-competitive than coal, oil and natural gas 5. Implementing a CO2 charge on all fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions	1. End gerrymandering. 2. Keep foreign money out of U.S. elections 3. Strengthen disclosure laws 4. Fully restore the Voting Rights Act so states and local governments can't implement laws that disproportionately discriminate against Latino and African-American voters.
Except for military medicine and indian reservation medicine the FEDERAL government has no authority to be involved in medicine.	Interfere as little as possible in the free market.	Allow the free market unfettered by federal action to supply energy. Do not legislate laws involving intrastate waters. Maintain the health of interstate (e.g. Great Lakes) as dictated by current events (e.g. fight alewives when they're a problem, etc).	Allow only real, living people to donate to candidates. Do not allow corporations, unions and other artificial, legal "persons" to donate. Right now "we have the best congress money can buy."
The debate should be over. Health care is a human right. Most other developed countries have health care systems that are more efficient and much less costly than ours. We must study their best-practices and develop, with urgency, building on the ACA and the Medicare model. New mothers and their babies are much more likely to die in the U.S. than most other wealthy nations and black mothers and children fare much worse. We must ensure researchers and providers address all the critical issues for healthy pregnancies and births, including family planning and comprehensive sex ed.	Raise the minimum wage to a livable wage and add earned paid time off. Strengthen employee bargaining rights, including unions. Invest in infrastructure that not only fixes our roads and bridges but provides efficient mass transit, affordable housing, and updated water and sewer systems. These moves reduce burdens on low-income families. A large investment in infrastructure will also add many good paying jobs to our economy. An investment in healthy communities, including community-based decision-making. Removing barriers for home and business ownership. Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit.	I support funding for renewable energy research and development, not subsidizing fossil fuel companies. Our infrastructure investment must include an updated energy transmission grid and support for energy efficiency. We must have stronger protections against pollution and hold polluters accountable for the full cost of toxin mitigation and require all states to be accountable for those high standards. Natural resources are shared between states, and must be federally protected. Our Great Lakes and other Michigan watersheds must continue to be protected by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other policies.	Anyone should be able to run for office, regardless of their economic status or ability to raise huge amounts of money. I support campaign finance reform that would provide equal or matching public funding for federal candidates with a lower cap on private donations. I would work to reverse the Citizen's United decision, including large "super-PAC" donations. All donations must be fully transparent. Voting is a right of all U.S. citizens, including those who have served their time for a crime. I support policies that simplify registration and voting. We MUST keep elections safe from manipulation.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3 (continued)

THEODORE GERRARD, U.S. Taxpayers

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Education: AAAS Industrial Mechanics BS Vocational Education

Qualifications / Experience: Submarine force Veteran Business owner Employer Educator Tax Payer Dirty finger nails



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QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration polices?



Abolish the US Dept. of Ed. return control of the class room to the teachers and parents. 3% per year spending reduction by all federal agencies.

First those that mean to cause us harm weather that be human and drug trafficking or terrorism must be interrupted. Those that want to come here to work short or long term should be primarily based on benefit to the US. Is a wall necessary, in some areas yes, in most areas electronic surveillance is more suitable. “Sanctuary cities / states” loose ALL federal dollars.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

JOHN MOOLENAAR, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress

Education: Master's degree in public administration from Harvard University; Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hope College.

Qualifications / Experience: Former member of Midland city council (1997-2000), member of state House (2003-08), member of Michigan Senate (2011-14). Dow Chemical: Chemist/Industry Specialist; Middle Michigan Development Corporation: Director of the Small Business Center; Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies: Administrator.



My priorities are jobs, the opioid crisis, and Michigan agriculture. The economy is strong, Michigan workers are keeping more of their money because of tax cuts. Lower rates mean they will save money next year when they file their taxes. I support skilled trades and vocational learning so workers are ready for future opportunities. The opioid crisis is hurting our communities and I voted for funding prevention and rehabilitation efforts. This includes researching non-addictive treatments to help patients recover without opioids. Finally, agriculture is vital and I meet with farmers regularly to hear their concerns.

On immigration, we need to secure the border and make sure we know who is coming into our country. This protects all Americans including those who have made the effort to legally immigrate and become citizens of the United States. We also need to make sure our policies help the economy. This is especially true in tourism and agriculture, two industries that rely on seasonal help to provide services and bring Michigan-made food to market.

JERRY HILLIARD, Democrat

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Education: MBA University of Michigan-Flint; MA-Central Michigan University; BS Central Michigan University

Qualifications / Experience: Former chair of Isabella County Democratic Party, active in Democratic Polotics, teach economics and business management.



Medicare for all-push for public option at a minimum for our national health care system. Medicare for all is the most expedient way to get the health care system we need, and can be proud of because it is a known entity. People know it works and it will not be subject to the slander and lies that were made up about the ACA because it is already a success. Rebuild the middle class-through forward thinking economic policies, a living wage, strong unions, Medicare for all and jobs of the future. Education-push for increased K-12 funding, smaller class sizes , no public dollars for private schools, and college debt help

Immigration policy has to have empathy for immigrants and their families. Dreamers should be allowed the privileges granted under DACA in the Obama administration. Many immigrant workers provide valuable services in many industries, especially farming, that go left unfilled in there absence. Several southern states have passed very strict farm worker bills that resulted in farm products going unharvested and rotting in the fields. Immigration policy should be fair, compassionate, and based on data, not emotion.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

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Qualifications / Experience: Born and raised in Michigan's 5th District



Make tax cuts for working class permanent. The GOP is currently working on legislation to ensure the tax cuts become permanent for all Americans. 2. Protect our borders. We must have funding for a wall and properly vet everyone who comes into the US. 3. Government healthcare for those with pre existing or life threatening conditions. A free market healthcare system works best, but we must ensure those with conditions that prevent them from using free market healthcare are protected.

We need to secure the US borders. Immigration is a part of what makes America so great but we must ensure we know sh our coming to our country. Congress must act to fund the border wall and other measures which ensure the safety of Americans.

DANIEL T KILDEE, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress

Education: University of Michigan – Flint; B.S. Administration, Central Michigan University; Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow, Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2005

Qualifications / Experience: **Work experience:** Whaley Children's Center (1976 – 1985), Member, Flint School Board (1977 – 1985), Genesee County Board of Commissioners (1985 – 1997), Genesee County Treasurer (1997 – 2009), Chairman and CEO, Genesee County Land Bank (2002-2009), President and CEO, Center for Community Progress (2009 – 2012), Member of Congress (2013 – Present).



The main concerns I hear about from my constituents are about creating more jobs, growing our economy and making sure that everyone in America who works hard and plays by the rules has a fair opportunity to succeed. We must make smart investments to help fix our crumbling roads, bridges and water systems and invest in a twenty-first century workforce, including universal preschool and improved K-12 education, increased access to higher education, and support of apprenticeship and job-training programs for workers.

Our current immigration system is broken. We need to encourage high-skilled immigrants to come to Michigan and the U.S. and ensure those that are already in our country can continue working, paying taxes and raising their families. In the 113th Congress, I was an original cosponsor of H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, which was a comprehensive immigration reform package that would have grown our economy, reduced our national deficit, secured our border and modernized our current broken system.

KATHY GOODWIN, Working Class

Website: See the independent website workingclassfight.com

Occupation / Current Position: I am a social worker in the health care field. Healthcare is a mess in this profit-driven system!

Education: Montrose, MI Public Schools-1980 graduate; I had scholarships to Aquinas College-1984 graduate; U of Michigan-1986 graduate, Masters in Social Work plus Student Loan Debt, much like students today.

Qualifications / Experience: I grew up in District 5. The Flint/Saginaw/Bay City area made me who I am. I went to a working class school system. In high school we saw an amazing film about the victory of the Flint Sit Down Strike in 1937. That day, I understood that the working class has power when we stand together! The unity the working class had back then is the working class unity and fight I stand for today.



Big money controls and limits which legislation can pass. Legislative debates are narrow while the problems of working class families are huge. No legislation in Congress puts working class needs first! Why not change this? Our power as working class people is in our numbers. Numbers of working class people--organized, unified, and resisting 365 days a year--can be a force to go head-to-head against the power of money. If that idea catches hold, a working class party can be built. Legislative priorities will come from struggle. Workers will decide priorities: Water? Schools? Roads? Healthcare? Better pay? Injustice?

My concern is that immigrant workers are made a scapegoat for what corporate America does to workers. Immigrants are not taking our jobs, our corporate bosses are! Corporations are driving down wages, and pocketing record profits. All working people should be able to move freely to find the work we need. Corporations benefit when they can underpay workers who are forced to live in the shadows. All working people need full legal rights so we are not at a disadvantage in the workforce. Dividing the working class between “foreign” and “native” only weakens us. All who want citizenship should have it!

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<p>Repeal “Obama care” Encourage states and insurance companies to work together in developing a national health insurance market. Review the science and heath risks of GMO foods.</p>	<p>Repeal the 16th amendment, abolish the IRS, implement an 18% sales tax on all “non consumable” such as food.</p>	<p>Increase the number of Energy from Waste facilities, with the proper filtration these facilities can generate electricity with very low stack emissions while reducing land fill volume. Continue to encourage the development of wind, solar, and hydro. Research and implement systems to reduce risk with existing pipelines while replacing aging pipelines that continue to be necessary for economic stability.</p>	<p>Citizens over the age of 18 may vote with valid ID. You can only donate to a candidate that you can vote for. Any candidate covered in a news story all other candidates for that office get free equal time.</p>
<p>I support access to quality health care for all Americans without raising taxes or premiums, and without forcing citizens to buy policies they cannot afford. We must ensure affordable coverage for patients with preexisting conditions and younger Americans, protect choices for seniors, and maintain the doctor-patient relationship. I voted for several key programs supporting vulnerable Americans, including the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Visiting Program (MIECHV). This protects children’s health care access, and development programs for at-risk children and mothers.</p>	<p>I have voted for policies that help working men and women, including parents. I voted for legislation that doubled the child tax credit to \$2,000. That money is so important to families, especially those living paycheck-to-paycheck. It can help parents buy extra clothes for their kids, pay for a car repair or be saved for an emergency. I also support skilled trades so students can learn vocational skills that qualify them for good-paying jobs. Finally, Michigan manufacturing is critical to our economy and I want a level playing field for Michigan workers.</p>	<p>I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that utilizes our abundant domestic resources including clean coal, natural gas, nuclear, as well as pursuing avenues for renewable energies. It is crucial that we become an energy-independent nation and focus on a long-term energy policy that reduces costs for American families and businesses. We are surrounded by a unique national treasure in the state of Michigan, the Great Lakes. It is imperative to ensure that our children and grandchildren get to enjoy the beauty of the Great Lakes and other natural resources, while sustaining our economy and outdoor heritage.</p>	<p>Preserving the integrity of our elections and ensuring the ability to vote for all Americans is essential to our Republic. Earlier this year, I voted for legislation funding state efforts to enhance election administration and technology, make election security improvements, and implement the Help America Vote Act of 2002, which modernizes and improves voting systems and voter access. I appreciate the hard work of local official and poll workers who help on Election Day.</p>
<p>Medicare for all is the answer to our healthcare problems. Medicare is a significantly more efficient system than the current one. One of its biggest advantages is that it would improve prenatal, maternal and child health. Compared to other advanced countries , most of which have a form of national health care, the U.S. ranks near the bottom in quality of healthcare in all of these categories. Even more so than the overall low rankings of most categories except health care for the wealthy. If there is a first step it should be a public option, not just adding 55-65 ages. It is the moral and fiscally responsible path.</p>	<p>We need a comprehensive overhaul of labor law in the United States. The future of the workforce is beginning a period of dramatic change as artificial intelligence replaces a greater and greater number of workers. This overhaul needs to include a minimum wage that is a living wage and indexed to inflation. Also a reduction in the number of hours that is considered a work week from 40 hours to no more than 35. Labor laws that strengthen the bargaining power of labor unions to reverse the 40 year trend of price inflation being greater than wage inflation thus lowering the standard of living for the majority of workers.</p>	<p>The course we are on now could hardly be worse in environmental policy. Of the many policies we need to pursue are less reliance on fossil fuels by increasing subsidies for wind and solar while simultaneously decreasing them on fossil fuels. A carbon tax plan would be another way of addressing the over reliance on fossil fuels. For the water category of environmental protection we need to invest in water treatment and infrastructure. For the Great Lakes in particular we need to shut down the Canadian pipeline going through the Straits of Mackinaw. If we do not the future of the MI health and economy is bleak.</p>	<p>I support restoring the fairness doctrine, overturning the Supreme Court decision in Clinton vs Citizens United which allows dark money in the form of undocumented campaign contributions, foreign involvement in our elections, voting by mail, early voting, motor voter laws, allowing felons who have paid their debt to society to be reinstated to vote.</p>
<p>Healthcare is a very important issue to me. A free market healthcare system works best with minimal government intervention. I believe it is the responsibility of the government to help those with life threatening or pre existing conditions who can’t get affordable health insurance to make sure no one is left behind.</p>	<p>I believe the tax cuts helps all Americans in a number of ways. For starters lower income workers get to keep more of their paycheck. The business owners get to keep more money and invest in their company and employees. With people keeping more money and businesses spending more it boost the economy to the record levels we’ve seen under President Trump.</p>	<p>A recent bill was passed that dealt with the PFAS problem in Michigan. We have to keep evolving in policies to keep fighting new dangers to our Great Lakes and nature. It is our duty as Americans and Michiganders to protect the natural landscape that is here.</p>	<p>I believe voter ID laws must be mandatory across the country. You must be an American go vote in an American election. We must also stop allowing large businesses and lobbyist to put so much money into campaigns. This causes corrupt politics and that’s the last thing we need in America.</p>
<p>I believe that hardworking American families deserve to know that when they get sick, they will have access to quality, affordable health care and prescription drugs. Although I was not in Congress when the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was enacted, I am eager to work with Democrats and Republicans in Congress to improve and strengthen our current health care laws and make it work better for families, workers and small businesses. Health care represents a large part of our nation’s budget and we must find ways to increase quality and access to health care and to lower costs and reduce prescription drug prices.</p>	<p>Congress’ top priority should be growing our economy and ensuring that everyone in America who works hard and plays by the rules has an opportunity to succeed. Hardworking families need good-paying jobs that allow them to own a home, invest in their kids’ education, and save for a secure retirement. We need smart investments to help fix our crumbling infrastructure and invest in a twenty-first century workforce,including education and apprenticeship programs. We can also work to create opportunity by supporting small businesses through policies that encourage products to be made in America, not overseas.</p>	<p>We must support a clean energy economy to move Michigan toward a more secure energy future. Embracing renewable energy technologies will not only help to provide the power our country needs but also lessen our carbon footprint to protect our water, air and natural resources. It will also help to create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. As a country, we must also ensure that every person has access to safe water, no matter where they live. The ongoing water crisis in my hometown of Flint demonstrates the need to make critical investments to improve water infrastructure, including replacing lead service lines.</p>	<p>Our election process is being distorted by billions of dollars that are being funneled into elections. In recent years, the role of money in politics has only grown due to recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions like the Citizens United decision. If we don’t fix the underlying problem of the outsized role of money in our system, Congress will continue to be paralyzed and lurch from manufactured crisis to crisis. I believe we need a serious national conversation about meaningful and enforceable campaign finance reform which includes ensuring that donations to candidates, campaigns and committees are properly disclosed.</p>
<p>Health Care should be a human right. We should ALL receive full, free health care that is top of the line. It is criminal that so many people die so early, simply because they don’t have the money. The working class, organized, has the power to get rid of profit in the health care system. In terms of maternal and child health, the Flint water crisis became known because many moms and dads in Flint stood up and told the truth. The goals of the Working Class Party are similar. We have truths to spread. One of those is that in this richest country in the world, the money exists to improve the lives of the working class.</p>	<p>The richest people at the top--the one percent--have been improving their economic position quite well at the expense of everyone else. Government officials hand out tax breaks and tax revenue to corporations who have billions in cash-on-hand. Those hand-outs rob money from schools, from roads, from water systems. There will be no economic recovery for the rest of us until the working class comes together to put a stop to out-of-control greed. Take the profits of the companies that have been stuffing their vaults through our work and through the wealth we create. Allow us good wages. Put everyone to work.</p>	<p>To have enough influence to improve the environment, to change energy policy and to protect the Great Lakes will require a mobilization. Enough working class people united in a big workers’ party can someday be strong enough to stop the energy companies from blocking positive change. We need to completely transform our energy grid and make it sustainable. This can put many, many people to work. Only the drive for profit is getting in our way.</p>	<p>Regarding voting rights, past generations were beaten, jailed and killed fighting for the right to vote. It is going to take a new struggle today to broaden voting rights. Election day should be a paid day off work. Voting should be quick and easy. Regarding campaign funding, there should be no corporate money in politics. As long as corporations are allowed to make obscene profits off of our work, they will dominate the political system. A fight of working people can begin to push that situation back.</p>

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 6

FRED UPTON, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative (MI-06)
Education: University of Michigan
Qualifications / Experience: Currently serving Southwest Michigan as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (MI-06)



Keeping our economy moving. I supported landmark middle-class tax cuts. Already, we’ve seen major investments by employers in our district and wages rising at the fastest rates in close to a decade. Protecting and preserving our Great Lakes. I fought hard for full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, new pipeline safety laws, and for full funding to dredge our harbors and rivers. Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act and combating the opioid crisis. “Cures” is making a real difference in the lives of patients and families. Our bill boosts research and development into cures and treatments.

I remain ever-committed to working in a bipartisan manner to fix our broken immigration system. During my time in Congress, I have actively discussed immigration reform with farmers, advocacy groups, business owners, law enforcement officials, and DACA recipients. We need a balanced, pragmatic, and comprehensive approach to immigration reform. I supported a discharge petition demanding debate and consideration of several immigration proposals, and I will continue to push for legislative solutions which include border security and long-term certainty for DACA recipients.

MATT LONGJOHN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Congress in Michigan’s 6th district
Education: Bachelor’s of Science-Kalamazoo College; M.D, MPH-Tulane University
Qualifications / Experience: My qualifications for representing Michigan’s 6th Congressional District include a deep attachment to the area (6 generations of family in SW MI); experience in building more than 250 coalitions across the country that implemented 39,000 community changes; and being recognized as one of the top healthcare innovators in the nation who created jobs and better health while saving Medicare billions.



Improving the health and quality of life for everyone in the country. As a healthcare innovator, I have created jobs, prevented illness, saved lives and saved money. Our environment, our education, housing, transportation and food systems must also promote health. Fighting to make our government truly representative. We must get dark money out of politics and increase the influence of everyday people. Reforming the tax code to help families and small business. Washington’s ‘trickle down’ policies haven’t worked, and too many people are being left behind. Tax policy must prioritize working families and small business.

Immigrants have always been an important part of our society. We continue to need immigrants to help fuel and diversify our economy. We must protect our sovereignty and national security, but building a wall is a waste of money. No human is merely “an illegal,” and the rights of all immigrants need to be respected. I support DACA and a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I will protect and expand student and agricultural worker visa programs. Splitting up refugee families by placing adults in military detention while putting their kids in foster care is dangerously close to recreating the internment camps of WWII.

STEPHEN J YOUNG, U.S. Taxpayers

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Qualifications / Experience: A citizen of these united states of America, having taken an oath of office to uphold and defend the constitution. Something that will always be first as said citizen.

1. Stop all unconstitutional spending- Speak and vote against all unconstitutional bills. 2. Work to stop and remove federal government overreach for programs not authorized by the constitution. As nessecary, teach the Constitution to Congress. 3. Support President Trump in all of his constitutional acts.

The federal government is not fulfilling it’s constitutional responsibility in protecting American borders. The constitutional law must be enforced.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

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Qualifications / Experience: Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives 2007-2009, 2011-Present; Division Manager, Moody Bible Institute Strategic Partners Division 2000-2006; President, Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact 1999-2000; State Representative, MI House of Representatives 1983-1999; Pastor, Union Gospel Church Tipton, MI 1978-1982; Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church New Haven, IN 1973-1977



I will continue working to encourage economic growth and oppose policies that are leading to more debt, wasteful spending and higher taxes. I will also continue working with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion to combat the opioid epidemic and reform civil asset forfeiture. I’ve helped pass two pieces of bipartisan legislation with Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-MI, (H.R. 5009 & H.R. 5041) to help fight opioids. I will also work to enhance our educational opportunities that will prepare people for real world jobs that are necessary and secure.

Immigration reform begins with securing our borders and enforcing the rule of law but it must also address bureaucratic red-tape and backlog, which prevents legal immigrants from entering our country and helping meet our workforce needs. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) must be adequately equipped to enforce immigration law.

GRETCHEN DRISKELL, Democrat

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Qualifications / Experience: Gretchen Driskell was Saline’s longest serving mayor and built a successful career in real estate while raising three kids. As mayor, Gretchen passed 14 balanced budgets, prioritized improving local schools and downtown development. Gretchen also served in the Michigan legislature where she championed voters’ rights, access to broadband, and fixed our crumbling infrastructure.



I am running for Congress because I believe the people of Michigan deserve vibrant communities, world-class public schools, reliable infrastructure, and businesses that offer great jobs to Michigan talent. As a member of Congress, my legislative priorities will include protecting and creating American jobs, investing in infrastructure, quality education, and creating a more accountable government through campaign finance reform and improved voting rights.

I support a comprehensive, bipartisan approach to immigration reform. As a member of Congress, I would work with lawmakers to create a common-sense path to citizenship and ensure that all individuals and workers are treated with respect and fairness.

 QUESTION 3 HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?	QUESTION 4: ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?	QUESTION 5: ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.	QUESTION 6: ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
<p>As a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, my focus remains on ensuring everyone has access to affordable, quality health care and those with pre-existing conditions are protected. Here's how: Passing the 21st Century Cures Act. Leading the effort to preserve Medicare and seniors' access to their doctors, and prevent spikes in Medicare Part B premiums. Renewing the Children's Health Insurance Program for the longest extension in the programs history and supporting community health centers for low-income families. Modernizing our mental illness health care and combating the opioid addiction epidemic.</p>	<p>Southwest Michigan's economy remains one of my top concerns. I supported landmark, middle-class tax reform for individuals and businesses to spur economic growth and create good-paying jobs. Already, we've seen major investment by employers in our district. Additionally, educating our students for the 21st Century economy is fundamental to providing upward mobility for all. This summer, Congress passed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act which provides more than \$1 billion to fund school-based CTE programs to prepare students for the modern workforce.</p>	<p>I remain focused on an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that focuses on emerging energy technologies like wind, solar, nuclear and hydropower mixed with traditional energy solutions. As a member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus we must continue to use innovation and common-sense policies to protect our environment. When it comes to the Great Lakes I helped deliver full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative when it was on the chopping block. I also championed bipartisan pipeline safety legislation. We must continue to work together to protect our Great Lakes and environment.</p>	<p>I have a consistent, bipartisan record of supporting common-sense campaign finance laws to ensure transparency and accountability in our elections. I supported the landmark Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, also known as McCain-Feingold, which limits donations to federal candidates and requires their public disclosure. I am also a longtime cosponsor of the bipartisan Voting Rights Amendment Act which would modernize the original Voting Rights Act to reflect today's challenges. The bill would update part of the law struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013 to ensure that all Americans can exercise this fundamental right.</p>
<p>I'm running for Congress to improve people's health and quality of life. Quality of life depends on affordable health-care, a safe and healthy environment, and educational as well as economic opportunities. I believe in universal healthcare, keeping mental and reproductive health in all insurance plans, and expanding Medicare by offering it on the insurance exchanges as a public option. Medicare must also be able to negotiate lower drug prices. I believe it's a women's right to make her own reproductive health care decisions. I will always protect funding for children's health insurance and community health centers.</p>	<p>Too many hard-working families are struggling to make ends meet. Washington's approach to stimulating the economy through 'Trickle Down' tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest among us has resulted in a larger income gap. We need more balanced economic policy prioritizing workers and small business. Liveable wages and well-paying jobs need to be protected—not just created. I support "equal pay for equal work" for women and other groups experiencing discrimination, and believe trade agreements must not incentivize employers to leave the country or help them profit by devaluing American labor.</p>	<p>Clean air, water, and land is fundamental to our health and our economy. The Great Lakes and other natural resources in Michigan are treasures, fueling agriculture and tourism. Protecting them is a fundamental job of public leaders. We need to remove Line 5 responsibly and invest in creating green energy jobs at the same time, so we can ensure the protection of Lake Michigan while helping transition workers to sustainable well-paying jobs. We must continue to improve air-quality by maintaining emission standards. I also support agricultural innovation to diversify our food system, improve yields, and limit soil loss.</p>	<p>We must reform campaign financing and other aspects of our political system to reduce the risk of corruption and protect voters' rights. All political contributions must be transparent so we can hold policy-makers accountable to voters, not just their mysterious corporate donors. We must limit gerrymandering, and have public financing of elections to ensure small-dollar individual contributions aren't overwhelmed by corporate lobbyists and large-dollar contributions. Voter suppression is wrong. We must protect the integrity of our voting system, but never limit anyone's ability to exercise their right to vote.</p>
<p>Under the U.S. Constitution, there is no lawful authority to set up or administer health care to any individual, organization, corporation, state of country. Women and families have been giving birth for about seven thousand years, most of that without health insurance. Health insurance is a personal choice and responsibility.</p>	<p>Get the federal government out of private business and the economy will prosper. Cut income and corporate taxes and the economy will prosper.</p>	<p>Promote oil, coal energy, nuclear energy and other forms of practical, economical and reasonable forms of energy. The water belongs to We the People and the states in some cases, not to the federal government. The air belongs to our Creator. While not overly polluting our air and water is a concern to all reasonable people, it is not a lawful responsibility of the federal government under our constitution.</p>	<p>The more the federal government involves itself in attempting to control elections and funding, the more corrupt they have become.</p>
<p>We need to make health care more affordable. There are better ways of addressing the problems in our health care system than imposing big government solutions. Fixing these problems requires common-sense solutions that reduce cost, increase access and encourage job creation by allowing the purchase of insurance across state lines, letting small business join together to purchase coverage at a more affordable price and expanding the use of medical savings accounts. I have introduced H.R. 5194, the Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act, to strengthen protections for pregnant women in the workplace.</p>	<p>My top priority will be to continue keeping Michigan's economy growing. I helped pass comprehensive tax reform for the first time since the 1980's. Reducing taxes, eliminating the death and capital gains tax, stopping wasteful spending, making health care affordable, and pursuing an "all of the above" energy policy are all elements to help grow our economy and help Michigan families. Presidents Reagan and Kennedy have proven that reducing tax rates can spur economic growth and job creation.</p>	<p>We must continue to pursue an "all of the above" energy policy which encourages the development of domestic sources like biofuel, wind, solar, hydrogen, and other clean energy alternatives. It's also just as important to adopt policies that ensure a steady labor supply and are vigilant against burdensome and onerous regulations. Additionally, I have joined with my fellow Great Lake colleagues to secure full funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.</p>	<p>I support transparency for campaign contributions. Voting is a fundamental duty of citizens and this right must be protected. Voter fraud must be taken seriously and punished vigorously if discovered.</p>
<p>Our healthcare system is under attack from Washington, where politicians have no problem robbing millions of people of their care, while simultaneously taking actions that increase the cost of care to those who have insurance. We need to work with our medical community to create sustainable policies that keep costs down for working families while ensuring everyone has access to the quality care they need. As a single mother of three kids, I went without health insurance for nearly 10 years. Our families deserve to have access to quality care, no matter their financial circumstances.</p>	<p>We need to value all members of our economy, not just those at the top. In Congress, I would support measurers that value our workers like raising the minimum wage, equal pay for equal work, earned sick pay and adjusting overtime pay so that folks can earn a decent living and provide for their families.</p>	<p>Addressing climate change is a national security issue and developing a clean energy economy could provide good paying jobs for Michiganders. I have worked and will continue to work to protect and preserve Michigan's water, air, and natural resources. As a state representative, I was a champion for clean water, clean air, and renewable energy. Protecting our natural resources is critical to not only sustaining our Pure Michigan tourism economy and our water-dependent industries, but to ensure our children have the opportunity to enjoy Michigan's natural resources and beauty for generations to come.</p>	<p>We need to prioritize campaign finance reform. Our current system gives far too much power to special interests and dark money. I am proud to have the endorsement of End Citizens United and, when in Congress, I would support policies that work to reverse Citizens United and restore more power to individuals. Our government should be dedicated to decreasing barriers to voting, which is why I introduced a Voters Bill of Rights while serving in the Michigan Legislature. I would support measures that allow for easier and automatic voter registration and increased access to voting by mail or early voting.</p>

U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policies?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8

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Education: Bachelor’s Degree, Cornell University; Masters of International Affairs, Columbia University
Qualifications / Experience: I am a third-generation Michigander and I have spent my career in national service. I joined the CIA after 9/11 and served three tours in Iraq alongside our military. I worked for both the Bush and Obama administrations at the White House and at the Pentagon. I have significant experience bringing distrustful parties together to develop creative options and negotiate real-world solutions.

1) Create jobs and grow our economy through pro-growth policies like regulatory relief and tax reform 2) Protect the benefits that millions of our seniors rely on. America’s seniors deserve to enjoy a peaceful retirement with the assurance that they will be able to rely on Medicare and Social Security 3) Protect the Great Lakes and our environment is another top priority for me. As a lifelong Michigan resident, I believe each of us has a responsibility to ensure our lakes are preserved for future generations

I have seen firsthand that our immigration system is broken. As a nation built on the rule of law, we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of the American people. We must revamp our out-of-date immigration policies by strengthening our border enforcement, implementing merit-based immigration, and adequately addressing those who have been brought here illegally through no fault of their own.

BRIAN ELLISON, Libertarian

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

DAVID J LILLIS, U.S. Taxpayers

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9

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America is built on the idea of freedom to govern ourselves with fundamental liberties through self-government. I am running to ensure these principals are upheld in the House of Representatives. I will fight for infrastructure dollars, skilled trade education, lower taxes with tax reform, a smaller more responsive government by reforming and repealing the compliance and tax of Obamacare, a strong defense, and secure homeland, as well as a country that values hard work and responsible behavior.

Just as fair trade matters to our system of government so does the fair movement of people across our borders. We are a nation of immigrants. We also are a nation of laws. The sad truth is that our immigration system is fundamentally broken. We need to secure our borders and protect our citizens as well as those immigrants who come here legally. We need to enforce our laws and defund sanctuary cities which prevent law enforcement and government agencies from notifying federal authorities of a person’s immigration status and is a direct subversion of federal law.

ANDY LEVIN, Democrat

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Health care: By fighting for Medicare for All and addressing the astronomical costs of prescription drugs. Education: By advocating for universal public education, starting with preschool and including excellent K-12 schools under local control with well-compensated teachers; adequate college funding so students aren’t buried in debt; and apprenticeships offering training for middle skill jobs across many industries. Jobs: By supporting our energy, agriculture, transportation and health industries, investing in a skilled workforce, rebuilding our infrastructure, and protecting our natural resources.

We need comprehensive immigration reform. I’ve been active on this issue for decades, ever since I co-founded a group called Immigration Reform, Advocacy, Training and Education after the Immigration Reform and Control Act was passed. We need a reasonable system where people who have spent “x” number of years living, working and paying taxes here, can become citizens of this country over time. Ripping families with clean records apart simply because they came to the U.S. illegally or overstayed a visa many years ago is immoral and counterproductive. Immigrants embody the American the dream.

Let’s celebrate freedom...



<div>QUESTION 3</div> <div>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</div>	QUESTION 4:	QUESTION 5:	QUESTION 6:
ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.	ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?	
Regarding child and maternal health, I recently voted in support of a 10-year reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program. This is the longest ever extension of this important program and this will benefit children and their families for years to come. I'm also working to address the rising cost of health care. I'm committed to expanding health care options and improving quality and access for all Americans.	I strongly believe that all Americans should have the full ability to reach their God-given potential. Part of that is ensuring that federal regulations and the tax code don't stifle innovation and entrepreneurship. I'm pleased that tax reform has given this economy a much-needed boost. From the relocation of the production of the Dodge Ram truck from Mexico to Southeast Michigan, to the hundreds of companies giving raises and bonuses, there is no doubt that tax reform is having a positive impact and helping all Americans advance in our economy.	As a lifelong Michigander, I'm committed to protecting our environment and the Great Lakes. I want my children to enjoy the great outdoors like I did growing up. I strongly believe that we can both harness American energy while also protecting our environment and the Great Lakes. I have consistently supported legislation to fully fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Earlier this year I also introduced the Great Lakes Oil Spill Prevention Act which would strengthen pipeline standards to ensure that our Great Lakes are protected.	I believe transparency in campaign financing is paramount. To that end, I think it is good public policy that donations to all campaigns, including PACs, must be reported to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), and any donation of \$1,000 or more to a candidate must be reported within 48 hours. These donations then become publicly searchable on www.fec.gov. With that said, this is an issue that continues to be strongly debated, both nationally and in Congress.
Healthcare is our generational challenge to fix. It's also a personal issue for me: my mom died of ovarian cancer after struggling with healthcare her whole life due to her pre-existing condition of breast cancer. While the Affordable Care Act made important strides, it desperately needs reform. One thing I would do is push to create a buy-in to Medicare, which would bring down costs for individuals and provide relief to businesses. The government should have the authority to negotiate drug prices under Medicare, and we must work to curb the predatory price increases we've seen on EpiPens, insulin, and other drugs.	Between stagnant wages and rising prices, it's become harder to get ahead. And the very American idea that if you work 40 hours a week and play by the rules, you'll do well and your kids will do better is out of grasp for too many. It doesn't have to be this way; we have vacancies in cyber jobs, advanced manufacturing, and skilled trades. We need to make sure our schools are preparing kids for these jobs. In Congress, I will work to provide federal support for earn-while-you-learn programs at local universities and community colleges to make sure businesses are hiring Michiganders for the best jobs in the state.	Protecting our Great Lakes, inland waters, and drinking water must be a top priority. As a former national security analyst, I believe we need to think of environmental security the way we do about homeland security: it's about the safety of our kids. If elected, I would help reinvigorate the Great Lakes caucus; push for a comprehensive, ten-year environmental plan for Michigan; and work to manage and mitigate the impact of warming temperatures. Line 5 is decades old, it gets shut down when the waves are too high, and enormous concerns have been raised by Republicans and Democrats – it should be shut down immediately.	Political gerrymandering and our current campaign finance laws are two of the clearest factors contributing to political dysfunction today. Much of this can be traced back to the U.S. Supreme Court decision that allowed corporate money to flood into our system through political action committees (PACs). That's why I made a commitment to not accept corporate PAC money, and if elected, I will work on campaign finance reform legislation within my first year in Congress. Voting rights are fundamental to our democracy. We should be making it easier to legally vote, not harder. This should never be a partisan issue.
Maternity and children healthcare are both crucial for hundreds of thousands of Americans. These programs were put in place to help people with the ever-increasing cost of medical care. All government programs need oversight for fraud, waste and abuse controls. Our priorities need to be reducing costs, increasing access and quality to medical care. To obtain this most of the ACA policy must be removed and replaced with a free market system that produces price transparency. Consumers deserve to know how much a procedure cost prior to having it and the price should not depend on your insurance coverage.	I believe we must continue the current path of lower taxes and removing regulation. I support making the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act permanent. One of the many benefits is the child tax credit of \$2,000 per child. Money is returning to the hands of hard-working people. Additionally, I support our skilled trades programs that assist students in learning vocational skills that lead to good paying jobs. Due to the scarcity of skilled trade workers, I support imposing zero tax on Social Security Income (SSI) of individuals that wish to work and collect SSI. Fraud waste and abuse in all Gov. programs must be stopped as well.	The U.S. needs to end its dependence on foreign energy sources. I support improving our research and development of sustainable energy here in Michigan and across the country. Michigan has many energy sources, natural gas, solar and wind to name a few. People have asked me if I support coal-fired plants, increased oil production, earth-friendly, renewable solutions like wind and solar, or nuclear power. The answer is yes, I believe in holding nothing back when it comes to keeping America powered up and working. I support the continued funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. We must protect our Great Lakes.	I support the right and access of all citizens to vote. To protect our vote, I support an authorized form of identification to ensure each individual's vote is protected from tampering or misuse and to ensure our laws are followed. I support limiting money in politics and believe in limited terms of government on a federal level.
Health care must be universal. I believe most Americans are sick and tired of talking about health insurance and coverage when we should be talking about quality care. As the father of two sons who live with Crohn's disease, I understand the physical, emotional, and financial toll of chronic illness. Enough is enough. Let us say plainly that as a matter of basic morality, there are things that should not be left to the market to decide. One is that every man, woman and child will have proper medical care from birth to old age, and I believe Medicare for All is the first step in that direction.	Too many of our jobs have been offshored, contracted out, privatized and made part-time or temporary, and the result is many among us won't be able to enjoy a middle-class life and retirement. It's time to put what's good for hardworking Americans at the center of every policy decision: taxation, education, regulation, economic development. We also need to help our workers transition to the jobs of tomorrow, like we did when, as Michigan's first Chief Workforce Officer, we created "No Worker Left Behind," helping 120,000 get new jobs during the Great Recession.	Stopping global warming is a moral imperative, but it's also an economic opportunity. I created a statewide market to finance clean energy building improvements, creating good jobs while reducing emissions and improving public health, air and water quality. We can speed the deployment of solar, wind, biomass, and other clean energy along with advanced batteries to store the new energy we create. I will work to accelerate the transition to sustainability through many means, and help make our state a leader in clean energy technology, which will create reliable, good-paying jobs and protect the environment.	Our democracy is under attack, from gerrymandering, hidden corporate money, and voter suppression. We have to make sure every citizen can vote; we have to get unlimited money out of politics; and we have to establish nonpartisan redistricting. But we must do more, and turn democracy from a spectator sport in which people simply vote every few years – with ever-lower turnout, it seems -- to a sport in which we all participate to debate the issues, defend our interests and demand our rights.



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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9 (continued)

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Qualifications / Experience: Accountant, Commercial real estate broker, attorney, research writer, mortgage fraud detection




ANDREA KIRBY, Working Class

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Education: I obtained my Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Baker College in 2015. I have also taken several labor courses through the UAW and Wayne State University.

Qualifications / Experience: For too many years, there have only been two political parties dictating policy for working people. These decisions have not benefited working people like it has the banks and corporations. In 2016, a petition drive gathered over fifty thousand signatures of people who agree that they want their own party, the Working Class Party.



MICHIGAN DISTRICT 10

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Occupation / Current Position: I currently serve as the United States Congressman for the 10th District of Michigan.

Education: I attended James Madison College at Michigan State University receiving a degree focused on Public Policy and Economics.

Qualifications / Experience: Prior to being elected in 2016, my career had been focused on helping people find successful careers to provide for their families. As CEO of Ross Education we helped companies train their workforce, contracted with local government to implement welfare to work programs, and trained thousands of students each year for successful careers in the allied health field.



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Qualifications / Experience: President, Board Member: Huronia Heights Association; Chairwoman of the Concerned Associations; Climate Reality Leader, Volunteer Lobbyist for Citizens Climate Lobby



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Education: Bachelor of Science, Michigan State University, Major Psychology; two additional years at Saginaw Valley State University, Majors History and Education

Qualifications / Experience: 27 years as a State of Michigan Employee



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Education: Michigan State University, '92-Bachelors in International Relations and Bachelors in German; George Washington University- '03 MBA

Qualifications / Experience: '97-'03- investment banking, focused on tech companies '04-'17 finance executive advising global technology companies, primarily between US and China



Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

QUESTION 2

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration polices?

1) Peace, 2) Economic Justice, 3) Legal Justice. 1) Since the 9/11 False Flag event, USA has participated in attacks on Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria creating the largest refugee crisis since WWII. 9/11 was an inside job. We need to remove our troops from those Nations by repealing the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs and prosecuting the people who actually did 9/11. 2) We have returned to an era of Robber Baron capitalism because we have failed to maintain long established policies which protect economic justice. Re-enact Glass Steagall. 3) We must restore integrity to law enforcement and our legal system.

The three top legislative priorities would focus on job creation for all that want to work, healthcare and affordable housing for all. These three issues will have a positive rippling effect on the entire country and even the world. These priorities will not be solved with legislation but rather a collection fight from the working class. The working class needs to realize that they create the wealth and they should share in it.

I am concerned our longstanding Immigration problems are being sensationalized by both Major Parties to divert public attention away from our Government’s many other problems, such as the DOJ Inspector General Report on James Comey issued June 14. I prefer a legislative approach (DREAM) rather than an executive approach (DACA). Generally speaking, I support a path first to conditional residency status and then permanent residency for those brought here as children and who satisfy the myriad conditions specified by Washington. Our unsecured southwest border admits \$13 to \$46 billion of narcotics per year.

Since the founding of the U.S, immigrants have come to seek a better life or escape oppression in their home country. They come here to work and provide a safe environment for their children and they should be allowed to do so. Immigrants do not take jobs from U.S. born citizens, which is a myth used to divide the working class. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, unable to speak up for themselves. Immigrants earn money that they later spend, creating more jobs and revenue. If these immigrants were given their citizenship they could stand with other workers for the betterment of all.

National Security - support our servicemen and women with the training and resources they need to fulfill their mission. Secure our borders, and support local law enforcement and first responders that work each day securing our communities. Grow Our Economy - more tax and regulatory reforms that support families and businesses and allow them to grow and thrive – while at the same time being fiscally responsible so we can reduce our deficit and national debt. Protect the Great Lakes - through programs like the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which I have strongly supported and voted to fully fund.

Our Great Lakes, Waterways and Oceans: Eliminate oil-based single use products and replace them with plant-based single use products. This would not only help our environment, waterways, great lakes and oceans from unnecessary pollution. It could help our farmers obtain more money for their crop yields and would offer opportunities for manufacturing. Increase Minimum Wage to a Living Wage: I support a federal minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour. That’s a livable wage. Social Security Reform: Raise the cap on the amount of income that can be taxed. Currently it is at 127K.

The United States has been the major military and economic power in the world for three quarters of a century, but this situation is rapidly changing. Within the next quarter century we will likely be surpassed by both China and India. My first priority would be to reduce the size of our military budget to two and half percent of GDP. This would free up money for my other two priorities: Health Care and Employment.

The immigration problems we have seen recently in our country are the result of a broken immigration system and policies that have not been enforced. The people of the 10th District will not accept any solution that doesn’t secure our borders and enforce the laws already on the books. I support a solution which provides for border security on both our southern and northern borders, a workable visa program so that American industry and agriculture have access to the labor and talent they need to continue to grow, and a reliable verification system that ensures businesses are certain that workers are here legally.

Here in the 10th District, we need seasonal agricultural work permits for immigrants. We need to find a compassionate passage for immigrants and refugees and start a better immigration reform. Dreamers should stay, they’ve earned it and are Americans. We never should separate families as part of our immigration process.

We do not need a new Border Wall. We need to become more welcoming to immigrants and refugees. We should grant amnesty to all undocumented people now living in this country unless they have a serious criminal history. At the same time we grant amnesty we need to strengthen border enforcement by hiring more border agents and increasing the penalty on employers who hire undocumented aliens. We should increase the number of allowed immigrants. Our economy is capable of providing jobs for everyone now living here and millions more.

1. Ensure that America’s economy is stable and sustainable for the long-term. Both parties have lost ALL credibility here. Solutions-fixing our debt issue start by going after areas we all agree upon, namely, close all loopholes, simplify personal taxes. 2. Make the American Dream affordable again. Healthcare and education costs are out of control and putting the American Dream out of reach. Solutions-caps on drug and hospital service costs. Education debt should be able to be written off like any other debt. 3. Re-build rural communities. Bring broadband to rural areas, exactly like electricity, for today’s jobs.

Immigration is a complex issue that requires a comprehensive approach and an understanding of a lot of details about what works at economically feasible levels. Clearly, this must include, strengthening our borders, addressing the 11 million undocumented immigrants already here, accounting for the jobs gap that exists in America, as well as looking at the root causes of why people are leaving their home countries in the first place. Strengthening our borders is a must. But do we spend \$25bln on a concrete wall or \$25bln on 10,000 security personnel who can earn \$50000/person/year for the next 50 years? Debate-worthy

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<p>USA spent \$10,348 on health care per person in 2016, highest in the world and approximately double most developed Nations. Approximately 42,000 Americans died of prescription drug overdose in 2016. We are being exploited on cost, yet do not have the highest quality of care and do not have universal access to care. We must harness the thrift and bargaining power of all U.S. health care consumers to successfully battle the drug price-fixing, drug over-prescription, over-billing, unnecessary procedures and unnecessary testing which are enriching the Pharma-Medical-Industrial-Complex.</p>	<p>USA had 49 billionaires in 1999, but has 585 today. However, median income of USA households has only recently returned to 1999 level of \$59k. The Rich have gotten much, much richer. The Rich have paid our politicians to privatize gains and socialize losses. ie TARP Bailout, Quantitative Easing. Our National Debt is \$21 trillion and climbing as a direct result. 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65 every day. The US Dollar may not remain the global reserve currency denominating energy transactions. China, the largest oil importer, and Russia have developed their own reserve currency for energy transactions. Had enough?</p>	<p>We must become competitive in alternative energy development, manufacturing and installation. China’s market share of global photo-voltaic(PV) cell manufacturing reached 60% by 2011. China initially provided its PV manufacturers export credits, guarantees and insurance, then opened a \$30 billion line of credit for PV cell and module manufacturing. In 2017 China became the first Nation to pass 100 gigawatts of cumulative installed PV capacity, beside being a huge exporter of PV cells and modules. USA has only 56 gigawatts of cumulative installed PV capacity.</p>	<p>I applaud VNP’s anti-gerrymandering ballot proposal. I support the end of straight-ticket voting in Michigan. I oppose Citizens United. Critical Sections of the Voting Rights Act have been overturned by USSC because VRA has been neglected. The VRA must be updated to reflect modern election rigging. The DNC 2016 Primary collusion which unfairly favored Clinton over Sanders and involved Podesta, Brazil, Rep. Wasserman-Schultz, HRC and Mr. Comey ought to be fully investigated and prosecuted. Give every voter a \$100 campaign voucher which can be given to any candidate who accepts only money from those vouchers.</p>
<p>Health care in the U.S. is a dream to many and financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. This takes place at the same time as healthcare companies are reporting record profits and CEOs are making million-dollar salaries. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your pocket. A community of healthy individuals able to contribute to society will benefit us all. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.</p>	<p>In order to improve the lives of all strata of the American public we need to take back our money from corporations and banks. Money that should to be used for needs of the working class. These funds should be used to provide our teachers and schools the tools they need to educate our youth. Create trade programs to train individuals that want to work. The funds can also be used to provide free early childhood education and open local community centers. This is not going to be happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.</p>	<p>Science has revealed different ways to produce sustainable energy without destroying the planet but decisions are being made based on profit not humanity. Energy producing methods such as fracking are obviously destroying the planet but more sites are popping up all over Michigan. Corporations are polluting the Great Lakes for their own profits, while taxpayers are paying the price. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. The changes that are needed to protect working class are not going to come through legislation but rather a fight from the working class.</p>	<p>The U.S Supreme Court’s Citizens United, like other ruling and legislation will not change how elections have been run. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy will find a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the laws says. The only way to combat these types of ruling and other laws are for workers to create their own political party that will advance worker’s issues.</p>
<p>We must ensure that healthcare is affordable so that we can expand coverage, allow families access to the care they need, and enable small business job creators to offer coverage to their workers. In the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, we repealed Obamacare’s Individual Mandate, giving families the freedom and flexibility to buy the health care plan that’s right for them. Additionally, I voted in favor of the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act and to make a \$4 billion investment to fight the opioid crisis in our country. Together, these are the most significant congressional efforts against a single drug crisis in history.</p>	<p>Due to tax and regulatory reform, we have record low unemployment rates, rising wages, small business optimism, and new opportunities. I introduced The Tax Cuts and Jobs Middle Class Enhancement Act, which makes bonuses stemming from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act tax free, makes the individual tax cuts permanent and further increases the standard deduction. I will keep working so that families and small business job creators can have certainty that they can keep more of what they earn. I will also keep working to advance career and technical education programs so that American workers can fill in-demand job across the USA</p>	<p>We have expanded the American energy sector dramatically; becoming the world’s largest producer of energy and growing our economy through global energy exports. I support an “All of the Above” approach to energy production and believe our nation must continue to support the production of oil, natural gas, clean coal, ethanol, wind, solar, and other renewable source so we can continue leading on a global stage. We must also protect our natural resources, which is why I will continue to support full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and measures to promote pipeline safety.</p>	<p>The First Amendment is the best safeguard for voting rights and must be protected. The federal government has an interest in promoting free, fair, and open elections, but should not inject itself in such a way that violates the sacred protections offered by the First Amendment to ensure every American voice can be heard, and every citizen can exercise their right to vote. Regarding election security, I supported and voted for \$380 million in grants to states to improve election cybersecurity - Michigan applied for and already received \$10.7 million of these funds.</p>
<p>I believe everyone has the right to affordable healthcare. I will fight any attempts that are made to take away health care from the 11M people who gained coverage under the Affordable Care Act. I will also fight any attempt to bring back pre-existing conditions or cuts made to Medicare or Medicaid coverage. Congress should come together to improve the ACA by covering more people and lowering costs — especially the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs. I am open to any proposals that expand coverage and lower costs – especially maternal and child care.</p>	<p>I believe in equality, everyone should have the same access to opportunity for success. We need to add skilled trade training opportunities – the labor industry needs workers to help their business’ strive for success. The student loan debt needs to be addressed – we need to help our students and not burden them with outrageous costs. I support a living wage of \$15/hour. There are many good programs to support and fund – we need to take a look at the federal budget and pull out programs that are self-serving for individuals and not the American people.</p>	<p>We need to reverse the ban that Trump lifted that protects our Great Lakes from drilling. We need to have a better relationship with Canada so we can discuss putting a Nuclear Dump far away from our great lakes. It is unacceptable to have Businesses set their own regulations. The EPA needs to stay in place and stand true to it’s commitment to the being the Environmental PROTECTION Agency. We need to put science back into the process of policy. We need to move forward to join the world and conquer climate change. We are entering an era that has consequences for our future generations.</p>	<p>Transparency is key when reviewing campaign donations. Most candidates are self-serving and are in a secret partnership with special interests that are not good for the American people and the environment.I support greater regulation of lobbyists and the political industry. They shouldn’t be part of the process– this creates is a huge breakdown of our American system. For voting rights, I believe we should all have voting rights, including persons who have been incarcerated and are reformed back into our society.</p>
<p>There is no excuse for a country as rich as ours to not be able to provide health care for everyone. The current Medicare Tax is 2.9%. We should increase the Medicare Tax to 8% and expand Medicare to cover everyone. With and expanded Medicare and copays for medical care based on income we should be able to bring medical costs down and eliminate the need for private medical insurance. If we reduce the cost of health care we are helping our workers, farmers, and employers.</p>	<p>Education is a key for success in our society. If we reduced military spending we could hire one million preschool, elementary, secondary, and college teachers. We should strengthen public education by providing preschool for every child starting at age two and a half. College or vocational education students should be provided free tuition and books. College loans should be forgiven. Once educated, we need to guarantee a job for every American citizen able and wanting to work. We should eliminate welfare programs for able-bodied adults and provide meaningful jobs instead.</p>	<p>Energy is the key to maintaining our standard of living so we need to produce as much as possible while damaging the environment as little as possible. Which means we need to invest as much as possible in wind, solar, and battery technology. Hybrid and electric vehicles would reduce air pollution in our cities. As farms increase in size we need to pay attention to the potential water pollution problems. We need the government to regulate these large farms and to finance any projects necessary to control potential pollution. We need to ban fracking near the Great Lakes and pipelines under them.</p>	<p>If we are the Democracy we claim to be, we should give as many people as possible the right to vote and make voting as easy as possible. The federal government should require schools provide government classes to 14 and 15 years olds. Then we should lower the voting age to 16. We should allow people in jail and legal immigrants on a path towards citizenship the right to vote. We need same day voter registration, easier absentee ballot access, and expanded voting hours. We need public financing of all federal campaigns to guarantee media access to all candidates.</p>
<p>It’s common sense. We’re all only human and, sooner or later, we all get sick. We are not and cannot become a community that is okay with others having to choose between medical care, bankruptcy or death! We are a great country, and that demands having a great health care system to match. I see two immediate corrections to our health care system that would dramatically lower costs- 1.Break big Pharma’s grip on Congress and cap drug prices. 2. Remove financial incentive for doctors to push more drugs or exams on patients. Lastly, having 4 sisters, maternal and child health should be included with Medicare coverage.</p>	<p>Education is always the great equalizer. Invest in vocational programs, apprenticeships and entrepreneurial education for high schoolers and unemployed.Give our current and future workforce the proper skills for jobs of the 21st century. Many of which can be done without college education and debt.There is a huge need for skilled trades in Michigan, but many don’t have (or can’t afford to get) the necessary foundational skills. This step would empower our community. Secondly is broadband. The digital divide is real and is the main culprit that is resulting in communities being ‘left behind.’We must make it ubiquitous.</p>	<p>The climate is always changing. We need to address these changes to ensure our nation is protected. Even the Department of Defense states that climate change is one of the biggest security risks to the United States. When it comes to this, I believe energy independence via a combination of sources, should be a top priority and addresses several issues. Renewable energy should be considered a key part of that equation. It has the added bonuses of creating solid advanced manufacturing jobs right here, cleaning our environment and keeping us at a technological lead. We need to lead here, not follow.</p>	<p>1. Term limits- there is institutional knowledge in these roles, but they shouldn’t be for life. 2. Campaign finance- it should be reformed. I’ve personally refused PAC/corp \$ because the money always comes with strings attached. Those strings often don’t represent our community’s needs. 3. Voting rights- registration should be automatic. I don’t believe in straight party voting because it enables uninformed voters. We should know WHO we are voting for not simply a party.</p>

U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policies?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11

LENA EPSTEIN, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation

Education: BA in Economics - Harvard University; MBA - University of Michigan's Ross School of Business

Qualifications / Experience: When I took over Vesco Oil we employed 100 people and had \$100 million in annual revenue. Today, we employ over 200 people and exceed \$200 million in annual revenue. I have a unique perspective as a millennial, mother, and business leader. I understand the difficulties that come with trying to run a business in today's economy. And, I believe that Washington, D.C. needs outsiders to clean it up.



1) Reform healthcare 2) Bolster Infrastructure 3) Strengthen the US - Israel relationship

I want to enforce our current immigration laws and secure our border.

HALEY STEVENS, Democrat

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Education: American University - Undergraduate and Graduate degrees

Qualifications / Experience: Chief of Staff to President Obama's Auto Rescue that helped save over 200,000 jobs



My priorities in Congress are clear: help create jobs, lower health care costs, and fix Michigan's roads. I remember 2009 -- economists were singing Detroit's swan song. The auto industry was in crisis. Analysts wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt. I disagreed: I believed then, as I do today, that Detroit hustles harder. So I went to Washington and hustled, serving as chief of staff for President Obama's auto rescue that helped save more than 200,000 jobs. Today we face a different kind of crisis -- his name is Donald Trump. I'm running for Congress to stand up to his reckless agenda and fight for Michigan again.

For generations families have come to America seeking a better life for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. We are a nation of immigrants, but sadly our immigration system today is broken. It can and must be fixed without tearing apart families who come here in pursuit of the American dream. Let's pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes increased border security and a long term solution for our DREAMERS. I do not believe Congress should be in the business of punishing children brought to America through no choice of their own.

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Education: BA, U. of Chicago; MA, Johns Hopkins U.; JD, Wayne State U. Law School

Qualifications / Experience: My opponents think they can spend your money & manage your life better than you can. I'm not a busybody. I don't want to spend your money or manage your life. I don't & won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life.



(1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. (2) Repeal civil asset forfeiture laws, which allow the government to confiscate your property without even accusing you of committing a crime. (3) Oppose foreign quagmires & trade wars.

Immigration policy should focus on people who threaten our safety or who want to sponge off our welfare system. Stop wasting taxpayer money trying to keep out honest people who want to contribute to our society.

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Education: B.A. in Political Theory and International Relations from Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Cooper spent three years in Washington D.C. where he interned for The Heritage Foundation, and worked for public relations agencies handling communications for Fortune 500 companies, federal agencies, and national nonprofits.



I want Congress to serve citizens instead of special interests. It will be done by three reform-focused bills: The American Anti-Corruption Act to stop bribery by lobbyists, block politicians from fundraising during working hours, close the revolving door, outlaw secret money, and end gerrymandering. The Fair Representation Act (HR3057) to abandon winner-take-all elections and adopt ranked-choice voting, giving voters more choices and electing several winners reflecting the real views of all constituents. The Comprehensive American Audit Act to eliminate waste, fraud, and corruption across all departments.

My main concern on immigration is the breakdown in sensible debate. It shouldn't be "Build a Wall" versus "Open Borders." Most Americans want a responsible, commonsense solution. Congress should stop kicking the can and start solving the problem. Let's secure our border and reform our broken immigration system. Let's enforce our laws while ensuring that those who arrive legally are addressed in a just and timely manner. Let's be firm and fair by making laws in the best interests of both citizens and immigrants.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12

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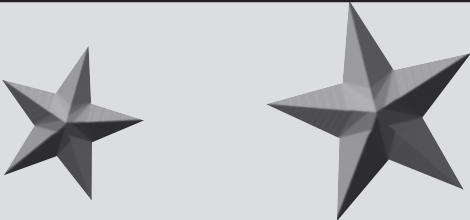
Education: Crestwood High School Dbn Hts,MI; University of Michigan EE; Hyles-Anderson College Crown Point,IN

Qualifications / Experience: 30+ years Executive Management; Vice-President PPS, Inc. President CTI; RVP Health Insurance; 10 years Urban Ministry; 25 Years Suburban Ministries & Pastorate; 20 years Landscape Design Build; 5 Years Rural Pastorate; 10 years Life Targeting Coach; Independent Candidate U.S. Senate 2014; GOP Candidate U.S. House MI-12 2016; GOP Candidate U.S. House MI-12 2018.



1) Educational Renaissance... It is about allowing students to experience education, teachers to draw out knowledge, and equipping the teachers and student with necessary funding to accomplish those goals. 2) Economic Revitalization... New technologies exist that I have worked on that can bring great diversification and flexibility to the workforce, research, and new industries awaiting opportunity to bring great economic growth and resourceful environment and clean, renewable, and sustainable energy to our communities. 3) Health Care Reform for all Americans that become budget based, supplemental, and cost effective

Amnesties, new implementation of technology for entry and tracking, reduction of time to qualify, assimilate, and continue the great opportunities of legal immigration, while securing the safety of community. I have a plan that will lighten the burdens of U.S expenses and expand the international accountability of refugees and genuine relocation and assimilation of the international community. There is growth and opportunity in genuine reconstruction of our borders that would add jobs, ethical resolve, and innovation. Legal immigration gives opportunity to innovation, migrant workers, and shared education.



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I want to bring healthcare costs down by instituting market based solutions. I support health savings accounts (H.S.A.s) from which patients will pay for services. This will make the consumer more price conscious and incentivize providers to advertise, and work to lower, their prices. Price transparency and lower costs come with free market principles.	I support school choice. I do not want young people to be forced into failing schools simply because of their zip code. Middle and lower income families should be afforded the same educational opportunities as high-income families.	I support federal funding for cleaning up the Great Lakes.	I support federal policies like FECA that promote fair elections and campaigns.
I believe that health care is a right, not a privilege. Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality health care. We need to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act by fully implementing it. We also must take steps toward lowering prescription drug prices, first and foremost by letting the federal government use the full weight of its bargaining power to reduce costs for Medicare. And it is totally unacceptable that in the greatest country on earth any child goes without health care. We must improve and strengthen the Children's Health Insurance Program.	First and foremost we need to pass an infrastructure bill that allows us to invest in the maintenance and repair of our built environment: roads, schools, bridges, and watermain. We also need an infrastructure package that supports public-private partnerships to modernize and capture opportunities to innovate through energy efficiency, a smart grid, and technologies that improve and build off our current system. Additionally we must raise the minimum wage -- by putting more money in working families' pockets we can boost spending power and improve our local economies.	Like it or not, climate change is real and we need to start acting accordingly. During the Auto Rescue we not only helped save GM and Chrysler, we did it while improving fuel efficiency standards and spurring American auto companies to build the cars of the future. We implemented Cash for Clunkers, an incentive-based program that allowed consumers to trade in old, environmentally inefficient vehicles for 21st century models. We can have industry and a clean environment, but only with leaders in Congress who are willing to get the job done.	Our current system is set up to benefit the wealthy and well-connected. We need to fix that or Congress will continue to pass trillion dollar corporate giveaways like the Republicans' abhorrent tax bill. That's why we need to overturn Citizens United so that anonymous billionaires cannot buy our elections. Just as importantly, we need to expand access to the ballot. In a Democracy it is our fundamental right to vote, which is why we need to fully reinstate the Voting Rights Act and protect our citizens' ability to make our voices heard.
(1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. Many people consider herbal medicines gifts from God or prefer herbal medicines as safer or more effective than synthetic drugs. Democrats & Republican care more about drug company profits than your health or prosperity. (2) Simplify laws that make healthcare expensive but not safer.	Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies and other privileges to big business. Oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate voluminous & incomprehensible laws. For example, doctors fear being prosecuted for violating this week's interpretation of this week's healthcare laws.	(1) Protect the Great Lakes from invasive species. (2) Reduce the amount of fossil fuel used by the government by reducing government bureaucracies. (3) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay to rebuild or repair buildings that are repeatedly damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. I oppose this subsidy.	Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions from individuals (but not political action committees or other organizations) should likewise be secret.
The status quo is killing people. Americans need affordable, patient-centered care because nobody working full-time should be uninsured. Ideally, Congress should pass a revamped Patient's Choice Act, providing a Universal Health Refund, Flexible Savings Accounts, and a Health Insurance Tax Credit for workers without benefits. Realistically, Congress will remain gridlocked and do nothing. Nevertheless, a couple simple fixes--such as letting Medicare leverage its buying power, importing prescriptions from Canada, and paying for outcomes instead of procedures--could do a lot of good.	We need to liberate individuals and communities from the crony capitalism concocted by Big Government and Big Business. We must stop corporate welfare by creating a national commission to identify and eliminate subsidies. We must unleash small business by cutting red tape and busting the trusts dominating our markets in every sector. We must combat inequality by improving access to capital through a National Permanent Fund, fed by rent from untapped federal properties and natural resources. And we must repeal the federal tax on income and replace it with a national sales tax on consumption.	I support accelerating America's clean energy efforts. It's an economic, environmental, and strategic win-win-win that can achieve bipartisan support because it serves our economy by creating jobs, our environment by reducing pollution, and our security by achieving independence from foreign oil. Here's the problem: Less than 2 percent of the federal R&D budget is spent on energy. We need to invest in our nation's energy R&D to unlock abundant, clean, affordable energy from nuclear, hydro, and clean fossil fuel sources. By doing so, we can drive America forward and safeguard the Great Lakes we all love.	I support reducing the power of money in politics, promoting the exercise of voting rights, and implementing a voting system that reflects the real views of voters. The aforementioned American Anti-Corruption Act would change how elections are funded by giving all voters a small credit for political contributions. Voting rights could be promoted by making Election Day a national holiday, implementing automatic voter registration, and allowing voters to vote from home. And, above all, voters can feel like their voice is heard by abandoning winner-takes-all elections and adopting ranked-choice voting.
Accountable and Affordable Health Care is very possible in the United States through educational, fiscal appropriations, and responsible management. Health care involves everybody. The healthy. Alternative choices. Social responsibility. Maternal. Paternal. Child Care. Veterans. Seniors. Mental health. Addicted. And billing. These are all impacted by agencies, pharmaceuticals, FDA, USDA, EPA, DFIS, and even the Dept of Labor. Automotive No Fault is extremely impacted. There is ethical resolve available for each circumstance. The healthy should not be penalized for their lifestyle and choices available to everyone.	Keeping jobs in America is a priority. NAFTA & the TPA are destructive to the community of the 12th. So, foreign trade, funding the TPA, and the EX/IM Bank are extremely detrimental to American jobs. While Wall Street has proven prosperous in the recent short term, but education and an understanding of statistics run a cycle. Simple math and the education of the rules of 72, understanding debt, and how money works globally play an important part of overall economics. Most are unfamiliar with what the Federal Reserve represents and how our economic system works. What is relative about the price of tea in China?	Understanding what has caused the algae problems in Erie, the lower water levels and erosion in Lake Michigan, The Asian Carp in Huron and Ontario, and the eco-system of Superior are extremely important to the next generation, as well as, the immediate concerns to us all can be overwhelming. Some has to do with what is happening inland to our lakes and streams. Unfortunately, lobbying dollars impacts us all and our environment and the payback of debt in elections. There are new innovative systems to assure zero pollution output, while maintaining maximum performance locally and independence on foreign energy.	It was the GOP that led the recognition of all Americans to vote, the Suffrage Cause, and the abuses of federal campaign dollars. Most do not realize that based on population and census, we waste billions possibly trillions, on Congressional Districting that does not even represent U.S. Citizens. Based on Undocumented residents, almost 14 Congressional Districts are funded in this abuse of Taxpayer dollars. The Congress terms should be 6 years and limited to 2 cycles. Lobbying dollars should be limited on actual placement. I have suggestions on how to preserve our voting rights and expose the abuses.



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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12 (continued)

DEBBIE DINGELL, Democrat

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Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

QUESTION 2

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policies?

GARY WALKOWICZ, Working Class

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Occupation / Current Position: UAW Bargaining Committeeman, Dearborn Truck Plant.
Education: I learned about life growing up in a working class family in a working class town. High school graduate, some college. I have worked all my life, including the last 40 years at Ford Motor Co.
Qualifications / Experience: I have organized workers to fight for our rights during my years at Ford. I organized auto workers to fight against concessions when Ford was taking away our wages and benefits. I have stood up to oppose the policies of the top leadership of the UAW. I helped organize a petition campaign to get the Working Class Party on the ballot because the working class needs its own political party.



It is a fundamental human right that everyone should be able to have a job and work for a decent wage. Bosses should not be able to decide whether a family eats or has a decent place to live based on maximizing their own profits. Everyone who wants to work should have a job. There is plenty of work that needs to be done. Our wages should go up when prices go up. The money is there to do this. The corporations and banks steal the wealth that the whole society produces. We need to take it back. But it won't happen though legislation. The working class will have to organize and make a fight to get what we need.

Everyone who comes here to work should be allowed to be here with the full citizen rights. Immigrants don't take jobs away from other workers, they create jobs. Everyone who works here is spending money here, buying things that put other people to work. The corporate bosses use the "illegal" status of immigrants to exploit them, forcing them to work harder for less money, under the threat of deportation. Bosses and politicians use propaganda to try to divide immigrant workers and native-born workers, just like they try to divide black and white workers. The working class needs to be united to fight for our rights.

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Qualifications / Experience: As a member of the Socialist Equality Party, Niles Niemuth has fought to bring a socialist program to the working class through his extensive writing on social conditions and working-class struggles. He was involved in the Workers Inquiry into the Bankruptcy of Detroit, the struggle against the sellout contracts at the Big Three auto companies in 2015 and the recent wave of teachers' strikes.



As a member of the Socialist Equality Party, I fight for 1) social equality, through the expropriation of the major banks and corporations; a 90 percent tax on all wealth over \$1 million; 2) an end to war, the closure of all US military bases and the withdrawal of all US troops. The \$1 trillion spent every year on the military must be diverted to meet pressing social needs; 3) opposition to dictatorship and censorship, through an end to corporate domination of the political system and the establishment of new organizations through which the working class can exercise political power and control over the economy.

The SEP opposes the fascistic attack on immigrants by the Trump administration, but the persecution of immigrants is a bipartisan policy, supported by both Democrats and Republicans. The SEP fights for the right of workers to live and work in any country they wish, free from harassment. We demand the immediate end to the immigration raids and deportations, and the abolition of the ICE and Border Patrol agencies. We reject all forms of nationalism, chauvinism and bigotry, used by the ruling class to pit workers against each other. The attack on immigrant workers is an attack on the democratic rights of all workers.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13

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Education: J.D. from Thomas Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI; B.A. from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; Proud graduate of Southwestern High School, Detroit, MI
Qualifications / Experience: State Representative, 2008-2014 (Detroit, River Rouge, Ecorse), ranking Democratic member of the House Appropriations Committee, only member of the Legislature to operate a fully-staffed neighborhood service center offering 12 anti-poverty programs and advocating for residents with various local, state, and federal agencies.



My top priorities for serving the families of Michigan's 13th District are economic justice (including a \$15 minimum wage, paid family and medical leave, equal pay for equal work, free college, and tackling out of control insurance rates), Medicare for All so nobody has to choose between a doctor's visit and feeding their family, and protecting our environment by enforcing the Clean Water and Clean Air acts and reinstating Obama-era environmental protections. I will work with like-minded legislators and our communities to build the support necessary to make make these bold ideas to help our families into law.

I have seen first-hand the devastation our broken immigration system has had on families who worked to escape unimaginable desperate and dangerous circumstances in order to start fresh and achieve their own American dream. I support a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented residents, protecting our DACA recipients, and at minimum major reforms to ICE and CBP so they stop preying on women and children and destroying families.

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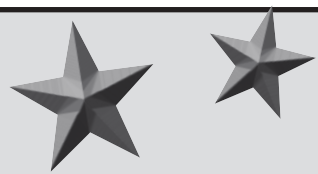


a Well paying Jobs. Ensure that more federal dollars are returned to the13th. Ensure that said dollars remain in the 13th to be used for job development in the public sector. Work with 13th to ensure that resources and skill sets are employed to ensure federal funds are not returned but are utilized by properly trained professionals who identify barriers to employment, remove those barriers and provide support mechanisms for sustainable employment. b Promote True Public Education designed to make our children globally competitive and self sustaining. c Compassionate, Accessible Health Care for all who need it.

We must have policies that provide permanent residency status and/or a path to citizenship to Dreamers. This "Path" should be thought out and should include future treatment of children who are brought here by their parents. Immigration numbers should not be set arbitrarily. National security depends on allowing immigration for humanitarian, political asylum, diversity, population growth and other measured goal oriented reasons. Moreover, we are a country of immigrants and as such, our stature in the world is lessened should we close our borders to immigrants who fall into legally acceptable categories.



<div>QUESTION 3</div> <div>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</div>	QUESTION 4:	QUESTION 5:	QUESTION 6:
	ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.	ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
<p>Every American has the right to affordable, quality healthcare. Protecting and improving the Affordable Care Act is one of my top priorities in Congress; we need to address increasing premiums and high deductibles, to reduce the cost of medicines and repeal the “Cadillac” tax among others. We must ensure we have strong paid sick and family leave, support the Children’s Health Insurance Program and protect the Medicaid expansion which is critical to many Michigan families. I am also a cosponsor of HR 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act – which I believe is a good vision for the future of healthcare.</p>	<p>We need to ensure every American has equal economic opportunity. This means making sure we have good affordable housing and clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. It means making sure college is affordable for all families, and that every American has a right to affordable, quality healthcare. It means protecting our safety net, like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, to ensure that families can still put food on the table, see a doctor and afford medicine during an economic downturn. It also means we should raise the national minimum wage and fix our bad trade deals that ship jobs overseas.</p>	<p>We need an all-of-the above energy strategy with an emphasis on renewable energy. I opposed President Trump’s decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan and to withdraw from the Paris Accords, both of which will have negative impacts on both our economy and our environment. The most important thing we can do to protect the Great Lakes is to fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative at \$300 million per year and continue to reject misguided calls to eliminate the program.</p>	<p>Our democracy depends on free and fair elections. I co-sponsored the Government by the People Act which increases transparency, encourages small contributions and establishes public financing. I introduced the Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act which mandates a paper receipt for every ballot cast among other things. I also co-sponsored the Voter Empowerment Act of 2017, which requires states to make available online voter registration and protects against ballot tampering, and the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which restores voter protections in states with a history of discriminatory activity.</p>
<p>In the U.S., more money is spent on health care than any other country. Yet the U.S. ranks behind many countries in life expectancy, infant and maternal mortality and many other health care outcomes. This is because health care is run as a profit-making business. Much of the money spent on health care goes into the pockets of the drug companies, insurance companies and hospital corporations. Health care is a human right. Money spent on health care should be used for health care. Takes the profits out of health care and the means exist to provide good, universal health care for all.</p>	<p>The working class does the work. We should get the benefit of it. Use the profits accumulated by the companies to create jobs at decent wages. No more 2-tier wages or forcing people to work part-time. Slow down the pace of work to create more jobs -- with no loss in pay. Instead of using our tax money to bail out banks and give out corporate welfare, use that money to rebuild the infrastructure -- repair the roads, bridges, the water and sewer systems. Build new schools and affordable housing. But this won’t be done by legislation. The bosses and politicians will resist. It will take a fight by the working class.</p>	<p>Global warming is real, putting us all at risk. Corporations are allowed to emit CO2 and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as they wish. They pollute the water and air, especially near working class communities. They put their own profits ahead of the future of humanity. We must take the decisions on energy sources and pollution out of the hands of these corporations. These decisions must be made by the whole population. We should make decisions on all energy sources based on what is safest and in the best interests of humanity, not based on the profits of a few wealthy individuals.</p>	<p>Money has always ruled the election process, whatever the laws are. The corporations and the rich have the money to buy the politicians of both major parties. The Republicans and the Democrats both ask working people for their votes, but both parties exist to serve the interests of the wealthy. The biggest problem with the election process right now is that the working class does not have its own political party. Working people are the majority of the population. We need a political party which speaks to our interests as working people.</p>
<p>The root cause of the health care crisis in America is the for-profit health care system. The differences between the Democrats and Republicans are tactical. Both seek to implement attacks on health care for working people in order to funnel ever larger sums of money into the pockets of the rich. Health care is a social right. It must be provided to all free of charge. The SEP fights for the nationalization of the health care industry and its transformation into a publicly owned institution under the democratic control of the working class, as part of the socialist reorganization of the economy.</p>	<p>I call for the abolition of student debt, a multi trillion dollar public works program, universal health care, and free high quality public education. These programs will be paid for by the expropriation of the wealth of the world’s billionaires and multi-millionaires, and the transformation of the banks and corporations into public utilities run by the workers. Under capitalism, the labor of billions of workers around the world is exploited by the ruling class for their own enrichment. Society needs to be reorganized to meet the needs of the working class not the profit interest of the rich.</p>	<p>Capitalism is producing an environmental disaster that threatens the future of life on earth. A solution to environmental problems like global warming is blocked by the subordination of production to private profit and the division of the world into nation-states. A rational approach to sustainable energy that allows for a vast increase in production to meet social need requires scientific planning. Billions must be invested in alternative forms of energy and emergency measures to address pollution, including in the Great Lakes. The energy corporations must be nationalized and placed under democratic control.</p>	<p>The election process in the United States is completely undemocratic, dominated by corporate money, with onerous ballot access restrictions aimed at excluding third parties. Amid historic levels of social inequality and growing opposition, the ruling class, represented by both Democrats and Republicans, is attacking all democratic rights and censoring the internet. Genuine democracy requires the creation of a workers state and new structures of popular control over political and economic life. Democracy is impossible so long as the process of production remains under the dictatorial control of the capitalist class.</p>
<p>I strongly believe in universal healthcare for all. The Affordable Care Act was a step in the right direction, but people are still paying outrageous prices, driven by insurance companies, for healthcare. No one should have to go into debt to for medication and lifesaving procedures. A society in which everyone has access to healthcare coverage will result in a drastic improvement in quality of life for those facing chronic health conditions, women, and children. We should be increasing funds available to support maternal and child health, and I support paid family and sick leave for all.</p>	<p>One of my top priorities is economic justice. This includes securing a \$15 hourly minimum wage, standing up for unions to improve working conditions for all, preventing cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, ending corporate welfare, winning paid family and medical leave, ending wage discrimination, and creating debt-free educational and vocational training. By improving our economic foothold, we improve quality of life all-around, including health and public safety.</p>	<p>I will fight to restore Obama-era environmental protections and incentivize the expansion of renewable energy projects in order phase out dirty fossil fuels that compromise our air and water quality. Further, water issues are as important in Michigan as anywhere - I’ve spoken out against poor Detroiters having their water turned off and against the greed that caused the Flint catastrophe. The Great Lakes define who we are as Michiganders, and we need to fight invasive species, pollution, and greedy companies like Nestle. We need to fully fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and we need to shut down Line 5.</p>	<p>We must overturn Citizens United to ensure all of our voices are heard. We need to explore public financing models that allow politicians more time to talk to voters and that end the dependence of politicians on big money donors and corporate interests. We must also restore the Voting Rights Act and fight back against voter suppression that targets minorities and tries to silence us. We need to make voter registration automatic for 18 year olds, allow returning citizens to vote, expand early voting and vote by mail, and in general do whatever we can to make participating in the democratic process easier.</p>
<p>Civilized societies do not expect the sick to find work/fulfill reporting requirements. We have an obligation to care for those who cannot care for themselves, to the well, by not bringing the sick into the workplace. An American baby’s death is tragic. Its death when its life could have been saved except that it is less valued is inhumane. Policies must reflect belief in America that ensures that all life is seen as valuable. The causes/effects of infant/maternal deaths cannot be viewed in isolation. A holistic approach is necessary to make colleagues see/make financial commitments for a “fix.”</p>	<p>I do not support tax “overhauls” that provide short term tax relief for middle to low income tax payers , while providing sustained tax benefits to Americans who do not need tax relief, many of whom have openly said that they do not even want tax relief. Federal income tax laws should encourage all Americans, especially poor to low middle class Americans to work. We should not encourage them to work to become/re-main a part of the working poor. Tax credits and exemptions should make child care, health care, quality food, home ownership and higher education attainment affordable.</p>	<p>The federal government should strengthen the Energy Department and the EPA. The experts at Energy and EPA should be listened to and trusted to implement policies that meet our energy needs while keeping our environment safe for us and future generations. We must look at all energy sources: coal, natural gas, nuclear energy, renewable energy, solar, wind, Biomass, geothermal and small hydro, from the vantage of government’s role of providing a “service” to We the People. Government provides a disservice when it privatizes and allows the profit motive to creep into the equation. Our experts must rely only on science .</p>	<p>We should limit corporate and labor spending on political campaigns including advertising, just as we limit how much money an individual can contribute to a candidate. Our policies should not be decided based on who has the most money, they should be based on how many contributions individuals make, which tends to indicate what “We”, the collective of “The People” want our democracy to look like. Across the board campaign contribution disclosure is a must. The Voting Rights Act should be strengthened. We must access to the ballot, the voting booth and integrity if our representative form of democracy is to survive.</p>



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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13 (continued)

SAM JOHNSON, Working Class

Website: See the independent website www.workingclassfight.com

Occupation / Current Position: Worked since I was 16. Always joined with other workers to defend ourselves. Retired, still active.

Education: Grew up under Jim Crow, Alabama, learned to survive with dignity. Learned that from my mother who was a fighter. Went to LA, then Detroit, got GED here. Went to WSU Labor School for 2 years.

Qualifications / Experience: 30 years, active in union at Chrysler, rank-and-file militant or elected union post. 2014, ran for Congress as independent to speak for the working class. 2016, worked with others to put a new party on the ballot, Working Class Party. We said, the bosses have 2 parties, workers have none. 50,000 signed for us. Many thousands of people voted for us to say they agree, workers need our own party.



The three big problems we face are not enough good paying jobs, costly health care and no decent education for our kids. But the government can’t solve these problems. It’s part of why we have the problems. It goes on with the same old policy the two parties have been carrying out for almost two centuries: taking tax money we need, giving it to the number one class, the big corporations and the banks, and the wealthy people who own them. It’s going to take working people coming together to take back that money and use it for what we need. That’s why we want to see a working class party, to start things moving.

Who are the immigrants? Most of them are working people. If they are working people, they should be part of us. They can help us build the society we want, a working people’s society. But only if we see we are all part of the same class. Everyone in this country came from other countries. Slaves came from Africa four centuries ago, the others came since. We have all been abused by the ones who brought us here – slave-owners before, factory owners today. The people who brought us here try to create divisions, try to get us fighting each other. They exploit us. THEY are the enemy.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13 (Partial Term ends Jan. 1, 2019)

BRENDA JONES, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Detroit City Council President

Education: Cass Tech; Wayne State University, BS Psychology, School of Labor Studies

Qualifications / Experience: In 2005, I was elected to the Detroit City Council. I’ve been re-elected three additional times, as an at-large member. I was elected president by my peers in 2014 and again in 2018. Prior to my Council career, I retired after 30-plus years with Michigan Bell/SBC/AT&T.



My top three priorities are to (1) address quality of life issues in the 13th district, including jobs and economy, infrastructure and transportation, redlining, poor education, environmental challenges and unsafe neighborhoods and streets; (2) gain access to federal funding, grants and programs that spur development and accelerate entrepreneurial activities to stimulate our local economy; (3) continue to leverage my strong relationships with the Michigan delegation and strengthen those with my democratic colleagues, while reaching across the aisle to work for the benefit of my constituents, our state and the nation.

Recently, I met a family whose father was deported after 26 years of being here in the U.S. This man was not a criminal and was targeted for deportation. This is wrong. While I support removing any criminal element from our population, our immigration policies need a comprehensive reform. This must include protecting our Dreamers, and creating a realistic pathway to citizenship for our undocumented individuals. Some of our citizens were brought here as slaves and had to fight to gain true citizenship. We should not have to repeat this painful history. I will advocate for a compassionate approach to this issue.

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI, U.S. Taxpayers

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 14

MARC S HERSCHFUS, Republican

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Education: Graduate, Central Michigan University; Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration; Studied at University of Detroit-Mercy; Graduate, Pershing High School, Detroit; Completed Leadership Oakland Program

Qualifications / Experience: Member of Congress, 2015 to Present; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee; Senior Whip, Black Caucus Executive Board; Caucus Leadership Mayor of Southfield, 2001 to 2015 Southfield City Councilwoman, one term (served in multiple council leadership roles) Southfield School Board Trustee, one term (served in multiple school board leadership roles)



It is an honor to represent Michigan in Congress and fight for our priorities. I’ve been able to get results in my first few years. The three biggest issues I’ll be tackling in the next Congress are rebuilding our nation’s crumbling infrastructure, increasing Michigan’s share of federal road funding and transportation investments, and further workforce development and training opportunities. I serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and am a founding Co-Chair of the Congressional Skilled Workforce Caucus -- through those roles, I intend to get even more results for Michigan and our workers.

This is an issue I take very seriously. As a Member of Congress, I have ensured that my staff here in Michigan are well-versed and prepared to assist constituents with any difficulties they face with federal agencies, especially those encountering immigration challenges. Our office has helped hundreds of constituents navigate the complex issues related to immigration, which includes passports, and I pledge to keep working to make those resources available. I am committed to supporting DREAMers remain in our country. I have also vocally opposed the inhumane, unjust White House policy of family separation at the border.

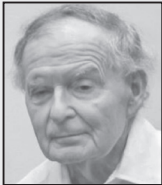
PHILIP KOLODY, Working Class

Website: information can be found at www.workingclassfight.com

Occupation / Current Position: I retired in 2002 from State of Michigan Civil Rights Department.

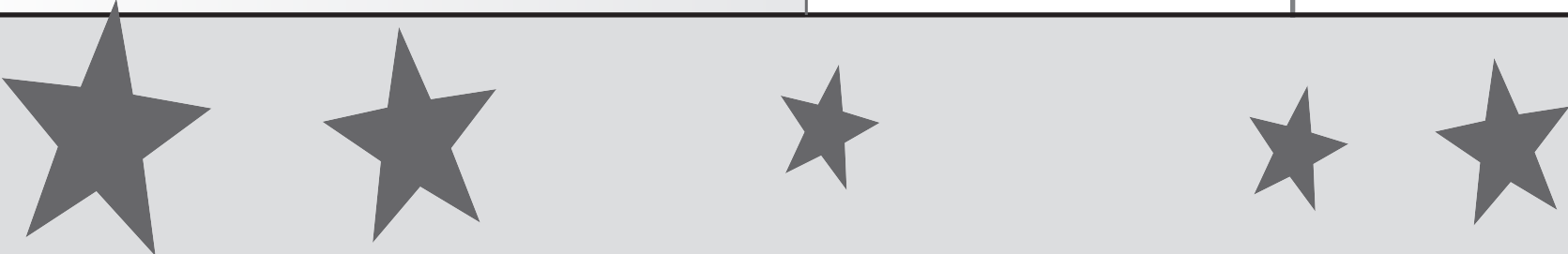
Education: I was born into working class family. Father and mother worked at auto shops. I went to Detroit public schools, graduated Mumford, graduated from WSU, got my master’s degree from U of M in history.

Qualifications / Experience: For 30 years, I worked investigating civil rights complaints, dealing with problems people face. I was active in the union, UAW Local 6000, representing people in grievances as shop steward. I worked on health and safety committee each place I worked. I retired but still keep track of what is happening. Establishment tries to weaken unions with right-to-work laws. It’s proof of unions’ importance.



The top three problems we face are 1, lack of workers’ rights and income inequality; 2, American policy in support of wars and conflicts around the world; 3, gender and racial inequality in the access to what we all need. Domestic politics can only be transformed by the working class asserting its power.

Immigration policy is used to divide the working class -- it is the first problem that must be solved. This conflict between workers benefits only the top 1%. Politics have to be transformed for the benefit of all workers, including immigrants.



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<p>Health care is not set up to serve the majority, the working people. It's set up to make money for big companies. Government programs should restrict the money big drug companies or nursing homes make. Instead, too many people don't have any care. Even if we have jobs and insurance, we don't get the best care. This is richest country on the planet. Why do we have worse health care than countries with much less money? Medical care means your life. No price should be put on our lives. The basic principle of health care should be that we all get what we need with no cost, and no restrictions should be put on that.</p>	<p>The government won't solve our problems. But working people can do it. We have force when we stand together to fight. We can use our forces to impose what all the people need. We need decent paying jobs. The first thing workers would do about the economy is make sure that everyone who wants a job can have a job. The big companies make profit by keeping our wages low and by making fewer people do more work. Take money back from the profits of the big companies, use it to increase our wages. Take money the government gives away to big corporations, use it to fix things that need fixing. That would create jobs.</p>	<p>Big oil companies and utilities see how to produce energy to make profit. If we got rid of profit, we could see how to produce energy to give people what they need AND we could protect the environment, including the Great Lakes. With technology that we have today, there could be safeguards protecting the environment from every form of energy. If scientists were given the freedom to do what they already know how to do, they would produce energy safely. But they can't today because that interferes with profit. The problem is not energy, not oil, not even coal – the problem is, those things are produced to make a profit.</p>	<p>Money runs everything in capitalist society. So, money buys and sells candidates and buys elections. In a society that was democratic, everyone would get a hearing. Every working person could vote, whether you are working, or retired, or laid off, or looking for work or are a woman or man taking care of your kids or elders. We should all be able to vote, simply because we work. That won't happen until the working class puts its needs first, until we fight for what everyone needs. Then we can bring it back to our needs, including with elections and voting. That's how we got everything we ever got, by fighting for it.</p>
<p>My concerns with today's healthcare system include elimination of the individual mandate to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, prescription drug prices for seniors on medicare and Healthcare for all (including dental and vision) & paid maternity leave. A single-payer healthcare system is the best answer to ensure the health and welfare of our nation. I will work to protect every American, especially our veterans, because healthcare should be a human right. Congress must continue to work on more inclusive legislation until no one is without healthcare, prescription, vision or dental coverage.</p>	<p>Our laws must ensure that the American dream is a realistic goal for every family. This will remain my top priority. This means creating a universal education plan (that includes college, skilled-trades, and early childhood education), strengthening national labor laws to protect our hard-working men & women and strengthening our labor laws. I will work to remove obstacles that prevent individuals from achieving economic stability.</p>	<p>I support fully funding the EPA to ensure monitoring and enforcing environmental standards including the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. I will also fight to promote incentives to invest in clean, renewable and alternative energy sources. Protecting wildlife and national parks from private interests such as drilling, fracking and mining is also important to preservation for future generations. I also favor a study to determine if funding for the Great Lakes Initiative is meeting the evolving needs of our region's waterways. I will advocate for testing to ensure lead or air pollution does not affect our health.</p>	<p>I support making voting accessible to every American. Congress must work to eliminate the impact of discriminatory voter suppression laws and practices across the country. In order to do this, I will fight to implement measures to automate voter registration, expand early and mail-in voting, and increase funding for our local clerks' offices. I will also work to pass laws to eliminate dark money in federal elections and reduce the influence of corporate dollars on campaigns.</p>
<p>I support the Affordable Care Act and the Medicaid expansion policies. I have voted numerous times in Congress to defend the Affordable Care Act. My decision on federal spending votes was also greatly influenced by the dire need for Community Health Centers funding for their survival in Detroit. I will continue to fight for them, as well as progressive expansion of the federal health care programs that have had dramatic, positive impacts on Americans' lives: Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act. Preexisting conditions, including maternity, should remain protected.</p>	<p>Michiganders are working harder, yet, still not getting ahead. I support increasing wages, and oppose the state Prevailing Wage repeal. I want stronger worker protections, stronger wage and benefits standards, and stronger environmental protections in a new NAFTA agreement. Having said that, our trade relationships with our allies are a big deal and President Trump's reckless attacks on Canada have me very concerned. Canada is Michigan's biggest trading partner. Attacking economic ties with Canada is attacking Michigan's economy. Our workers don't need that kind of "friendly fire" from our own White House.</p>	<p>Protecting our Great Lakes is a big deal. As a Member of Congress, I joined all of our Michigan delegation in a successful, bipartisan effort to restore budget funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Fund that the White House has zeroed out. More recently, our Michigan congressional delegation has collaborated again to advocate for the funding needed to modernize the Soo Locks in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. That long-overdue infrastructure project has both economic and environmental ramifications. I am an advocate for renewable energy sources and I also oppose the regulatory rollbacks of the EPA Administrator.</p>	<p>Americans deserve better when it comes to our democratic process. In Congress, I have fought for a renewal of the Voting Rights Act, which has expired. We should also make Election Day a national holiday to allow more working citizens the ability to vote. Here in Michigan, I do support the statewide ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process. The citizens should determine who represents them; the legislators should not be able to selfishly scheme to determine who they will represent in their districts. Our state should also modernize by allowing absentee voting for all citizens regardless of their reason.</p>
<p>We all need unrestricted access to health care for the whole population. Domestic politics should not interfere in the rights of everyone to have the health care they need.</p>	<p>Today, only the top 1% gets any support and it gets all the support it wants. The rest of us don't get what we need. That must change. And it's the working class that has the power to change this when it organizes.</p>	<p>The degradation of the environment, including the Great Lakes is ongoing and will continue until there is a transformation of energy policy in favor of renewals and getting rid of fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Today, the major political parties use the mechanism of law to deny access to voting. They try to fragment the working class by race and political programs. It's up to workers to answer these divide-and-rule policies. No one else can do it for us.</p>

State Board of Education – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

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TAMI CARLONE,
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QUESTION 2

What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?

QUESTION 3

What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?

My career lends itself perfectly to a seat on the Board. I am also a National, State & Local Education Advocate of 18 years. As a member of the national network of education advocates, Truth in American Education, I keep the pulse of our nation's schools every day, & we share best practices. I am a member of U.S. Parents Involved in Education & am on the Board of Michigan PIE. I co-authored 2018 HB 4192 to repeal Common Core & give MI students the proven best. I am an award-winning educator of adults & children of all ages, abilities & income levels. I am running so I can return TRUTH & EXCELLENCE to MI schools.

Teachers must deal with way too much these days, like jumping through one governmental hoop after another, excessive paperwork & data collection, meetings & more. We need them connecting with students & focused on teaching in their classrooms. We must make sure what teachers are learning in teacher college makes them ready to meet the demands of the job, like expertise in phonics. Excellent teachers can CHANGE LIVES. We must stop the teach to the test mentality that is killing our children's love of learning. We must get out of Common Core & the related testing & give our students the proven best standards & tests.

All one must do is look at the results to know MI is in trouble regarding education. MI ed spending is up to \$14.8 billion in 2018 (up each year despite declining enrollment) yet school results are on a steady decline. The Wall Street Journal summed it up perfectly 1/2018, "Few state school systems report worse achievement metrics than MI." We are bottom ranked for special education. I am passionate about making MI a POWERHOUSE in education for ALL children. We should be the state others look to as the example. Every ed \$ must have a positive impact on classroom learning. Ed policy makers must be held accountable.

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I currently serve on the Board, elected Co-President by Democrat & Republican members, where I identify incoherence and true costs of policy choices. I represent us at NASBE, the National Association of State Boards of Education, serving as an officer. I published my doctoral thesis on Detroit school closings in the 1990s and write op-eds regularly on Board issues. I taught in Detroit for 25 years and helped to organize a MEAP award-winning charter school in the city. I was president of another academy there during reorganization after the preceding board mishandled funds. My children attended Detroit public schools.

1) Focus on ends (student achievement), not means (compliance issues). 2) Focus on competence rather than credentials for students. 3) Avoid mission creep: adding to a school's tasks/responsibilities so that the school's mission (literacy & numeracy) becomes unfocused. 4) Beware of policy/programming that supplants rather than supplements parental involvement and responsibility. 5) Develop clear policy that enables local schools to take initiative and responsibility for student achievement. 6) Maximize choices for parents and students in enrollment, program, and philosophy of education. 7) Encourage character values.

1) Select a new Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2019 to succeed the late Brian Whiston. I look for someone who has lived with the policies he/she has put in place and has familiarity with Michigan schools. 2) Identify the factors that enable 3rd grade students to read and be ready for subsequent learning. 3) Clarify the empowering character of basic literacy and numeracy. When one can access others' experiences, and understand the workings of the world around her, that gives meaning to life that was not there before; this is the blessing of education which applies regardless of job status, or role in life.

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As a retired educator with more than 25 years of experience – most recently, as Chief Academic Officer of Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) – and as a concerned grandparent of children educated in Michigan's public schools, I am confident my passion for and academic grounding in public education, practical experience as a teacher and administrator, and commitment to building collaborative relationships with local and state leaders will make me a valuable contributor to the Board.

We have an obligation to the children in the state of Michigan to find solutions to our financial and achievement issues with common sense focused policies. All children who enter the school house door must be treated equally and provided the resources they need. Instead of closure and punishment, we must work together as a community to provide support to improve schools across the state. Financial resources need to be provided based on the needs of the students

One issue facing the Board is the selection of a new State Superintendent of Schools. If elected to the Board, I will make my decision in a deliberate manner considering the background of the individual related to their experience in schools, leadership positions and decision-making ability. Another issue is the reliance on state assessments for judgments about a schools' overall achievement levels and the performance of teachers. Discussion needs to center on consistency on test format and clear targets.

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I am currently the Director of the Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition. I have experience working in city and county government. I also have experience teaching K-12 in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties. I was an instructor at Wayne State University in the K-12 SEMAA Program which was sponsored by NASA. Project Management experience in Real Estate Development led to 9.9 MM going towards renovating low-income communities in Oakland County. I also have experience in Contract Negotiations, Financial Analysis and Recommendations on Multi-Million Dollar Entities.

Increasing public funding to the Dep. of Ed and local districts by lobbying the legislature. This is crucial, because per pupil funding is below more than half of the states in the U.S. Many certified teachers leave MI due to low salaries and attack's on benefits. More funding will allow for special programs to help combat illiteracy, fix the failing infrastructure in many of the districts and help retain teachers in urban areas to reduce class sizes helping to close the Achievement Gap statewide. Lastly, strengthening anti-bullying policies across the state and have each local district adhere to the same standards.

The most important thing the Board will do is to hire a new Superintendent that will implement important policies State-wide. This is important because the Superintendent will be responsible for addressing issues such as overcrowding, failing infrastructure, determining a new method to increasing funds to the districts since multiple mileages to increase funding has been defeated. As a Board Member it will be my duty to make sure that person is qualified, and has a track record of improving educational systems. Most importantly that, that person has a history of putting children first.

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I've been a professional educator for over 20 years. I served on the Wayne State University Student Council in 1999. I was Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in 2006. My most important qualification is that I am a professional educator who recognizes the failure of compulsory education run from Lansing. Of course I can't change that directly, but I can be an advocate for reform. End State control. I support returning the money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes.

Over-specialization is the primary cause of extinction. We need to diversify and move away from the top-down approach that seeks to standardize education. One size does not fit all. Central control caused the downward slide. I support returning the amount of money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes. This is a compromise. Ideally politician would not intervene in the education process and people would not have that money stolen from them by the government for that purpose.

1. Over-standardization: Issue guidelines that encourage schools to be laboratories of innovation. Encourage distance learning opportunities that would be accessible by traditional students and home-schooled students alike. Give schools and families control of curriculum, not politicians. 2. Coercive funding mechanisms: Advise the legislature on initiatives to restore local and parental control. People should not be forced to pay for education they don't use. 3. Safety: "Gun-Free Zones" are favored by terrorists. Permit people legally qualified to carry firearms elsewhere to carry them in schools.

State Board of Education – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2) (continued)

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Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?	What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?	What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?
<div>JOHN J TATAR, Libertarian</div> <div>Website: johnjtatar.com Facebook: http://johnjtatar Occupation / Current Position: Retired Education: BS Education WSU, MS Ed Administration, Vocational endorcment, Command & General Staff USAR,</div>	Eliminate Common Core, no child left behind, Return to the arts, industrial arts, home and family living, the trades and basic skills etc. Teach the Constitution, civics, what it means to be a productive citizen living in the Republic(s). Teach true and accurate history; for those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Education should be a general study of many areas of life so that students can choose their own pathway for their future. Return to the basic principles of our Declaration of Independence/Constitution and the important part every citizen must play to maintain our liberties. .	Get the federal government as well as the state influence out of curriculum. Return the curriculum back to local boards of education and the parents. Teach the youth of our nation to be self-reliant, self governing, and self controlling, the corner stone of our Republic(s), where the people are the government and we delegate authority to those we wish to govern us- - by the people and for the people. I also feel that the electronic technology, wi-fi, cell towers on school property, 5G etc.being pressed upon us needs to slow down until further investigation/research is conducted to see that it causes NO HARM to us.
<div>KAREN ADAMS, U.S. Taxpayers</div> <div>Facebook: http://kadamsmotherof7@gmail.com Occupation / Current Position: retired Education: Bachelor's degree from Kuyper College</div>	OK, ready to get radical? Greatly reduce the teacher/student ratio! Teachers are put at an extreme disadvantage when asked to actually impart information to 25 or more students at one time. But this is not “new” radical, this is “old, tried-and true” radical. We used to be the most literate nation in the world. Small schools and good student/teacher ratio worked, and it can work again. What is more important--buildings or true learning? Let's put aside the false security of bigness and get back to really teaching Michigan's precious souls with personal attention and care that teachers want to give, but can't.	Apathy--or worse--the feeling that nothing can be done to really improve the education of one's own community, because the all-important decisions come from the top-down. It is time the State Board of Education quit allocating responsibilities to itself that actually belong to parents and local school boards. Let's give those responsibilities back where they belong. The State Board of Education has become an octopus, with tentacles reaching in areas that have nothing to do with education. Let's keep it tight and efficient!
<div>DOUG LEVESQUE, U.S. Taxpayers</div>	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	
<div>SHERRY A WELLS, Green</div> <div>Website: sherryawells.net Facebook: http://Sherry A Wells for State Board of Education Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, Author, Publisher, Public Speaker, Genealogy Researcher, Community Activist Education: Assoc. Arts, Grand Rapids Jr. College; B.A. Education, K to Jr. High, minors Spanish, Political Science, Michigan State University; J.D. Law Degree, Wayne State University.</div> <div></div>	Attended public schools in Detroit, rural Kent County. Due to “teacher surplus,” teaching certificate expired. Instructed intro. law classes, wrote a text. Presented Esperanto at foreign language teacher conferences. Involved parent at schools, ran for local school board, elected to city charter commission. I do my “homework:” attend State Board of Education and school board and related meetings across Michigan to listen and learn. “Poverty is the biggest obstacle to education” --children must be our primary investment, with the community not corporations at the forefront. An attorney on the board would be an asset.	Increasingly, corporations control education across the USA--that pressure must be resisted. The Green Party is a progressive party, not a caucus; a stronger, not corporate-bought voice needs to be on the Board and push it to take its concerns to the people and request their active support to insist that the legislature come through for our children--the money can be found. (Search “482 Forward”). The legislature mandated that children be able to read by 3rd grade or be flunked, but it is not funding that mandate. Preschool programs are predictors of success but underfunding keeps women workers poor and turnover high.
<div>MARY ANNE HERING, Working Class</div> <div>Website: Independent website: www.workingclassfight.com Occupation / Current Position: College teacher, Henry Ford college; Socialist activist in the working class at Ford Rouge plant. Education: B.A.University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC). M.A. Ecological Psychology, MSU. Extensive education through organizing in the working class in Detroit Metro area and through ties with co-workers.</div> <div></div>	As a long-time teacher, I have been a steadfast advocate for students and their families, the support staff of the college, as well as part-time teachers who are the backbone of the teaching staff, with lower pay and no benefits. I have also organized in the working class for decades and can give voice to workers who see their children and grandchildren deprived of a quality education because the state cuts money from public education. I can speak up for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate young people and whose wages and benefits are reduced because of those cuts.	Crumbling infrastructure in the schools. The handing over of public money to for-profit charter schools. Abysmal test scores reflecting the tremendous disparity that exists in our public school systems. I would stand up and say, enough is enough! The issue is money: Tax breaks to corporations and money to private schools means public money is being stolen from our public school systems. All school districts need high funding and districts that have more problems, need even more. The actions I would recommend would be to support people in their communities to organize to stop the theft and demand full, high funding.
<div>LOGAN SMITH, Working Class</div> <div>Website: Independent Website: workingclassfight.com Occupation / Current Position: Student Education: High School Diploma - Cass Technical High School, Detroit</div> <div></div>	I've lived in Detroit all my life. I was a student in the Detroit Public Schools where I saw firsthand the problems that children of working people had to deal with. I feel that as a person who has actually had to deal with our education system here in Michigan myself, I am very qualified for this position.	Schools need all the money that's been stolen back, and much more. Not enough textbooks, underpaid teachers, and huge class sizes are just some of the issues that students of working people face thanks to a vastly underfunded educational system. The State Board of Education does not have the power to fix that; in fact, no politicians have that power. The only way that things are going to change is if ordinary people, teachers, students, parents, organize together and disrupt business as usual to stand for what's right.

University of Michigan Board of Regents – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

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<div>ANDREA FISCHER NEWMAN, Republican</div> <div><div>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MichiganAndi/ Twitter: twitter.com/MichiganAndi Occupation / Current Position: Director, Borden Dairy Director, Prime Flight Aviation Consultant, Delta Air Lines Education: J.D., George Washington Univ. National Law Center 1983; B.A., with honors, Univ. of Michigan 1979</div></div>	I care deeply about public education. Through service, I have gained the perspective and the experience to know what it takes to ensure that the University of Michigan continues to be the greatest public university in the country and that it is affordable and available to all Michigan families. My work experience is an asset; I have spent my career in senior management at Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and as a partner at a leading law firm and am currently serving on two corporate boards. My service on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and NACIQI has further prepared me to serve the University.	It is critical that we make Michigan affordable for all Michigan families. The University can improve processes for managing existing resources. It can and should be aggressive about fiscal stewardship – in procurement, public private partnerships, eliminating overlapping functions, and centralizing functions wherever sensible and efficient. The University should also focus on growing the endowment, reviewing its management for best practices and continuously developing new sources of revenue. There are growing opportunities in supporting tech transfer, research and campus startups and other innovative work on campus.	The first is making the University affordable for all Michigan families and students. The University belongs to all of us and must therefore be available to everyone. Growing the endowment and managing resources efficiently are key to succeeding in making sure anyone who wants a Michigan education can afford one. The second is supporting and preparing University of Michigan graduates to lead in this economy. The economy is changing rapidly; the University should embrace it, harness our broad and deep talent to grow the entrepreneurial curriculum and projects at the university which will help graduates succeed.
<div>ANDREW RICHNER, Republican</div> <div></div>	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
<div>JORDAN ACKER, Democrat</div> <div><div>Website: www.mgoacker.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/MGoAcker Twitter: twitter.com/JordanAckerMI Occupation / Current Position: Partner and Director of Business Development, Goodman Acker, Southfield Education: U-M B.A., 2006; American University, J.D. 2010</div></div>	I'm proud to have a range of experiences in the public and private sector: having worked at Homeland Security, in the Personnel Office of the White House, and now in a small business, where I'm responsible for a multi-million dollar marketing budget. But these boards are also in need of fresh perspectives. I would be the first board member (and am the first nominee of either major party) to have graduated from college this century. This is a perspective that is needed in the room.	We must increase the spend level from the endowment, back to 1990s levels. While Michigan's endowment has almost doubled from its 2006 level, to \$11+bn, Michigan has cut the spend toward the general fund (including on student aid, recruitment, and other programs) from 6% of the endowment to 4.5%. The first thing we must do with this expanded pool is to expand the Go Blue Guarantee to all three campuses, finally making a Michigan education within reach in Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn. We must also make transferring credits between campuses easier.	The Regents must work to expand the presence statewide of the University statewide, and to be more affordable and accessible. The Regents must make sure that the University serves Michiganders first, and should work to make sure that Michiganders from underrepresented areas, like Macomb County, Detroit, and the U.P., have access to a University degree. Finally, the University must do better when it comes to transparency. I believe we must make serious changes to avoid some of the issues that have plagued not just other Universities, but also our own.
<div>PAUL BROWN, Democrat</div> <div><div>Website: www.GoBlueVoteBrown.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/GoBlueVoteBrown Twitter: twitter.com/GoBlueVoteBrown Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner at eLab Ventures - We invest in and support new and lifesaving technologies. Education: Petoskey High School; Univ. of Michigan, B.A. (history); Wayne State, J.D. Univ. of Michigan, MBA</div></div>	I have two degrees from UofM and teach a course on finance and business there. I sit on many private and public boards including the League of Conservation Voters and the Michigan History Foundation. I was the VP of Capital Markets at MEDC where I helped build our State's economy by leveraging talent and innovation out of UofM. I am a small business owner and help companies bring UofM research to the public. I'm running because since my opponent has been on the board tuition has increased 600% and African American enrollment has decreased 50%. I want to use my experience to decrease tuition and increase diversity.	There are many things we can quickly to make UofM more affordable. UofM could increase scholarships by over \$50M per year if it went back to taking 5.5% a year out of the endowment. UofM has run an average annual budget surplus of over \$300M the last ten years. The University endowment could refinance graduates student loans at below market terms. These "investments" would be comparable in return and risk to others in the endowment's portfolio. UofM must roll back ballooning administrative costs. Lastly, UofM must help lead the effort to convince the electorate and the administration to increase spending on education.	Public universities like UofM were created to be affordable and accessible to the students of Michigan, no matter what community they came from or the wealth of their families. We must hold down tuition, increase the availability of scholarships and we must construct admissions policies that grant students admission based on their ability and performance regardless of their opportunity. Lastly, UofM must focus on extending its positive economic impact throughout the state both through it's educational and healthcare systems.
<div>JAMES LEWIS HUDLER, Libertarian</div> <div></div>	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
<div>JOHN JASCOB, Libertarian</div> <div><div>Occupation / Current Position: Associate Managing Editor, Securities, Wolters Kluwer Legal and Regulatory U.S. Education: A.B., University of Michigan (1987); M.A.T., University of Massachusetts Amherst (1990); J.D., Concord University School of Law (2002); LL.M., University of Alabama School of Law (2015)</div></div>	I am running because I am deeply committed to the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of free academic inquiry in a free society. I will bring to the board a background in the areas of law, finance, and education. I work as a securities law editor at a leading legal publisher, after having spent many years in financial services, and I previously taught Latin at both the university and secondary levels. I am a member of the State Bar of California, Phi Beta Kappa, and American Mensa.	The cost of university attendance has skyrocketed over the past generation, forcing many students from middle and lower income families to incur crushing levels of debt to obtain a college degree. Similarly, taxpayers face the prospect of increasing tax burdens to fund a state-sponsored institution that is largely immune from market forces. As Regent, I will oppose tuition increases, while seeking to reduce administrative costs by privatizing non-essential, non-academic services. I also advocate decentralizing the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses to reduce overhead and increase student and faculty autonomy.	First, the University must zealously protect free speech and open debate on campus and resist attempts to silence unpopular points of view. I strongly oppose speech codes or other attempts at prohibiting expression protected by the First Amendment. Second, tuition costs continue to escalate, foreclosing educational opportunities for many potential students. I will oppose further tuition increases, while advocating privatization, decentralization, and student cooperatives to reduce costs and increase student and faculty participation in university governance.

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JOE SANGER, U.S. Taxpayers	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
CRYSTAL VanSICKLE, U.S. Taxpayers	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
KEVIN A GRAVES, Green Occupation / Current Position: Teacher Education: University of Michigan-Biochemistry and Psychology	I graduated with a double major (Biochemistry and Psychology) from the University of Michigan. Then, I went to work at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in research laboratories and earned 5 biochemical research publications. Through the years, I've had my share of problems with administration and have heard complaints from other students and workers. So, because I personally faced discrimination at the University of Michigan I would be an "asset" to protect the rights of students and workers.	I would propose free college tuition for students with family gross income of \$50,000 or less for the previous year before entering college and have student loan forgiveness for graduates with gross income of \$50,000 or less per year. So, for most so poorly paid teachers they would receive student loan forgiveness.	On the most pressing issues facing the University of Michigan is the high cost of going to the University of Michigan and the other most pressing issue is discrimination. My "position" on the high cost of going to the University of Michigan; to college is that the high cost of college is a deterrent to even the thought of going to college: parents know that they can't afford it, so they may not encourage academic excellence as readily. As such, we must lower the cost of college! As a minority, my "position" on wrongful discrimination (sexism, homophobia, and racism) is obvious: I'm against it! I'm for Equal Rights!
MARGE KATCHMARK SALLOWS, Natural Law	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		

Michigan State University Board of Trustees – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

DAVE DUTCH, Republican	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
MIKE MILLER, Republican  Website: www.mikemillerformsu.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/mikemillerformsu Twitter: twitter.com/MikeMillerForM1 Occupation / Current Position: Vice Chairman of the Board Orchid Orthopedic Solutions Education: Mike graduated in 1971 from Michigan State University with a BS in Labor and Industrial Relations.	I founded a company twenty-nine years ago. We started with four employees and grew that company to its current size employing two thousand people with thirteen manufacturing plants around the world. We have 900 Michigan employees. Similar to building and succeeding with a large commercial enterprise, leadership of a big university requires exceptional skill and experience in the areas of critical thinking, financial acumen, team building, human resources and corporate governance. These are experiences and skills I can bring to MSU. I have also served on many boards, both for profit and non-profit.	Tuition hikes in excess of inflation are not sustainable. World class businesses and universities face the same cost challenges: salaries, supplies, healthcare, capital, etc... Yet every day world class industries do more for customers without charging more, often by seeking out superior technology. A world class university must do the same or it will cease to be world class. Productivity improvements must become the norm at MSU, not an exception. In the years to come, working class Michigan families must find the price of an elite education at MSU to be more affordable, not less.	A.) Hiring an exceptional new president for the next decade to guide MSU. B.) Healing the wounds caused by the Nassar crisis and creating an environment of safety for all students. Stakeholders deserve a more open and transparent board. As a result of recent events (Nassar) it is imperative that the board more closely comply with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Past compliance has too often meant obeying the letter of these laws. We must do better and adhere to the SPIRIT of these laws, erring always on the side of openness rather than evasiveness
BRIANNA T SCOTT, Democrat  Website: www.Brianna4MSU.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Brianna4MSU/ Twitter: twitter.com/Brianna4MSU Occupation / Current Position: Attorney in Private Practice and Business Owner Education: Michigan State University, B.A. Marketing; Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctorate	As a MSU alum who struggled to pay tuition, former Asst. Prosecutor and attorney with 18 years experience, woman of color and parent of a current MSU student, my experiences have allowed me to be able to relate to and understand the struggles of many college students. My unique legal background will be an asset to the Board in dealing with the legal issues at hand. Additionally, my credentials and professional experiences on Boards, as President of the Muskegon Rotary Club and extensive community activism have prepared me to be an effective Trustee with the ability to lead MSU through the current crisis and beyond.	As a parent paying tuition for a current MSU student, in addition to making my voice heard on this issue with our Legislature, my plan would involve providing college Freshmen with a Tuition Freeze for 4 years. This will allow parents and students the ability to budget for their time at MSU, without the concerns of ever increasing rates each year. As well, I'd like to institute a plan similar to what U of M offers through its endowment, enabling families that meet certain income requirements to qualify for free tuition up to four years. I'd also like graduated loan forgiveness for graduates who stay in MI for 10 yrs.	(1) Finding and hiring the next President that has the integrity, temperament and experience necessary to lead MSU forward. I want to have active student, faculty/staff involvement in board activities and decision making to provide important feedback, concerns and opinions to help administrators improve the quality of their decisions. (2) Taking the lead in creating and maintaining a campus culture of care and safety & providing resources that support those efforts. Ensuring departments work collaboratively with each other, off-campus service providers and law enforcement so that all investigations follow protocols.



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Michigan State University Board of Trustees – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

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KELLY CHARRON TEBAY, Democrat Website: www.kellytebayformsu.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/KellyTebayforMSU/ Twitter: twitter.com/KellyforMSU Occupation / Current Position: Relationship Manager, United Way for Southeastern Michigan Education: BA International Relations with Muslim Studies Specialization. MS Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis with Certificates in Homeland Security and Critical Thinking	 <p>I am a passionate MSU alumnus who is not far removed from my time on campus. I feel the pain that students are facing today and share the frustration with the university's handling of its cultural problems. As a survivor of sexual assault that I experienced at MSU, I understand this pain that many students have gone through. I have 10 years of professional fundraising experience. I currently connect private sector organizations with those in-need at the United Way for SE Michigan. I help those who don't have opportunity gain access to it, and I see how hard life is when you don't have economic privilege or education.</p>	<p>We start by streamlining financial aid to ensure that every in-state student who comes from a household with income of less than \$65,000 is guaranteed free tuition. For students who come from households with income of less than \$120,000, but above \$65,000, we must target grants and scholarships to ensure that their tuition remains proportionately priced. Combined, these two ideas form the basis for my Go Green Guarantee. But we can and must do more than just focus on tuition. We must address housing and meal affordability and access, and also streamline credit transfer from other colleges.</p>	<p>I cannot summarize this in 2 reasons, so I've narrowed it to 3. I have listed 10 of them at kellytebayforMSU.com 1)To rebuild the public's trust that has been broken through holding the board accountable and transparent with decision making, and by making them be as accessible as every elected official should be. 2)To change the culture on campus, from the way the university handles sexual assault to the way it deals with affordability and diversity issues. 3)Making MSU more accessible and affordable to all Michiganders, focusing on reducing financial hurdles, increasing credit transfer and improving campus diversity.</p>
BRUCE CAMPBELL, Libertarian Website: http://michiganlp.org Occupation / Current Position: advocate for the poor, leadership in community Education: BA from MSU, post grad work, Paris, FR and Lausanne, Switzerland. charter member Justin Morrill College	<p>Teacher social worker postal clerk/ Master 30 yrs.; union treas. & steward 2 yrs.; curriculum adviser 6 yrs.; Downtown Development, chaired subcommittee 1 yr; advocate for poor (took homeless in) lifetime; fund raiser for charity 15 yrs.; leadership in civic and religious organizations 53 yrs.; various occupations from farm work to assembly, bus driver to lifeguard - managed city pool, reading tutor, working with gifted and talented. With a vast field of experience, being able to listen to all sides, do research and find viable solutions are major reasons for running for Trustee and are valuable assets to this work</p>	<p>Some ideas to help make college education cheaper would include: 1) cut the budget 10% across the board, eliminate duplication; 2) expand work/study program, create with business community apprenticeships, or internships; and 3) allow more credit approval for classes taken at community colleges, AP classes and the 13th high school year (even vocational tech) towards undergraduate courses.</p>	<p>MSU Trustees are in the process of hiring a new university president. This person should have varied experience in business and education. This person should be thoroughly vetted and not political. A person who loves to work with students and is available to all with an open door. How to handle future sexual scandals and avoid "cover-ups" is a major issue that still plagues our school. Policies should be in place and enforced to provide a safe environment for all persons; i.e. zero tolerance for sexual harassment, bullying and hazing. We need to be fiscal responsible, accepting and pro peace.</p>
TIM ORZECOWSKI, Libertarian	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
JANET M SANGER, U.S. Taxpayers Website: votesanger.com Occupation / Current Position: Technical Service Specialist	 <p>I have worked in the Michigan power industry for over 30 years. I take a common-sense approach in all that I do. My wife and I have home educated our children for 18 years, and I am familiar with a variety of educational options.</p>	<p>The university should expand digital platforms that reduce cost and staffing.</p>	<p>I see the board's most pressing issues as providing affordable, quality education, and ensuring student safety. I believe we need to expand our educational delivery options to reach more students, and at the same time reduce tuition costs. As for ensuring student safety, I would like to see all assault allegations turned over to an impartial law enforcement agency.</p>
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AARON MARIASY, Green	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		
BRIDGETTE ABRAHAM-GUZMAN, Natural Law	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion		

Who Can Vote?

You can vote if you've registered to vote in Michigan by October 9, 2018.

You can register if you are a U.S. citizen; you're a Michigan resident; and you will be at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Wayne State University Board of Governors – 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

The Wayne State University Board of Governors has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

Questions (625 characters each):

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How would you be an asset?

QUESTION 2

What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?

QUESTION 3

What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?

DIANE DUNASKISS, Republican

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/DunaskissForWSU/>

Occupation / Current Position: Public School Educator, Retired Small Business Owner

Education: BA Elementary Education - Wayne State University; MA Reading & Special Education - Oakland University; Educational Administration - Wayne State University



As a graduate of Wayne State I ran for the Board of Governors because of my desire to give back through public service. I have been elected and have served three terms on the board and have held the offices of Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair and I am currently the Chair the Academic Affairs Committee. As a former public school teacher and administrator and a small business owner I bring extensive knowledge of best practices in teaching and a solid understanding of sound fiscal policies. My political background and relationships with elected officials make me a strong advocate to secure adequate state funding.

Wayne has consistently maintained the lowest tuition rates of the three major research universities in the state. It is critical that we strengthen our relationships with our legislators to secure adequate state funding to help reduce the burden on families. We must be strategic in our spending by concentrating on student success. By focusing on academic achievement, our students can graduate in four years, thereby incurring less debt and entering the job market as soon as possible. Encouraging students to utilize the dual enrollment and offering courses in a digital format can further reduce costs to students.

Continuing to attract students to Wayne by engaging in strategic funding to increase student achievement is the highest priority. We must promote continued excellence in teaching and remove barriers to graduation by closely monitoring and revising curriculum, and providing academic support. I have been a strong advocate for our "Finish in Four" initiative to encourage students to complete their degrees in four years. Sustaining our position as a preeminent, Carnegie I research institution is vital to the university, to our urban health initiatives and to our students who engage in research.

DAVID NICHOLSON, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: President and CEO PVS Chemicals, Inc.

Education: BA in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Madison 1992; MBA - Strategy/Finance from the University of Chicago 1997



In 2014 I was appointed to the board by Gov. Snyder and I've been vigilant in my commitment to the students, staff and alumni. In 1999, I joined the family business at PVS Chemicals, Inc. as CEO of manufacturing assets, recently I was elected to President/CEO. WSU plays a fundamental role in the success of Detroit and vice-versa. My business background, local Detroit roots and my political connections have yielded tremendous results for WSU Warriors thus far through effective advocacy and creating partnership opportunities to develop a stronger, smarter and safer community.

My recommendations would align very closely with the views our WSU President has on this very important topic. Strategic spending focused on student achievement will help to encourage students to finish in four years instead of six years and incur less debt. Additionally, by utilizing my political network and strong relationships with elected officials in the Michigan Legislature I can effectively ensure that WSU fully secures adequate state funding wherever possible to help create more affordable opportunities.

Improving the budget process, increasing public safety, campus wide WIFI upgrades and continued improvement in graduation rates by implementing research driven strategies and programs to increase achievement. Developing innovative academic programs and business collaborations that will thrive in Detroit based markets to benefit the entire state. Additionally, the creation of a centralized community engagement database is a priority. Strategic financial planning will also put WSU on the map as an economic powerhouse and prompt the creation of better paying, high quality jobs for Michigan's future.

BRYAN C BARNHILL, Democrat

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

ANIL KUMAR, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Urologist, Asst. Clinical Professor-MSU President - Michigan United Physicians,

Education: Bachelor of Medicine- University of Bombay Resident - Wayne State University



Academically, I have been a lifelong teacher. I am a clinical assistant professor for Michigan State University residency program. I have been chief of staff North Oakland Medical Center, Chairman of the Board of Doctor's Hospital, Chief of Surgery at Crittenton Hospital, and Board Member of Oakland County Medical Society. Politically, I have been a candidate for the 11th district US Congress position and I am active in the Michigan Democrat party. As a businessman, I am president of Michigan United Physicians and CEO of a surgical center. My wife, both children and I are all Wayne State Graduates.

This approach is 3 pronged. My first recommendation is to politically maneuver better funding from the state. Currently WSU is the least financially supported amongst the 3 main universities. We have a promising future with great programs in place. My second recommendation is to increase the endowments and alumni donations which could be used to offset financial difficulty of students by increasing scholarships and student financial aid. Thirdly, holding administration accountable to excessive expenses toward administrative costs. Thereby, decreasing expense which can be translated to lower tuition fees.

One of the most pressing issues is promotion of programs. This can be achieved through better funding. With this funding, we would have an opportunity to provide for our local community and attract students across the state who are seeking higher education. The second issue is retention of students to complete their graduation. I believe that we need to have our students actively involved in their education and pursuing opportunities that offer them chances to apply classroom curriculum. I would encourage participation by our local community. Local businesses can offer internships to help keep students engaged!

JON ELGAS, Libertarian

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Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/jon.elgas?ref=br_rs

Occupation / Current Position: Tester at Refrigeration Research

Education: BBA from Saginaw Valley State University



Since I don't have an education degree, I believe that this will help be bring main street solutions to the leadership of Wayne State University. I will also post when/where Board Meetings are taking place, as well as how I voted with an explanation both on my Facebook page. I want to be known as someone who is transparent and as someone with integrity both are qualities that are needed in every elected position.

First, I would like to have a special tuition rate for people who live in the city of Detroit. Second, I believe having a trade school at Wayne State will be most helpful. By doing this it would allow students into Wayne State, while spending less cash. Third, I believe that students who know what they want their major to be should have the ability to skip the general studies that most colleges require, and go into the classes that are required for the major. This would be the most effective way to reduce to the costs of collage.

1) College costs I believe that students who know what they want their major to be should have the ability to skip the general studies that most colleges require, and go into the classes that are required for the major. This would be the most effective way to reduce to the costs of collage. 2) Since Wayne State is in the city of Detroit, the view of Detroit has an effect on the perspective of Wayne State. Depending on the feasibility, I would like to see the Main campus stay in Detroit, while having secondary campus in other counties of the State.

JOHN T HARGENRADER, Libertarian

Website: www.johnhargenrader.org

Twitter: twitter.com/JohnHargenrader

Occupation / Current Position: Product Applications Engineer

Education: B.S.E.E. Catholic University of America



I have experience with campus life, residence halls, tuition costs, and financial planning for college. I have 5 children so far that have attained Masters or PhD level education. I have written articles, including one for the Center for Michigan Studies on the School Aid Fund. I am keenly aware of the Endowment means used by Universities for long term fiscal stability.

The Endowment for Wayne State must be drawn upon in a manner similar to personal IRAs. The total fund must have economic entropy, that assures the funds are used for the good of the Campus community over a reasonable period of time. The concept of Endowments being managed to live in perpetuity defeats the purpose of charity. Endowments must be not become so large that fiscal preservation of Endowment Assets takes precedent over the current and near term mission of the University. Endowments should be used to lower tuition specifically, and to maintain the highest level of academic excellence.

1) Campus Security, in the face of the economic condition of the surrounding Detroit community is key to a positive Campus Life. The Drug and Alcohol culture on college campuses must not be allowed to interfere with the ability of serious academics. Wayne State must be a place where students of integrity are drawn, to meet goals of personal excellence. 2) As one of three Research Institutes protected within the Michigan Constitution, and taxpayer funded, Wayne State has an obligation to Michigan taxpayers to maintain diversity, with priority on admissions given to Michigan Residents.

CHRISTINE C SCHWARTZ, U.S. Taxpayers

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI, U.S. Taxpayers

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

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Michigan Supreme Court Justice - 8-YEAR TERMS – Vote for up to TWO (2)

The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts.

Questions (625 characters each):

QUESTION 1

What educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this judicial office? Why are you running?

QUESTION 2

Do you believe the current process for electing Supreme Court Justices should be altered in any way - including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated?

QUESTION 3

What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?

SAMUEL BAGENSTOS

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Occupation / Current Position: Frank G. Millard Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

Education: B.A. with highest honors and highest distinction, Univ. of North Carolina (1990); J.D., magna cum laude, Harvard Law School (1993) (first in class)



Early in my career, I was a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. I served two stints in the U.S. Department of Justice, first as an attorney in the Civil Rights Division's Appellate Section during the mid-1990s, then returning as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under President Obama and Attorney General Holder. I have argued four cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. I have litigated for voting rights, disability rights, women's rights, and accountability for the Flint Water Crisis. The Court needs justices who have fought for people's rights.

There is no perfect system of selecting judges. Our current system is suboptimal, however, in two respects. First, in our current process, candidates are nominated by political parties, but they appear on a "nonpartisan" ballot that hides that information from voters. Either a purely nonpartisan system or an honestly partisan system would be preferable. Second, campaigns for the Michigan Supreme Court are expensive, and they are largely funded by attorneys and others who might have business before the Court. That corrodes public confidence in the impartiality of the Court. Campaign finance reform would improve things.

First, the Michigan Supreme Court must be prepared to perform the state courts' historic function of serving as the last line of defense for basic rights, such as the rights to liberty, equality, and a clean environment. As the federal courts pull back from protecting these rights, the role of the Michigan courts will grow in importance. Second, the Michigan Supreme Court should use its administrative authority to maintain public confidence in the courts (by addressing such issues as jury diversity) and to promote alternatives to the criminal justice system as appropriate (for example, through problem-solving courts).

MEGAN KATHLEEN CAVANAGH

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Occupation / Current Position: Shareholder, Garan Luow Miller P.C.

Education: B.S. Engineering, University of Michigan, 1993; J.D., Wayne State University School of Law, 2000



I graduated from the U of M College of Engineering and Wayne State University Law School. I have over fifteen years of experience as an appellate attorney, representing people in all levels of state court and handling over 150 appeals. I have held leadership positions with the Appellate Practice and Negligence Sections of the State Bar of Michigan. I am a member of the Attorney Grievance Commission. My experience reflects a commitment to improving the fairness of Michigan's justice system. I believe that each person should stand on equal footing before the Court and receive fair consideration of the issues.

I am comfortable with the people of the state of Michigan judging my experience and temperament and determining whether I am the best candidate for this important office. Spending by interest groups on issue ads (dark money) undermines public confidence in the judiciary because it makes the public believe that Justices are bought and paid for when this branch of government does not operate that way. The job of a Justice is to make decisions according to the law, no matter who likes that decision. Public funding would eliminate the influence of dark money on judicial elections.

The two greatest areas of need are reform of the juvenile justice system and improving access to justice. The Supreme Court should be actively engaged with other stakeholders in considering solutions such as diversion programs, community based detention, and specialty courts. Our current justice system doesn't provide equal access to justice for those most vulnerable among us. Everyone has the right to effective counsel and I will fight to fulfill that promise for all regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability status, geography or income level.

ELIZABETH T CLEMENT

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Occupation / Current Position: Justice of Michigan Supreme Court

Education: Michigan State University, Juris Doctorate; Michigan State University, BA Political Science



In addition to the regular Court docket, I serve as liaison to child welfare issues and problem solving courts, including mental health, Veteran's treatment, and sobriety/drug treatment courts. Prior legal experience includes private practice focusing on family and criminal law and government practice as legal counsel in the legislative and executive branches handling legal issues in both state and federal courts. I am running because my experience demonstrates measured deliberation, attentive listening, collaborative decision making and my sincere commitment to equal justice to all and independence of the judiciary.

Many cases before the Court are inherently political, so it seems that the process of having political parties nominating non-partisan justices is counterintuitive to a fair and impartial judiciary. I'd like to see process changes that protect the independence of the judiciary through the removal of partisan politics from the elective process. The election of judges should never be based upon how a judge or Justice rules on particular cases of interest, but rather whether they maintained integrity, applied the law as written and served as a neutral unbiased arbiter.

Our courts have seen improvement in access to justice but two important areas we continue to work on are trial court funding and indigent defense. These issues directly impact the people we serve. The public deserves fines and fees that are fair, reasonable, and affordable. Those involved in the criminal system deserve their Constitutional promise of an attorney if they cannot afford one. I made great progress on these issues before joining the bench and I value the opportunity to continue working towards solutions with the Trial Court Funding Commission and the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

DOUG DERN

Twitter: twitter.com/Mich13

Education: Jd from Cooley law school

Life. I have been a lawyer working in the trenches helping everyday people. I have a deep understanding of how rule rulings effect the common Jane. My opinion is that the current justices have lost site of that.

No

Police corruption is always a concern. The Flint water situation should be a concern. I think the current is light on reviewing criminal appeals. The Flint water crisis is the result of corporate greed

KERRY LEE MORGAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Kerry Lee Morgan is "Of Counsel" to the law firm of Pentiuk, Couvreur, & Kobiljak, P.C.

Education: Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981; Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, with honors, 1977.



The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over thirty five years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are sometimes reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular to the bench, so that Justice may be done.

The nomination and election process for Supreme Court Justices is adequate. Campaigns will always be funded in part by special interests and those who propose schemes to limit the effect of those interests, have an interest of their own in influencing the outcome of elections. The People are the best check on those interests and funding abuses through the ballot box. Government "solutions" and the snake oil of "bipartisan" support are designed to simply increase major party control of the Supreme Court and should be avoided.

The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan by elimination of compulsory membership. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar. It compels lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. The Court also tramples down the natural rights of conscience in the process. Securing natural rights is the states only compelling interest.

KURTIS T. WILDER

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion



Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Court of Appeals

All Candidates Unopposed. No Questionnaires sent to them.

There are 4 Appeals Court districts.

Judge of Appeals Court District 1

Incumbent - 6-year Full Term

Vote for up to TWO (2)

KIRSTEN FRANK KELLY
MICHAEL J. RIORDAN

Judge of Appeals Court, District 1

Incumbent - Partial Term to 1/1/23

Vote for up to ONE (1)

THOMAS C CAMERON

Judge of Appeals Court District 2

Incumbent - 6-year Full Term

Vote for up to THREE (3)

ELIZABETH GLEICHER
KATHLEEN JANSEN
DEBORAH A SERVITTO

Judge of Appeals Court, District 2

Incumbent - Partial Term to 1/1/21

Vote for up to ONE (1)

JONATHAN TUKEL

Judge of Appeals Court District 3

Incumbent - 6-year Full Term

Vote for up to TWO (2)

JANE MARIE BECKERING
DOUGLAS B SHAPIRO

Judge of Appeals Court District 4

Incumbent - 6-year Full Term

Vote for up to ONE (1)

STEPHEN L BORRELLO

Judge of Appeals Court, District 4,

Incumbent - Partial Term to 1/1/23

Vote for up to ONE (1)

BROCK A SWARTZLE

Court of Appeals Districts by County

1st District

Branch
Hillsdale
Kalamazoo
Lenawee
Monroe
St. Joseph
Wayne

2nd District

Genesee
Macomb
Oakland

3rd District

Allegan
Barry
Berrien
Cass
Calhoun
Eaton
Ionia
Jackson
Kent
Mason
Montcalm
Muskegon
Newaygo
Oceana
Ottawa
Van Buren
Washtenaw

4th District

Alcona	Delta	Keweenaw	Ogemaw
Alger	Dickinson	Lake	Ontonagon
Alpena	Emmet	Lapeer	Osceola
Antrim	Gladwin	Leelanau	Oscoda
Arenac	Gogebic	Livingston	Otsego
Baraga	Grand Traverse	Luce	Presque Isle
Bay	Gratiot	Mackinac	Roscommon
Benzie	Houghton	Manistee	Saginaw
Charlevoix	Huron	Marquette	Sanilac
Cheboygan	Ingham	Mecosta	Schoolcraft
Chippewa	Iosco	Menominee	Shiawassee
Clare	Iron	Midland	St. Clair
Clinton	Isabella	Missaukee	Tuscola
Crawford	Kalkaska	Montmorency	Wexford

VOTING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election. To help you make an informed decision consider:

What should you expect from judicial candidates?

- Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics
- Impartiality
- Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion

What should you look for in a judge?

- *Experience* – demonstrated exposure to legal issues, and substantial & diverse experience with the justice system
- *Integrity*- high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence
- *Professional Competence* – intellect, knowledge of the law, writing & analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom & trial experience
- *Judicial Temperament* – unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair and committed to the rule of law
- *Service* – demonstrated commitment to justice for all.

Statewide Proposals on November 6, 2018 Ballot

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Statewide Proposal 18-1

Marijuana

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ YES

☐ NO

PRO: Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol
CON: Healthy and Productive Michigan

Statewide Proposal 18-2

Redistricting

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
 - 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
 - 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan’s diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ YES

☐ NO

PRO: Voters Not Politicians
CON: Protect My Vote

Statewide Proposals

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Statewide Proposal 18-3 Voting

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and postelection audits to the Michigan Constitution.

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ YES ☐ NO

PRO: Promote the Vote

CON: Protect My Vote

“NO STRAIGHT-PARTY TICKET VOTING”

Note there is no straight-party ticket voting in Michigan in November.

This is the first time in 127 years and may result in longer lines.

Consider the following:

- Be prepared by using our voter guide to learn candidates views before you go to vote.
- Plan to vote during slower times such as between 9 a.m. and noon and between 1 - 4 p.m.
- Vote absentee if you are eligible. (See page 3 to see if you meet the criteria)
- Remember local clerks are required to hold office hours till 2 pm on Saturday, Nov. 3, to accommodate absentee ballots on the weekend prior to the election.

WHAT IF I MOVED OR CHANGED MY NAME?

You should update your registration whenever you move. You can update your voter registration my mailing in a change of address form available at www.michigan.gov/sos. If you are already registered to vote and you have a Michigan driver's license or personal identification card, you can update your registration online at www.michigan.gov/expressos and go to the “Customer Information: box on the right side of the page and click on “Update Addresss/Profile Details.”

If you did not update your address after moving within a city or township, you can vote at your old precinct one last time and update your registration at that time. If you moved to a different city or township within 60 days of the election, you can vote at your old precinct one last time. (On or after June 8 for the primary election and September 7 for the general election.)

If you moved to a different city or townshop more than 60 days before the election and didn't update your registration by the deadline, you won't be able to vote in the election.

**Membership in the League of
Women Voters is open to all
citizens of voting age.**

**For information about joining the
League, please contact us at
(517) 484-5383 or by
e-mail: office@lwvmi.org.**



Write-in Candidates

To write-in the name of a person not on the ballot and have your vote count:

If you want to write in the name of someone who is not on the ballot, you may do so in the space provided. Write-in votes will be counted only if that person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate as required by law.

If there is a race in which a candidate whose name is printed on the official ballot for the election dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately before the election, no declaration of intent is necessary. In such a case, the board of election inspectors will count all write-in votes for the write-in candidates for the office sought by the deceased or disqualified candidate.

To declare yourself as a write-in candidate:

You must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official for the office you seek on or before 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately before the election (for the November 4 general election, that would be Friday, October 24).

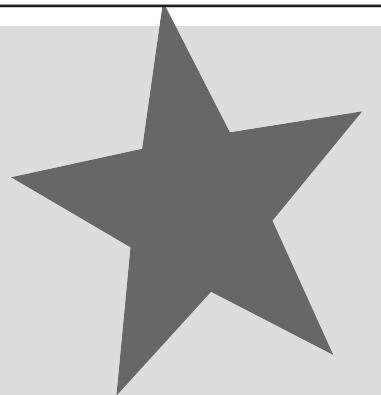
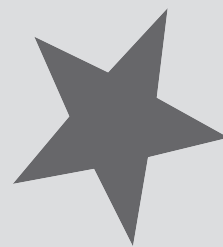


**For information on
ALL Federal and State Races
wherever you live in Michigan, go to ...**

VOTE411.ORG
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



Let's celebrate freedom...



**Remember
to vote
on November 6**

**Use the form on page 40 to write down your ballot choices.
Clip it and take it to the polls with you!**

Join the League Today!

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Name: _____

Second Name at same address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual Dues: ☐ Individual\$70
☐ Household (2 at same address) \$105
☐ Student \$0
 (Membership dues are not tax-deductible)

Make check payable to and mail to:

League of Women Voter of MI

600 W. St. Joseph, Suite 3G, Lansing, MI 48933-2288

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My donation is enclosed \$ _____



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How can I Vote if...?

... I'm homeless

When you register to vote, you may use the address of the shelter where you sleep or the two nearest cross-streets to where you sleep at night.

... I have a criminal record

Unless you're currently incarcerated after conviction, you can vote. Ex-offenders automatically regain the right to vote after completion of a prison sentence. It is recommended that ex-offenders update their voter registration after they leave jail or prison.

... I'm awaiting trial in jail

You can vote by absentee ballot. Your local clerk, if asked, will send you an application for an absentee ballot and you can have your ballot sent to you.

... I'm in the military

If you're out of state in the military, your last Michigan voter registration is still valid. For instructions and assistance, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program at <http://www.fvap.gov/>. If you registered to vote by mail from outside the U.S., you can vote by absentee ballot and the voter registration deadline of October 6 does not apply to you. This provision also applies to spouses and dependents of members of the armed forces.

... I'm a college student living away from home

You must register to vote where you maintain your principal residence in the state. You can register at your campus address or your address where you previously resided if that is still your "principal" residence. If you have a Michigan Driver's License, your license address must be the same as your voter registration address and changing one of those addresses will automatically change the other. If you want to change where you're registered to vote, do it 30 days before the election so you'll be on the list at the polls on election day.

If you register to vote at home and want to vote by absentee ballot, you need to either register to vote in person at the local clerk's office or a Secretary of State branch office or visit the clerk's office before you ask for an absentee ballot so that the clerk can verify your ID.

... Can I get a ballot in my language?

If you vote in Colfax Township or in the City of Fennville, you have the right to assistance in Spanish. If you vote in the City of Hamtramck, you have the right to assistance in Bengali. Assistance means you are entitled to a translation of all ballot and other materials.

If assistance in your language isn't available where you vote, you have the right to bring an interpreter with you to the polls or to get assistance in your language from anyone you choose, including a poll worker as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.

BEFORE YOU VOTE go to



- *What's on the ballot*
- *Who are the candidates*
- *What are their views on issues*
- *What do the proposals say*

Find ALL your federal and state races on VOTE411.org

Included is every candidate race and state ballot proposal in this printed guide.

Also available on **VOTE411** are Michigan's:

All 38 State Senator races + District 2 Partial Term.

All 110 State Representative races + District 68 Partial Term.

If you have a Local League in your area, **VOTE411** may also include:

- Local judicial, county, township, city, village, community college, school district, and library board races
- County and local ballot proposals

Go to **VOTE411.org** and enter your voting address to see the races relevant to your ballot. We have a long ballot in Michigan so, depending on where you live, you may see lots of races.

To see whether your area has a Local League, go to **LWVMI.org** and click on *Find Your Local League*. Visit your League's website for other available election information.

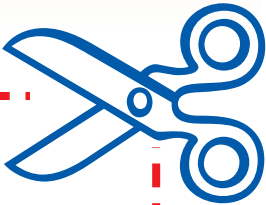
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STRAIGHT-TICKET VOTING for PARTISAN SECTION is NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS BALLOT.
Vote for individual candidates of your choice in each race.
Be sure to ALSO VOTE the NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot.
In addition to the races below, there will also be local races and proposals.

PARTISAN

Governor/Lt. Governor _____

Secretary of State _____

Attorney General _____

U.S. Senate _____

U.S. Representative _____

State Board of Education (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

University of Michigan (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

Michigan State University (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

Wayne State University (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

NONPARTISAN

Supreme Court – Full Term (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

Court of Appeals _____

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Election Inspectors have the right to ask voters entering the polls to remove campaign buttons or cover up clothing bearing a campaign slogan or a candidate’s name. Voters may also be told to conceal campaign literature or materials brought into the polls.