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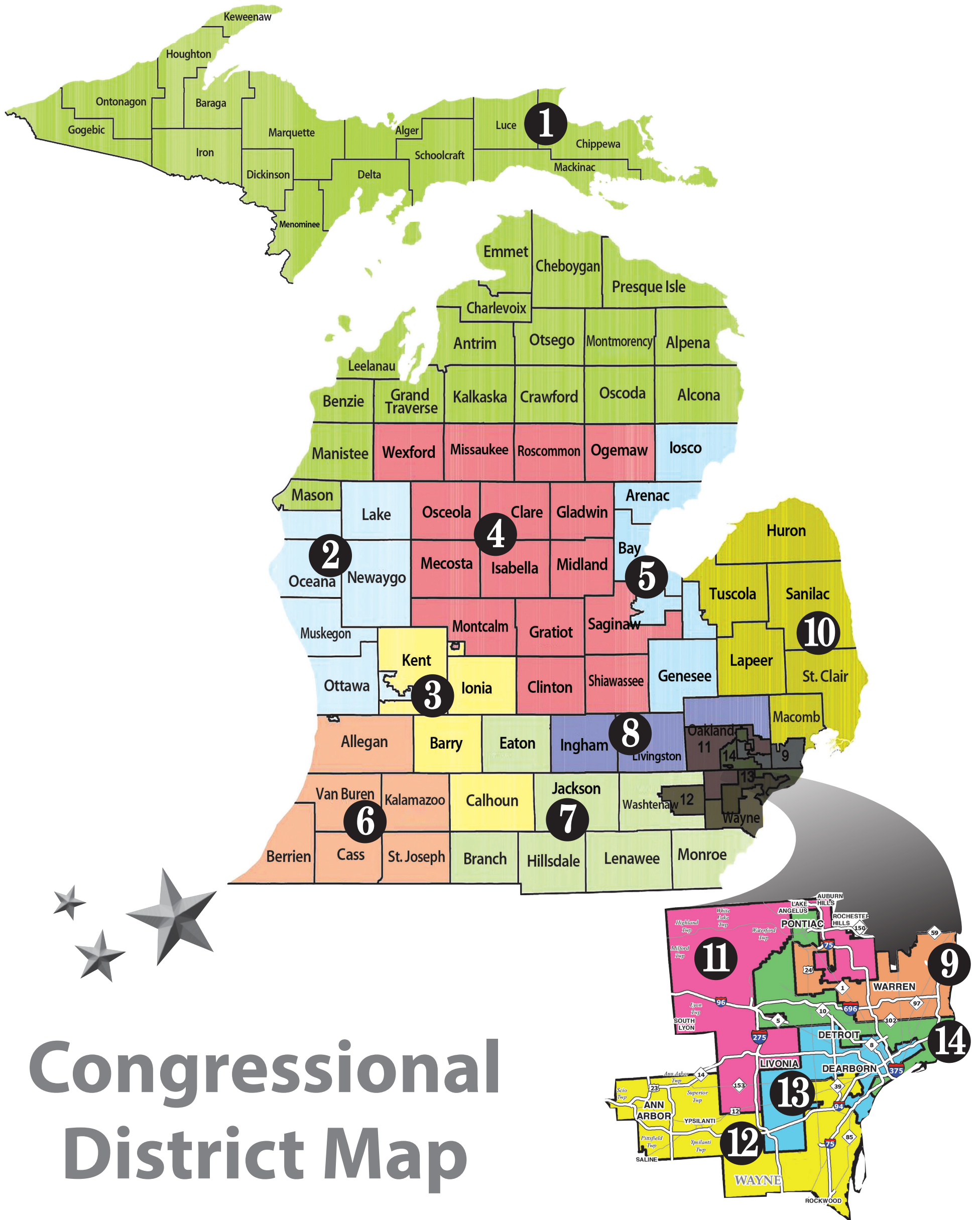
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Updated Candidate Information - *Plus*
Michigan State Legislative Candidates, Local Races, Ballot Proposals
is available online at VOTE411.org.

Also see WWW.LWVMI.ORG for additional election information.



Congressional District Map

About This Guide

The League of Women Voters of Michigan contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceed the stated character limitations or violated content guidelines. Spelling and grammar were not corrected. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Did not respond in time for inclusion" appear under the candidate's name. The content is current as of September 11, 2020.

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The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by leaders of the women's suffrage movement. For 100 years we have been a nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes in the power of voters to create a more perfect democracy.

About the League of Women Voters

www.lwvmi.org

Our Mission: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

Our Vision: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

Membership is open to all people age 16 and older. For information about joining the League, please visit www.lwvmi.org to find your Local League, or contact the State League office@lwvmi.org at (517) 484-5383.

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Online Voter Guides

VOTE411.org, provided by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, contains an online voters' guide which displays candidate and ballot proposal information personalized to a voter's address. All

federal and state races in Michigan are available as well as local race information where prepared by local Leagues. **VOTE411** allows voters to compare candidate responses to questions on relevant issues. **VOTE411** also offers information on candidate forums, voter registration, and election processes such as absentee voting.

www.LWVMI.org – The League of Women Voters of Michigan website contains this printed Voter Guide. It also links to VOTE411.org. "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

Voting in Michigan has never been easier. Voters have options. For more information, see page 37.

Voting Early by Absentee Ballot

No excuse is needed. Voters are encouraged to vote before Election Day by absentee ballot.

Absentee Ballot Applications

If you voted in recent elections, you may receive your application in the mail. Complete the application and either drop it off or mail it to your local Clerk's office at your earliest convenience.

If you haven't received your application, visit www.Michigan.gov/vote to either apply online for an absentee ballot or download an application and return it to your local Clerk by October 19. Or visit your local Clerk's office to apply in person.

Voting Absentee in the Clerk's Office -

For 40 days, September 24 to November 2, you can visit your local Clerk's office. See page 38 for more information.

Tips for voters

- **VOTE EARLY**
- **Follow the instructions.**
- **Sign the envelope.**
- **Deliver to your Clerk's Drop Box, deliver in person to the Clerk's office, or mail it no later than October 19. Your ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. on Election Day in your Clerk's office or it will not count.**
- **Only you, a member of your household or a close family relative may return your absentee ballot for you. If you have no one who qualifies, call your Clerk's office.**

Voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone in line at 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote. Go to VOTE411.org to find your polling place and to learn what's on your ballot before you vote.

You will be asked for ID. Bring ID, but if you forgot to, you may sign an affidavit attesting to your identity. You will be issued a regular ballot. If the poll worker wants to issue you a provisional ballot, call the Voter Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Allow time to wait in line and bring a mask. You will not be refused your right to vote, but face masks are highly encouraged. Poll workers are required to mask up. Masks and sanitizers are available to all. If you run into a problem – there is help. Call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683), 888-VEY-VOTA (Spanish), 844-418-1682 (Arabic), 888-API-VOTE (Asian/PI).

Michigan voters who feel uncomfortable voting in person on Election Day amid the pandemic have options: Vote by mail or drop box with an absentee ballot or vote in your Clerk's office by absentee ballot before Election Day, when crowds are expected to be less. Always check the office hours of your local Clerk.

United States President

4-Year Term – Vote for ONE (1)

Please see www.VOTE411.org for Presidential Candidate responses.

DONALD J. TRUMP
Running Mate: Michael R. Pence
Republican

JOSEPH BIDEN
Running Mate: Kamala D. Harris
Democrat

U.S. Senate

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.

GARY PETERS, Democrat

Website: <http://petersformichigan.com/>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/PetersForMichigan>

Twitter: twitter.com/GaryPeters

Occupation / Current Position: United States Senator

Education: After Alma College, I put myself through night school, earning degrees from Michigan State University, Wayne State University Law School and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Qualifications and Experience: Michigan native, 20+ years experience in business, served in the U.S. Navy Reserve rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, served in elected positions in local, state, and federal governments.



QUESTION 1

HEALTH CARE: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

As we continue to work through the pandemic, it's never been more critical that Michiganders have access to quality, affordable health care. I have worked to protect and strengthen the Affordable Care Act and oppose the GOP-led lawsuit to overturn it in the Supreme Court which would gut protections for pre-existing conditions for over 1.7 million Michiganders and raise health care costs. I've fought to ensure Medicare and Medicaid are fully funded, and worked to bring down the cost of prescription drugs by passing legislation to fight big pharmaceutical companies' from monopolizing the lower cost, generic drug market.

QUESTION 2

ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

My top priorities include rebuilding our economy and creating good-paying jobs in Michigan to strengthen our middle class. I've passed legislation to promote manufacturing in Michigan, support small businesses and expand opportunities in the skilled trades and am working to bring back manufacturing of critical medical supplies. Before entering public service, I worked in business for over 20 years, and understand the unique challenges that small businesses face and their critical role in our economy. That's why I helped pass the Small Business Jobs Act which provided tens of millions of dollars to Michigan.

JOHN JAMES, Republican

Website: <http://www.johnjamesforsenate.com>

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

Twitter: twitter.com/JohnJamesMI

Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senate Candidate, former Army Captain, President-James Group International

Education: Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems from Penn State University, Masters of Business Administration from the University of MI

Qualifications and Experience: Ranger-qualified aviation officer, served in Operation Iraqi Freedom earning a Combat Action Badge (CAB) and two Air Medals while logging over 750 flight hours, leading 2 Apache Helicopter Platoons



We are facing a major crisis right now with COVID, which has stressed our nation's healthcare systems. Any healthcare plan that I support must absolutely protect individuals with pre-existing conditions, lower drug prices, and protect seniors. We must also protect Medicare/Medicaid and work to ensure their long-term sustainability. We need a patient-centered, market-based approach that works for everyone. We need to keep the parts of the Affordable Care Act that work and replace the parts that don't, including those that increase prices. We must empower doctors & patients, not insurance companies and the federal gov.

Michigan is home to the most innovative manufacturers, agricultural producers in the world. I support trade policies that bring back and protect US jobs. As a member of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's Workforce Development Council, I've worked to help make the American Dream possible for Michiganders. Politicians talk about bringing manufacturing back, but we need leaders to actually support policies that bring those jobs back. I also support opportunity zones to help revive areas hurt most by COVID. Americans aren't looking for free stuff, just a fair shot. I look forward to bringing my experience to the U.S. Senate.

VALERIE L. WILLIS, US Taxpayer

Website: <http://willisforcongress.com>

Occupation / Current Position: Licensed Insurance Agent-11years; Wealth Advisor, IRA, Pensions, Annuities, Medical Care, more

Education: AA-Associate Degree in Fine Arts BA-Bachelor Degree Liberal Arts/Minor English MAc-Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Community Leadership BS-(unf) Business/English Lang & Lt

Qualifications and Experience: 11 Years Licensed Insurance Agent; Wealth Advisor; Medicare, Medical Coverage, Health Saving Accounts; Medicaid; Social Security Pensions; Annuities And Ira Rollovers: Farmer 19 Years Navy Wife 16 Yrs



The government has a limited role in health care! This is the states right to create laws on medical coverage for all. Let the experts take care of this-the insurance carriers are the experts, for over 245 years! Obama tried to break the carriers and invade their income streams. We can cover all the people of this country by state, with pre-existing conditions and disabilities, we the people need to control our own policies. I have solved this problem and I urge my voters to come and meet me and listen to my solution, it is the only one that makes any sense. I am the expert in this area.

A true free market in Michigan-less regulation of businesses; nothing that stops trade inside of Michigan, the USA and worldwide; government needs to stop interfering in business trade; the Michigan economy has been decimated by Gov. Whitmer's unconstitutional executive orders; our business economy has been decimated, yet no where in our Mich Constitution or US Constitution says the govt can shut down our economy yet we allowed them to at great financial losses; we have the right to due process to sue the state of michigan for our losses this is common in the insurance world to make up our losses.

MARCIA SQUIER, Green

Website: <http://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/395494/marcia-t-squier>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MarciaSquier4Senate/>

Twitter: twitter.com/triple_marcia

Occupation / Current Position: Valet Supervisor for a local, Michigan-based company
Education: Bachelor of Science Degree Wayne State University Class of 1997 Psychology Major

Qualifications and Experience: 2 terms on local park association (IGPA) Board of Directors- Chairman & 2nd Vice President 1 term as secretary for local middle school parent-teacher committee



We all deserve to have universal basic health-care, especially with an ongoing global pandemic. We also need more healthcare providers, which is why my #HIRE jobs program focuses on Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We would also need more educators in order to accomplish this goal. And we could absolutely afford this if we just simply ended the endless wars and enacted a GI Bill for All type legislation. People could do voluntary community service instead of military servitude. Working towards peace instead of more costly wars, death and destruction.

I believe that if we are our best, healthiest, most educated selves, not only would our economy be improved, but also the quality of life overall, in addition to a significant reduction in crimes of desperation. If we invest into ourselves, our healthcare and education, by expanding already existing legislation to include everyone, regardless of age or military status, we could ensure lifelong basic healthcare and higher education beyond high school. Skilled trades and STEM fields are very crucial in today's day and age, and we're only hurting ourselves if we fail to achieve this goal.

DOUG DERN, Natural Law

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JO JORGENSEN
Running Mate: Jeremy Cohen
Libertarian

DON BLANKENSHIP
Running Mate: William Mohr
US Taxpayers

HOWIE HAWKINS
Running Mate: Angela Walker
Green

ROCKY DE LA FUENTE
Running Mate: Darcy Richardson
Natural Law

QUESTION 3

ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

QUESTION 4:

SOCIAL INJUSTICE: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?

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?

QUESTION 6:

IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?

Voting is at the core of our democracy and every American has the right to make their voices heard at the ballot box. I support policies to curb the influence of money in elections and make it easier to vote. I'm a proud cosponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect and expand voting rights. And as the President attempts to disenfranchise Americans from voting, I'm working to modernize our voter registration system, reduce long wait times to vote, prohibit deceptive practices that could discourage voting, and make sure that the people of the state of Michigan are able to vote absentee.

From police violence to the impact of COVID-19 on minority communities, it's clear Black and Brown Americans face institutional racism. We must address inequities in our society including fixing economic, health and educational disparities in addition to reforming our criminal justice system. That's why I'm leading legislation to improve community policing, support commonsense policing reforms, and fought to increase access to capital for minority-owned businesses amid the pandemic. I will continue fighting so every Michigander can achieve our nation's promise of justice, prosperity and equality for all.

We need to invest in clean energy job creation and support measures to tackle the threat of climate change, which will continue to harm the Great Lakes and threaten our way of life. I am committed to reducing carbon pollution, building a clean energy economy that supports both our economic needs and provides environmental justice. I've passed legislation to prevent catastrophic oil spills on the Great Lakes and curtail the use of toxic PFAS chemicals. I've also secured historic Great Lakes funding to clean up contaminated lakes, beaches and waterways, and prevent the spread of invasive species.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, securing our borders and upholding our laws is my top priority. Immigrants are essential to the fabric of our nation, strengthening our communities and economy. That's why I support comprehensive immigration reform, common sense laws to strengthen our borders, a tough but fair path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are already working and paying taxes here, and keeping families together.

I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country. I support and encourage every American's right to vote. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. In Michigan, it is law of the land for every registered voter to be able to vote absentee with no reason.

As a black man, as a father of three boys, I was heartbroken to see the video of George Floyd. And the others that have come before him. My father grew up in the Jim Crow South. I'm in the position to run for US Senate because somebody marched for me. My father moved to MI, started a family business and I'm looking forward to using my platform and opportunity to fight for anybody else who wants to work for an opportunity to achieve the American dream. We need to offer all in Michigan, who wish to achieve it, a path to prosperity. This path will tear down barriers, increase access, and provide economic opportunity.

Here in Michigan, we have amazing national treasures, like the Great Lakes. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that will focus on affordable energy. I will champion policies and programs that protect environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protect them from invasive species. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in Michigan and need to guarantee it for future seasons.

Our immigration system is broken, and I believe that both parties have failed. No one wants to see families separated. America is a nation of immigrants and we are also a nation of laws. I will work to support reform of the legal immigration system that provides security while supporting our economy. We need comprehensive immigration reform that will help our nation grow and retain talent and thrive while also protecting our national security. I am the only candidate in Michigan's US Senate race who has ever had to secure a border. I will work with anyone to work toward meaningful reform that ensures secure borders.

I, Valerie Willis, supports in person voting! Get rid of the machine voting where only a few companies own all the machines. Go back to paper ballots, with pens to vote with, with men and women counting by hand, locally in every voting precinct and township! Which will result in a real true count! Each county individually accountable! To the voters...Show up and vote for every election, and vote in your township and county! This is how we the people remain free by exercising our right to vote! Assemble your counties michigan general jural assembly... Power resides in the republic

I Valerie Willis supports constitutional rights and Michigan constitutional rights, as originally intended. I support these constitutional rights for all men, women and children, elderly, disabled, veterans and more, of every race and nation that lives in our country and in my state. It is time we rise to our original constitutional sovereign status, as we the people and enact our unalienable rights. All should be treated the same, and equal under law.

Energy: we are still in the era of coal and gas, this is a reality of living now. We need to get the lowest energy rates for our patriots in Michigan, while providing safe jobs to our workers in the energy industry. Gas heating is too expensive for most people and needs to be lowered. Environment: Michigan is a chemicalled septic tank, there is no other way to describe our beloved state. Anyone who denies this is a liar. We are at the top in cancer in the nation and in pfas contamination in the united states. We have contaminated flouride water in water pipes in our homes.

I,Valerie Willis supports the Willis plan for immigration and will take this plan with me when I win my race, and will fight for the right to finally get to true immigration reform. 1) Close all borders of the USA until we have immigration reform and until we (house, senate and president) agree 2) close the Mich border until further notice until we the people of Mich have true immig. Reform. No new immigrants in until true reform has been achieved by our house, senate and governor 3) whomever is in the USA, or Michigan now, stays, and must immediately proceed to gain their citizenship.

I advocate for hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, as opposed to our current system of machine-counted with government oversight. Our central tabulators are extremely vulnerable to electioneering. I do not support the use of privately owned machinery, owned by companies that donate to campaigns and/or parties. I support taxpayer-funded recounts as opposed to taxpayer-funded major party primaries (especially ones that use superdelegates- the single largest form of voter disenfranchisement in existence today). I support taxpayer-funded general elections with Ranked Choice Voting (and/or Approval Voting).

I do believe that there is systemic racism, economic disparity and social injustices that should be addressed by Congress. This includes breaking up corporate monopolies, increasing the minimum wage, stricter penalties for law enforcement and elected officials that abuse their positions, and ending the War on Drugs by retroactively legalizing cannabis and decriminalization of drugs in general. If we had universal healthcare and education, less people would self-medicate their problems away and seek proper treatment instead.

I support as part of my #HIRE jobs program, going 100% fossil fuel-free ASAP. I support strict penalties for polluters and poachers. We need to invest in renewable energy and infrastructure over the next decade if we are going to continue to evolve as a nation and civilization. Skilled trades investment for the betterment of all. Innovation will be key in the future, both near and distant.

I support giving a welcoming path to citizenship for all people without violent pasts. People with other types of criminal pasts should be eligible for citizenship after a probationary period. Our country was founded by immigrants and descendants of immigrants. It should always be the country people want to go to when they can't stand their own. If we end the endless war, the refugee crisis would be greatly diminished, and more people would stay in their homeland if it wasn't war-torn. Too many of us have no idea what it's like to live in a country that sees military bombings regularly.

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

DANA FERGUSON, Democrat

Website: <http://www.fergusonformichigan1.com>

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Twitter: twitter.com/FergusonforMI1

Occupation / Current Position: I am currently a full time candidate running for public office.

Education: Masters in Public Administration (MPA)- Northern Michigan University BS - Economics - Northern Michigan University

Qualifications and Experience: Prior to running for office I was the Inventory and Production Manager at Bell Forest. They are one of the largest supplier of wood products for craftspeople in the country.



QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

Healthcare is a human right, that is where we need to start. No person should have to grow up without access to quality healthcare, good doctors, safe patient to staffing ratios, and affordable drug prices. I support a universal single-payer system, whether it be Medicare for all or some other proposal. No one seeks to get sick or injured, and the Covid-19 pandemic is a clear example of that. We should be protecting all American citizens the same way we protect them when there is a threat from a foreign foe. The health of our population is tantamount to any other issue we face today, and it is time for inclusion

We need a progressive tax system with a low federal tax rate for those making under \$100,000 per year, with the tax rate going up from there. I believe it's the right of everyone working American to earn enough to live off of. Small businesses should be rewarded for paying their employees a livable wage. This promotes a strong sustainable economy. The federal government should foster a smooth transition to automation in the workforce. We should be providing education to those workers being impacted by automation. Modernization of infrastructure is critical for rural communities, their workforce and stability.

JACK BERGMAN, Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion

BEN BOREN, Libertarian

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2

BRYAN BERGHOEF, Democrat

Website: <http://www.bryanberghoef.com>

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

Twitter: twitter.com/pubtheologian

Occupation / Current Position: Pastor, Holland United Church of Christ; Author, Pub Theology

Education: Master of Divinity, Calvin Theological Seminary; BA, University of Michigan

Qualifications and Experience: Over my professional career, I have been an entrepreneur, an advocate-organizer, a pastor-leader, and someone who brings people of different perspectives together to seek and find common ground.



The pandemic has exposed the many disparities in our healthcare system. I believe that we must make quality, affordable health care available for all Americans. A society in which only some receive the care they need is not a moral or productive one. I am committed to: Fighting to make healthcare costs affordable, to make sure all families have access to the care they need, and to make our health care system more efficient. Building upon the Affordable Care Act by moving toward a system that allows a choice between private and public plans. Investing in our rural communities to secure the health of all rural residents

Our economy has taken a hit due to the COVID19 pandemic. In order to create a more equitable and prosperous economy, I am committed to: Advocating for policies and incentives that lead to new family-wage jobs and address the problem of wage stagnation. Reducing barriers to employment, including lack of job skills, family care responsibilities, physical and mental health problems, and lack of reliable transportation. Investing in pathways to good jobs, including making higher education more affordable and technical training more accessible. Ensuring that the minimum wage is a living wage.

BILL HUIZENGA, Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MAX RIEKSE, Libertarian

Website: <http://Don't have one>

Facebook: <http://Don't use it>

Occupation / Current Position: Retired U.S. Army; 32 years; Vietnam War & Iraq War Veteran; I am a Trump Anti-Communists Vote Trump

Education: B.A Political Science & International Relations. and two M.A.s; Political Science; International Relations; Education and History; Previously endorsed by Michigan Right to Life & the NRA - A Rated.

Qualifications and Experience: I pray for a Christian Constitutional Republic; The Deep State elite is real & killed President John F. Kennedy; & his son, JFK Jr.& his wife; Think Jo Jorgensen Libertarian - Pres. Trump for President



The Chinese virus has around a 99.8% survival rate; How many may be harmed by a mandatory vaccine than helped? The Federal government granted big pharma immunity from liability claims if the vaccine produces damaging side effects. Limit the Federal government to Medicare & Medicaid. Free American citizens should be left alone to decide if they want a natural defense instead of vaccination. That is being a Libertarian. Stop taxing our Social Security; Only US citizens should get Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid. Once Donald Trump is re-elected, the fear mongering race peddling Dem's will find something else vote

Lower taxes, less government, fewer regulations, especially for American farmers & corporations that produce food; along with truckers that get food to market. Don't vote for socialist baby killing Democrats like the squad. Vote to either reelect President Donald Trump or Libertarian Jo Jorgensen; she is a good second choice. Voting for slugs will end up with the United States being like Cuba, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia, Venezuela or Communist China. Venezuela used to be one of the top ten richest countries in the the world; now its one of the worse crap whole countries thanks to socialists like AOC. Max=Trump Libertarian

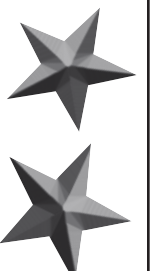
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Your Vote is Your Voice.
Make your voice heard by voting.**



<p>QUESTION 3</p> <p>Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?</p>	<p>QUESTION 4:</p> <p>Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?</p>	<p>QUESTION 5:</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>QUESTION 6:</p> <p>Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?</p>
<p>Elections need to be fair. There are too many people who believe that their vote does not matter or won't be counted; we need to ensure that it does matter. Campaign finance laws are out of control and we must reign in dark money that flows into campaigns and restore the power back to the people. We MUST overturn Citizens United. Election Day should be a federal holiday. No-reason absentee voting, vote by mail, same-day registration, voting assistance for those with disabilities, and additional time to vote should all be options pushed for at the national level.</p>	<p>Systemic racism exists and we must enact policies that protect every person, regardless of skin color, gender, sexual orientation and religion. We must reform the "use of force" policies from law enforcement and implement strict de-escalation techniques. Community policing has worked in many areas, it created relationships between the community and law enforcement. We must make sure everyone has a right to vote and CAN vote safely and in a timely fashion, period. We must ensure inner cities and rural areas are no longer at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to healthcare, job opportunities, and education.</p>	<p>We must rejoin and recommit to the Paris Climate Accord and show that we are willing to be leaders in combating climate change. I support the goals of the Green New Deal and am willing to work to achieve those goals over the next decade and ensure future generations have a safe place to live. We must end corporate tax subsidies and breaks for fossil fuels and provide them for clean alternative energy options. I support bill HR 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, and would like to see a bill like this be implemented to facilitate our transition to cleaner energy.</p>	<p>We need immigration reform to acknowledgement that immigration is beneficial to our country, economically and socially. I support a clear path to citizenship for those looking to enter the United States as workers by creating a better system to match the workers with employers. I believe that as a leader in humanitarian issues, the US has a duty to assist those individuals and families fleeing unsafe and oppressive countries, either by welcoming them here or by working with other countries around the world to find a home for them. I also support DACA and the Dreamers. We should not be punishing these young people.</p>
<p>Yes, and I will fight for a democracy where every American can participate and where every vote matters—anything less is a betrayal of who we are. I believe that efforts such as gerrymandering and limiting access to the ballot are inconsistent with who we are as Americans, and must change. I am committed to: Overturning Citizens United and Buckley v. Valeo, if necessary by constitutional amendment. Moving towards a small-dollar matching system for federal elections. Enhanced Transparency - Voters deserve to know who is funding their elected officials. Making Election Day a national holiday.</p>	<p>The promise of this nation is the pursuit of life, liberty and justice... for all. For too long, however, it has clearly not been so. We must immediately address the structural and systemic inequities in this nation that are rooted in racial injustice. I am committed to: Listening. Making far-reaching investments in ending health disparities by race. Addressing disparities in housing, including increasing access to affordable housing and eliminating housing regulations that perpetuate discrimination. Fighting for COVID19 related economic relief for the minority-owned businesses that need it most.</p>	<p>We must take immediate steps to protect and renew our Great Lakes, and to manage the impacts of climate change on West Michigan's communities. I am committed to: Fighting for continued investment through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Ending all federal subsidies and tax incentives for fossil fuel exploration, extraction, and development. Embracing technology and innovation and fund research into utility-scale renewable energy and storage. Supporting common-sense regulations that protect our water, our air, and our earth, while promoting economic advances.</p>	<p>I believe that it is possible for us to have immigration laws and border policies that are both compassionate and effective. We don't need to sacrifice our humanity in the name of security, and we don't have to sacrifice responsible border security and governance in order to be compassionate. I am committed to: Protecting the unity of the immediate family and the best interests of children at all times. Restoring our global leadership in humanitarian relief for refugees. Respecting the God-given dignity of every person. Establishing a path toward legal status and/or citizenship for those who qualify.</p>
<p>I do not support mailing ballots to all eligible voters which is subject to fraud as President Donald Trump says. All voting for US House & US Senate offices should required an officials state ID to the standards of Mexicans voting in Mexico. Any non-US Citizens, legal or illegal, voting in a Federal election should be sent to prison, then deported. California's electoral votes should be reduced because of the millions of non-US citizens residing there. No government funding of elections; I fully support the US Post Office; My grandfather spent 30 years as a rural rout carrier; Clean up Post Office operations now</p>	<p>Slavery ended in the U.S. over 150 years ago; Its time to move on. thousands of Black Americans are millionaires & billionaires; most crime & murders in cities are black on black; Pouring millions/billions into crap whole democratic run cities is a waste of tax dollars. BLM is a anti-white, racist, pro-communists, anti-Christian stain on the American Christian black community; It's a Marxists fraud funded in part by the Communist Chinese Party headed by 3 self avowed trained Marxist black women who want revolution. "if this country doesn't give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it" BLM</p>	<p>Drill, Drill, Drill; we need to produce more oil & natural gas. Thanks to President Teddy Roosevelt, we have a great national parks system which should be fully funded with low entry fees for all American citizens. Have non-US citizens pay triple entrance fees. I want all US Military bases, both home and abroad, cleaned up of all their toxins starting with Michigan. Go to American Free Press & Breitbart Internet news. shun Google. Take out Antifa, which is a pro-democratic party, anti-American, violent terrorist organization; Q Vote against the pro-war, neocon Trotskyite communist, anti-Second Amendment Deep State</p>	<p>Build the wall; President Donald Trump will do it given a chance with no interference from the Baby killing socialist democrats. Fast track white immigration from South Africa. Over 40,000 South African whites have been killed - murdered since the majority black communists took over. Thousands of white SA's have been robbed & raped. We need white South African farmers in the US as our farmers are ageing out. We need to think to the future about ensuring that we preserve our farmland & have good people to farm it. American needs these highly productive white South Africans, especially the farmers. Remember Rhodesia Jean-Michel Creviere</p>



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GERALD T. VAN SICKLE, US Taxpayer

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QUESTION 2

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A real Green New Deal, to improve the infrastructure of the country and literally put power in the people's hands through ownership of distributed renewable energy.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

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Occupation / Current Position: I am currently a public interest lawyer specializing in immigration and civil rights issues.

Education: I have a JD from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Gordon College.

Qualifications and Experience: I began my career as a social worker at the AIDS Action Committee. After law school, I served as a Clerk for the Second Circuit US Court of Appeals and then went on to be an Attorney for the DOJ.



COVID-19 and the related recession show that our healthcare system is broken. Millions have lost their jobs, and therefore their coverage, while a virus threatens their health, our hospitals, and our frontline workers. First we need to shore up the ACA, not end it. This administration's attempts to dismantle the ACA have always been reckless, but doing so during a health crisis is dangerous. We also must increase our investment in Medicare and Medicaid, and let people buy into these programs by creating a public option. We should also let these programs negotiate with drug companies to lower the cost of prescriptions.

To have a healthy economy you need to have a healthy country. We must get COVID-19 under control. We also need to continue supporting folks who have lost their jobs or businesses in this crisis. We must invest in our country again. Our infrastructure is crumbling and our educational system is underfunded-that makes us less competitive. Infrastructure and educational investments make us stronger economically, create millions of jobs, and propel the next generation. I would also support policies that bring manufacturing, especially of healthcare products, back to the United States.

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Notwithstanding coronavirus, the largest driver of the deficit and government spending is our entitlements system, and its largest expense is healthcare, which has tripled relative to GDP in the past fifty years. I believe everyone deserves access to high quality, affordable healthcare but spending billions of federal tax dollars every year to serve healthcare expenses is not a policy that can last in its current form. We must ensure that our entitlements system is strengthened so it is sustainable and effective in the long-term and keep the promises made to our seniors.

The heart of society is our economy, and businesses sustain livelihoods and drive economic growth. The federal government must minimize frivolous regulations that hurt small and local businesses, especially in the post-coronavirus world, to ensure a healthy economy continues to provide for Americans in West Michigan and across the country. Reducing the cost of compliance through streamlined permitting and tax structures will level the playing field for small businesses and ensure they remain competitive in the modern economy.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

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Qualifications and Experience: Ran for same position in 2017/2018, Former Chair and Vice Chair Isabella County Dems, Precinct Delegate, Poll Worker, Poll watcher. Active Dem for over a Decade, life long Democrat, focus on US not M



My preference is Medicare for All but will vote for any bill offering an improvement in healthcare. Medicare for All can be implemented now and start saving lives. Also, it is a known entity that won't have to be endlessly debated. There is some talk about lowering the age to 55 or 60 but that puts the second most expensive group in and leaves out the least expensive group. I know I have spent many times more money on healthcare since I turned 55. Young people are not as expensive to insure, if Dems want to be the party of the future we should not send the message that everyone gets covered but youth.

I support at least a livable minimum wage, including benefits. Corporate profits have skyrocketed while inflation adjusted wages have trended flat for 40 yrs. We need a long streak of yrs. when wages go up faster than prices. This is how we have increased standard of living in the past and we can do it again. The biggest step to accomplish this is creating more competition amongst big corporations to hold prices down. Trickle down has knocked our economy out of balance and we need to strengthen our unions to get wages and profits back in balance. We cannot keep pushing wages down and still have healthy markets.

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative

Education: Bachelors: Hope College Masters in Public Administration: Harvard University

Qualifications and Experience: Served on the Midland City Council as well as in the MI House of Representatives and MI State Senate. Prior to that, worked as a chemist, small business administrator, and a school administrator.



I support access to quality health care for all Americans without raising taxes, and without forcing citizens to buy policies they cannot afford. We must ensure affordable coverage for patients with pre-existing conditions and younger Americans, protect choices for seniors, and maintain the doctor-patient relationship. I also voted for more research funding that will help our country develop new treatments for cancer and Alzheimer's. The COVID-19 crisis has shown that more investment is necessary. We must provide additional funding for our nation's stockpile and bring critical medical supply chains back to the US.

I have voted for policies that help Michigan families, including lower tax rates and a \$2,000 per child tax credit that helps parents provide for their children. I also supported training in the skilled trades to help students learn skills that qualify them for good-paying jobs. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and the prolonged closure of our economy has erased the economic resurgence Michigan has experienced in recent years including record-low levels of unemployment. The Paycheck Protection Program has helped small businesses weather this crisis. We must now work to support the safe reopening of our economy.



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<p>Mail-in ballots and an election budget to properly conduct an election. Remote electronic voting should be explored as an option for the Congress as well as every American.</p>	<p>Absolutely! Reparations should be addressed. Defunding the industrial military complex and funding communities would be a great start.</p>	<p>Restoring the EPA, stronger measures for our water, specifically our Great Lakes. A plan that addresses removal of PFAS, not just containment.</p>	<p>No more prisons for profit. I support a path to citizenship for all who wish to live here.</p>
<p>Yes I support mailing ballots to all eligible voters. I support anything that makes it easier for people to vote, because voting is at the core of our democracy. I also support a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United, to get billions of corporate money out of our elections. I support stronger campaign finance laws that promote transparency and accountability. I support the reinstatement of the Voting Rights Act, and I would also support legislation to end partisan gerrymandering.</p>	<p>Yes, Congress has a role in addressing systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices. The economic disparity in our country has been widened by the 2017 tax cuts which would when, fully implemented, give 83% of its benefits to the top 1% while costing taxpayers \$2 trillion. Congress should keep the tax cuts for working families while eliminating them for large corporations. This will help to ensure resources are allocated to our communities, particularly those that have long been ignored. We also need to restore the Voting Rights Act and pass protections for LGBTQ individuals.</p>	<p>Addressing climate change and driving new jobs in the clean energy sector will be one of my priorities in Congress. We urgently need to pass the PFAS action plan into law and replace lead-laden pipes to protect drinking water. In Michigan, the lakes and our outdoor resources aren't only important to our quality of life, but they're also major economic drivers and must be protected. Part of the reason I got into this race was to make sure our water was safe to drink. This administration has destroyed important environmental protections designed to keep people from getting sick. I'll fight to strengthen those policies.</p>	<p>I worked for both the DOJ enforcing immigration laws and on behalf of immigrants trying to navigate those laws, so I know all too well how dysfunctional the system is--and how to fix it. We need comprehensive immigration reform that is focused on safety and security, the rule of law, and restoring the U.S. as a welcoming home to immigrants. These things are not mutually exclusive. I'll work to invest in the right solutions to keep our borders secure while expanding opportunities for individuals to come to the US legally. We need to pass the DREAM Act and create new opportunities in the agricultural sector.</p>
<p>The reality is, absentee ballots may be the only way for many voters to exercise their voting rights this cycle, although we must ensure that rolls are updated frequently so that our system does not allow room for voter fraud. I believe in no-reason absentee voting laws but to ensure the integrity of elections those ballots must be requested, like the laws passed in Michigan in 2018, and want an election process that allows every citizen an opportunity to vote and exercise their voting rights.</p>	<p>The events following the murder of George Floyd have exposed the persistence of deep racial inequality in this country. No one in this country should feel unsafe in their skin, and it is a tragedy that the legacy of racial discrimination endures to this day. I support initiatives to build trust at the neighborhood and community level between law enforcement and those they have sworn to protect, additional emphasis on de-escalation training for police, and expanding economic opportunities, school choice, and entrepreneurial training for communities that have faced historic marginalization</p>	<p>I strongly believe that it is the duty of conservatives to act and legislate in order to conserve and protect the environment for future generations. All-the-above energy platforms are a key solution to help fight climate change, one which we can utilize to minimize emissions while continuing to deliver quality and affordable energy to all American families. I will fight to support policies that protect the Great Lakes, which are essential to our identity as Michiganders and sustain our thriving fishery and tourism industries.</p>	<p>I support building a physical barrier at the southern border to ensure our country has the ability to vet those who want to enter. I also support strong immigration policies as a means to foster and promote legal immigration through a safe, effective and reasonable process. To that end, I also support eliminating arbitrary and antiquated components of Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 to shift to a less onerous and convoluted process that emphasizes economic imperatives and creates more flexibility than either short-term visas or citizenship pathways.</p>
<p>I advocate to overturn two Supreme Court decisions that led to unlimited money in elections and restricting voting rights. First the Citizens United decision that declared that corporations have the same rights as people and that spending money is free speech and must be allowed as the spender pleases. Also, overturning part of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 that required states and local governments with a history of racially discriminating voting practices to get the approval of the U.S. Attorney General or a three-judge panel in the U.S. District Court for D.C. to make any changes. I support vote by mail.</p>	<p>Systemic racism is everywhere, it is easy to point to obvious explicit racist things that were and still are happening like real estate Redlining or loan policies that charged higher interest rates to minorities and cause economic disparity. Congress can certainly solve that kind of racism with laws. The bigger problem is implicit racism which exists as a norm in the collective subconscious minds of most of society. Racism that is not codified but exists as sure society does. Congress needs to require education in systemic racism and other systemic bias in our society in public school systems and colleges.</p>	<p>I believe we need to get the submitted resolution of the Green New Deal, H.Res.109, passed in both chambers of Congress. Key goals include cutting greenhouse-gas emissions within 10 years to net zero, working collaboratively with farmers and ranchers in the United States to eliminate pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through renewable, and zero-emission energy sources. This would be a huge boost to our economy and help solve many other environmental problems we face. A key strategy to do this is to re-target tax cuts and subsidies towards these goals.</p>	<p>We need realistic legislation that fixes our nation's broken immigration system with compassion and kindness and does not leave immigrants as second class citizens. There is already a Democratic bill that has been introduced in the House to protect DACA and temporary protected status immigrants and would be a top priority for me. More work has to be done beyond that to fix our consensus, broken immigration system. It needs to include family unity as a priority goal. Also, it needs to protect our workers from an oversupply of labor that pushes wages down and uphold the rule of law.</p>
<p>Preserving the integrity of our elections and ensuring the ability to vote for all Americans is essential to our Republic. That's why I have voted for legislation funding state efforts to enhance election administration and technology, make election security improvements, modernize voting systems, and improve voter access. I have also cosponsored legislation to provide states with grants for election technology and security. I appreciate the hard work of local officials and poll workers who help on Election Day.</p>	<p>The tragic death of George Floyd has revived an important conversation about racism and bias in the United States. I welcome this discussion and support peaceful expression of the First Amendment right to protest. Congress was recently able to come together and pass bipartisan criminal justice reform. I believe this coalition can once again come together for the betterment of the American people.</p>	<p>I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that utilizes our abundant domestic resources and pursues renewable energy. It is crucial that we be an energy-independent nation and focus on a long-term policy that benefits American families. The Great Lakes are a unique treasure. We must ensure that future generations get to enjoy the beauty of the Great Lakes, while sustaining our economy and outdoor heritage. That's why I am a long time supporter of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have successfully led the effort to fully fund this vital program each year.</p>	<p>On immigration, we need to promote border integrity 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.</p>

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Qualifications and Experience: Over thirty years of successful business experience running multi million dollar retail operations. 60+ years as a witness of Republican and Democrat mismanagement



QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

To reverse the trend of increasing costs and restricted access to quality health care we must reduce government and insurance paperwork, encourage real price competition, and allow unlimited individual and employer contributions to HSA (Health Savings Accounts) to anyone carrying any type of health coverage, including Medicare, VA benefits, etc. as proposed in Senator Paul's Health Savings Accounts for All Act. The Covid 19 pandemic has made us painfully aware of the need to make preparedness a higher priority, starting with responding to Chinese officials' threats of withholding medications with expediting the domes

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

Federal spending and burdensome regulations must be rolled back. Taxes must continue to be reduced to allow workers and businesses to keep more of the money that they earn. Expansion of free market economic opportunity zones and reduced taxes in economically distressed and high unemployment areas will facilitate job creation and entrepreneurial opportunities. I fully support school choice and enabling any federal education dollars to follow the student's education needs with options of apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training programs. I do not support expanding H-1B Visa programs that take good jobs from grads.

AMY SLEPR, Green

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Qualifications and Experience: Locals Liaison for the Green Party of Michigan.



We need universal healthcare, so hard working people never have to endure homelessness and uncontrollable debt. There is no reason we should be paying out of pocket over \$1000/ month for medications. Why is an EpiPen \$670? Why is insulin at least \$500/ bottle? We should also have universal medical in order to pay for COVID-19 testing, treatment and all emergency health care. Expand the Medicaid program to cover all U.S. citizens. Medicare is too costly for subscribers especially our elders.

\$16 minimum wage Affordable housing for all through universal rent control and public housing Universal healthcare—A community-controlled national health service No cost public education—Pre-K through College Secure retirement—double Social Security benefits Tax the top .01 percenters 35% No cost child and disabled adult daycare

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

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Qualifications and Experience: Whaley Children's Center; Member, Flint School Board of Education; Member, Genesee County Commissioner, Genesee County Treasurer; President & CEO, Center for Community Progress



I support legislation to ensure all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care. I support the Affordable Care Act and oppose attempts to weaken it. I have supported bipartisan legislation to allow the federal government to negotiate drug prices and require more drug pricing transparency. I support Michigan's Medicaid expansion program and early buy-in to Medicare. I oppose efforts to block grant Medicaid and privatize or cut Medicare.

Every Michigander who works hard and plays by the rules should have a fair opportunity to succeed. I have supported bills in Congress that champion 'Made in America' policies to support American manufacturing, promote skills training for workers, raise the federal minimum wage, protect the pensions of workers and ensure equal pay for women. I have also opposed bad trade deals and instead advocated for fair trade policies that give our farmers and growers access to markets to sell their products while protecting American automotive and manufacturing workers.

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Beyond providing medical coverage and assistance for seniors, the disabled and the truly poor, the federal government should allow free market principles to reduce the cost of healthcare. I believe affordability, rather than access, should be first and foremost. I support efforts to encourage a transition to more direct primary care. This would re-focus healthcare on the Doctor-patient relationship and eliminate the middle-man for routine healthcare services.

I support a pro-growth economic agenda that includes keeping personal and business taxes simple and sensible, coupled with deregulation and the expansion of domestic energy for production. I would encourage and incentivize critical industries like pharmaceuticals and technology companies to bring back manufacturing jobs from China, and insist that trade deals be fair to the American worker and taxpayer. I would encourage a broader expansion of school choice so that all families could take advantage of an education that fits their unique needs, not one based on where they live.

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The Federal Government should be restricted to disseminating information and advice on best practices for containment and mitigation of events affecting society. On the issue of Federal Health care providers such as Medicare and Tricare, the Federal Government should set the example of how best to deliver service to patients and if incapable of setting the example of affordable and high quality health care at least adopt the best practices used in the general population by private health care delivery systems.

I will not support any federal policy that does not share resources equally to all levels of society. Currently I do not see any Federal policy which is not heavily sided with Corporate influence over the well being of the people.

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<p>I fully support established absentee ballot processes that enable all voters to request a ballot and mail it in instead of going to a polling place to vote. Mail in voting is a growing option and some states have developed processes that ensure the integrity of the vote. With the issues that we have seen in some states rejected and lost ballots, dramatically delayed vote counts and results, and the potential for fraud by third party ballot harvesting handlers I do not believe that most states can put together a secure process, in a couple of months, that protects the integrity of the vote and have votes accurately co</p>	<p>I do not believe that there is systemic racism in this country, however, I do believe that federal anti-poverty programs have a 50 year history of failure and the unintended consequence of expanding economic disparity that will require more than the government's getting out of the way to resolve. The real cure is a vibrant economy that creates jobs, income and opportunity. School choice with options that focus on trades and life skills need to be supported for a long term solution. Economic opportunity zones will create business and job opportunities, and reduce regulations that are barriers to creating businesses and</p>	<p>As a vibrant economy and strong national security depend on the availability of low cost energy I support all domestic sources of energy as long as they can compete in a free market without subsidies.</p>	<p>With a declining birth rate and an aging population there is a need to expand laws allowing for the increase in legal immigration. Specifically, there is a need for highly skilled workers as well as for H-2A agricultural visa workers. I support an expedited path to permanent status for these people and their families to be part of America. While I support increased legal immigration I believe that workers should not receive welfare benefits. These workers should be sponsored by family, employers, civic groups, etc. but should not be here at taxpayers expense. I support enforcement targeting those with final deportatio</p>
<p>First, eliminate the Electoral College. Then, change to Rank Choice Voting system. Make voting at any booth in the nation or U. S. Embassies if abroad, or online, with biometric security protocols. (we have the technology for banking and other secure applications, why not voting?)available.. Mail in ballots should be an option, for those that don't have access to internet or polling booth.</p>	<p>Yes there is systemic racism in the U. S. Significant steps need to be taken in order to reverse and eliminate the ongoing abuses. We need to end the criminalization of the Black, Brown, and Native American communities, to eradicate poverty, to invest in education, health care and the restoration and protection of human rights, that it will repair the continuing damage wrought by the ideology of white supremacy which permeates the governing institutions of our nation. POC, LGBTQIA, and women, are all human and deserve to be treated humanely.</p>	<p>I support reduction in pollution, emissions and waste, e.g. emissions from transport, oil leaks and spills, excessive noise, heat or vibration generated by the activities of your business. reduce the use of all raw materials, energy and supplies. raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in environmental matters. I encourage Solar, Wind and Hemp energy.</p>	<p>All immigrants should be allowed civil process, if they want to become citizens. I do NOT support putting people in detention centers until extradition unless they are actual criminals. being an immigrant is not a crime and children should not be taken away from their parents simply because the parents want a better life.</p>
<p>The right to vote is one of the most fundamental rights afforded to every American in our democracy. I support restoring the Voting Rights Act and have voted for H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which would expand voting rights for Americans, reduces the dominance of big money in politics, and ensures that public officials work for the people, not special interests. I support the Michigan ballot referendum, passed overwhelmingly in 2018, that expanded voting rights, including no-reason absentee voting. Especially during this pandemic, vote-by-mail options should be made available to every American.</p>	<p>Yes, inequalities exist and our elected leaders have a responsibility to act to make our society a more just, equal place. The coronavirus pandemic has shined a spotlight on the existing systemic injustices that have disproportionately affected communities of color. In Congress, I have supported criminal justice reform and voted for the First Step Act to help give nonviolent offenders a second chance to make a positive impact on their community. I have also supported removing unelected emergency financial managers and instead allowing communities to elect their own leaders.</p>	<p>We must recognize climate change is a national security threat. I have opposed efforts to roll back clean air and water protections. I have supported efforts to protect the Great Lakes from pollution and stop invasive species. I have also led efforts to clean up dangerous PFAS chemical contamination and ensure every American has access to safe and affordable drinking water, including in my hometown of Flint. I introduced the Driving America Forward Act to expand the electric vehicle tax credits. Putting more electric vehicles on the road will reduce carbon emissions and protect our planet.</p>	<p>I believe comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue. We can both secure our borders while recognizing America is a nation of immigrants. In Congress, I have voted for smart and effective border security, including smart technology and support for additional border patrol agents when necessary. We also need to update our visa system, expand the number of immigration judges and find a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers, young children who were brought to this country by their parents through no fault of their own. DREAMers contribute greatly to our economy, including working and paying taxes.</p>
<p>No election should be conducted without the proper identification of an eligible American citizen and the explicit integrity of election officials. I do not support mailing ballots to all eligible voters.</p>	<p>I believe the best remedy to address social injustice would be to fund and allow all children to attend the k-12 school of their choice.</p>	<p>I support an all-the-above energy policy including fossil and nuclear fuels. I believe we have done a tremendous job in reducing water and air pollution and will continue to do so without radical measures like the Green New Deal.</p>	<p>We need to secure our borders first before we adopt any plan to address the naturalization of any non-citizens living in America. I do not support extending constitutional rights or public assistance to those who have come here illegally.</p>
<p>I believe election day should be either a national holiday or moved to Sunday. Campaign funding seems to be less of an issue since many restrictions on dark money have been erased. There should be no issue with voting rights if there is equal application of the law nation wide. Allegations of voter suppression seem to be more centered on lack of equality between urban, suburban, and rural areas with regards to accessibility, equipment, and poll workers. If people are not allowed equal access via voting locations and or equipment then voting by mail seems to be a valid alternative until the inequalities are addressed.</p>	<p>I believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and many social injustices in our nation. How they are addressed seems to be more driven by private companies at this point then any legislation that Congress considers. I wish Congress would make a stand but the best weapon the people have now is the support or lack thereof for entities that promote our values. With regard to social injustice, I believe as a nation we must undo Criminal Justice INC and return to multifaceted approaches to policing and social welfare. The Federal government must act or get out of the way of local Government efforts.</p>	<p>As a nation I believe it is imperative that we become energy independent with sustainable clean energy. Our foreign policy must be completely free of any influence because of access to fossil fuels, minerals, or any other business related items. Future generations must have their energy requirements fulfilled without paying homage or giving favor to any despot anywhere. Clean environment issues are critical to me but again the Federal government has become the best money can buy and polluters have bought it lock stock and barrel. The people only have a corrupt EPA and bought and paid for Civil Court system.</p>	<p>Immigration is a historical element of the American experience and I believe current immigration policies are a disaster to our long term health as a nation. Multiculturalism has become synonymous with success in our nation and must be allowed to continue. Scaring the population into believing that immigration is somehow hurting us is a tool for the wrong purposes. With this said, I do believe immigration should be controlled to the extent that we know who and where immigrants are and availing these workers with a path to citizenship if they choose to seek it.</p>

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5 (continued)

KATHY GOODWIN, Working Class

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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 w/ Masters in Social Work plus Student Loan Debt, much like students today.

Qualifications and Experience: I grew up in District 5. The Flint area made me. In school we saw a film on the Flint Sit Down Strike. I saw workers have real power when we stand together! We need a fighting working class again.



QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

Health care should be a human right. We should all receive full, free health care that is top of the line. I am horrified by the U.S. response to the Covid19 pandemic. The number of deaths has been heartbreaking. The hardships on families has been heartbreaking. Everyone who works and is exposed to Covid19 or tests positive should have paid time off. The money exists to pay for this in the richest country in the world! The Public Health system in the U.S. has been starved of money and it shows. Public health is destroyed when profit is put first. Profit for the few at the top is the sickness in our healthcare system.

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

Billionaires have increased their wealth while the lowest paid workers have lost jobs in the pandemic! Public infrastructure must be funded by the wealthy instead of by the workers. We need worker control of how public money gets spent. Today, government officials hand out tax breaks to corporations who have billions in cash-on-hand. Those hand-outs rob money from schools, from roads, from water systems. Workers have been suffering for years, but workers, together, can demand good jobs at good pay for all. The money must be taken from the bank vaults stuffed to overflowing with the profit that workers' labor produced.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 6

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Our healthcare system is broken, and it's going to take a lot to fix it. I want to make sure every Michigander has access to high-quality affordable health care, regardless of where they live or what their personal financial situation is. While we work through important questions and details on any specific plan, it's clear that moving to a system where every American is covered will continue to bring the cost of healthcare down while helping more people live healthier lives. We need to ensure everyone can get access to the care they need, and lower prescription drug costs.

As our economy becomes more unpredictable, financial security and stability is out of reach for Michiganders from all walks of life. The middle class of yesterday feels like it has been replaced with side hustles, benefit cuts, and outsourcing. In order to truly reinvigorate the middle-class jobs, we must work to find new solutions to the questions of the twenty-first century. We must create an American economy that invests in American workers — through a living wage, new training programs, and reinvigorated unions. America has tried tax cuts and special giveaways to the biggest corporations, and they haven't worked.

FRED UPTON, Republican

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Qualifications and Experience: Combat veteran, father, leader.



The Government has no business being involved with healthcare. We need to turn 180° and remove the federal government from any decisions that are rightfully only made between you and your doctor.

I support ending federal income taxes on the American people. This in turn will immediately give every family a 12.5-25% raise on day one. You work hard for your money, keep all of it! With this additional "disposable" income, robust economic growth is sure to occur.

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Education:

Kalamazoo Central High School graduating class of 2007. Western Michigan University Bachelor of Arts graduate in Comparative Religion and Film/Media studies.

Qualifications and Experience: No one's REALLY qualified for this type of position. But I listen, I empathize, and I've studied national and geopolitical affairs for over a decade at this point, inspired to improve the world.



Medicare and Medicaid should be expanded immediately. It's unfathomable that neither the Democratic or Republican parties will pledge to support a Medicare for All system, in the middle of one of the worst pandemics in the history of the modern world. A public option is better than nothing, but the time for this was 12 years ago during Obama's first term. We are now in a crisis. Don't believe the mainstream media; Medicare for All would actually SAVE the taxpayers \$BILLIONS over the long-term. It is the fiscally conservative approach that actually works, and we should enact it immediately, before more people die

First of all, we have to accept as a society that the "glory days" of American economic exploitation of the world are not coming back. China is the world's new economic powerhouse, and it will remain that way for the near future. I fully support an expanded jobs program to train Americans and get them to work, but this alone is not enough. We need to look at systems of universal basic income, as well as the restructuring of our economic system to decentralize the power of mega-corporations in our society. We need renewed investment in local shops, farms, family businesses to give our future a fighting chance.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

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The role of government should be to make access to health care easy and affordable. I support universally accessible, affordable health care. COVID-19 has illuminated our need for protection for those with pre-existing conditions, and the astronomical cost of prescription drugs. We should make expanding policies and programs like Medicare and Medicaid a priority to better equip our country to handle large scale health issues in the future. I support Medicaid expansion and lowering the qualification age for Medicare.

We need to support job growth by helping our small businesses and diversifying our job market with high-tech and green jobs. We should eliminate unnecessary regulations to ensure business success, and ensure rural broadband access such that families can start their own home-based small businesses. We should also support community college programs that train students in growing technical fields, including trade schools and apprenticeships, and work with our local businesses to match workforce requirements.

TIM WALBERG, Republican

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<p>I do support mailing ballots to voters. Everyone should be able to register -- and to vote -- easily. I support paid time off of work to vote or to drop off your ballot. Voter suppression is outrageous and wrong! 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.</p>	<p>Systemic racism is horrifying. From a young age, when I saw racist behavior I spoke up. I believe that economic disparity makes it impossible for all working people to have the life that we deserve. I believe that social injustice of all kinds is used by the wealthy to create divisions within the working class. A working class that is divided cannot get back the wealth that has been stolen for centuries.</p>	<p>To improve the environment, to change energy policy and to protect the Great Lakes will require mobilization. A large working class party, mobilized at workplaces, could be strong enough to stop the energy companies from blocking positive change. We need to completely transform our energy grid. This can put many, many people to work. Only the drive for profit is getting in our way.</p>	<p>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!</p>
<p>Big money in our politics is standing in the way of progress being made on the issues that matter most to Michigan's working families. Whether it's skyrocketing prescription drug costs, addressing the impacts of climate change, or investing in our nation's crumbling infrastructure, our country is facing massive threats to our economic security and the future of our families. Instead of producing results, the politics and partisanship of Washington are making matters worse. We need to get big money out of politics, end the legislator-to-lobbyist pipeline, end partisan gerrymandering, & protect everyone's right to vote.</p>	<p>All people should have the guarantee of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It's past time to expand our nondiscrimination laws to ensure regardless of someone's religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, familial status, or marital status, everyone has the same opportunity to work hard and succeed. We need to make sure we're looking at the ways people have access to justice. We need to fight for a free and open internet. We need to resist new forms of censorship and protect our rights as technology advances.</p>	<p>Climate change is already resulting in intense and unpredictable natural disasters, changes in the health of our food crops, drought and water problems, and more. We must take urgent and bold action to address the climate crisis and invest in sustainable infrastructure to meet the energy demands of the 21st century. We need to pass a Green New Deal, invest in renewable energy and transition our nation off fossil fuels, and ensure clean water for everyone.</p>	<p>It is past time to fix a broken immigration system. We need comprehensive immigration reform. DACA and other enforcement reprioritization efforts have provided a much-needed safety net for children and young adults who were brought to the United States through no choice of their own. We must protect DREAMERS and grant them a pathway to citizenship. We can end warrantless ICE holds, stop separating families, and build strong communities.</p>
<p>Every citizen has the right to vote, every citizen has the right to an absentee ballot if they request one. I do not support mailing unrequested ballots.</p>	<p>No, I believe that social injustice is an invention of the main stream media, in an attempt to sow division, and increase their profits at the expense of we the people. Americans by and large, are kind people. Turn off the tv and talk to your neighbor.</p>	<p>Nuclear, nuclear, nuclear. Safe, zero emissions, cost effective.</p>	<p>We must grant permanent legal status to the DACA recipients immediately, and provide a possible path to citizenship for them. Then we dismantle the welfare state that makes illegal immigration so attractive, and begin an increase of merit based immigration.</p>
<p>There's absolutely no reason why we can't mail ballots to every registered voter. And while we're at it, every American citizen should be automatically registered to vote at the age of 18, end of story. If the Republicans care so much about encouraging Americans to vote in person, then why don't they support a Federal holiday for election day? I support this. In terms of campaign funding, Citizens United really screwed the American people, but times were bad even before this decision. Corporations shouldn't be allowed to fund political candidates. It's that simple. And it shouldn't take \$MILLIONS to run a campaign.</p>	<p>Clearly there are major economic and systematic injustices in this country, those arguing otherwise are burying their heads in the sand. Black and brown communities have suffered the worst from this, but in 2020 we're all starting to feel the effects. Raising the minimum wage will help, but what we really need to do is tax the billionaire class and the speculators on Wall St. Cultural racism is real, but economic inequality is the fuel which feeds it. Black and brown communities lack the wealth they need to effectively fight the ruling establishment. Multi-generational poverty must end if our society is to prosper.</p>	<p>The fact that Republicans (and Democrats, for that matter) are fighting to protect the fossil fuel industry is not only abhorrent, but also incredibly stupid. Even within the free market, solar and wind is making coal and natural-gas obsolete at an expedient rate. Why are we subsidizing fossil fuel industries with no long-term future? Wind and solar expansion is vital to our national security interests. The sooner we become long-term self-reliant the sooner we don't have to rely on China or the Middle East for our energy needs. And yeah, clean water, land, and air -- how is that not vital to our national security?</p>	<p>The entire immigration discussion in the US is out of hand. Keeping people in cages and separating children from families is horrid and shameful. But beyond that, why is our discussion so focused on citizenship to begin with? Most refugees aren't interested in citizenship (in the short term), they merely want legal protection to allow them to live and work within the US. This is the strategy I support. Fund the ability to process people across the border expediently, and give them legal status to live and work without fear of deportation. Take them out of the shadows. Then we can discuss eventual future citizenship.</p>
<p>Michigan voters in 2018 passed a "voter bill of rights" with Proposition 3 which allows for no reason absentee voting, same day voter registration, and a variety of other tools to increase access to the vote. I support broad legislation that expands voter rights, and support mailing ballots to all eligible voters. Further, I am endorsed by End Citizens United, and believe money shouldn't be so salient in our politics.</p>	<p>Systemic racism and other social injustices are still significant issues that should be addressed by Congress. Flint, Michigan acts as a contemporary example where systemic racism and economic disparity allowed for widespread harm of countless communities of color. I support policies that invest within and protect minority communities.</p>	<p>Clean energy jobs are the future to a healthy earth and healthy economy. We need a more robust, affordable education system such that more can enter the clean energy industry.</p>	<p>I support guest worker programs, especially those in agriculture, to help supplement labor in markets that need more workers. I am supportive of a path to citizenship for undocumented people living in this country as I believe that immigrants are who help make this country great.</p>

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8

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Occupation / Current Position: I am the current Representative for Michigan's 8th District.

Education: I graduated from Cornell with a BA, and from Columbia University with a Masters in International Affairs.

Qualifications and Experience: Before I was elected in 2018, I spent my career in national service. I served three tours in Iraq with the CIA, and served under both Presidents Bush and Obama at the White House and the Pentagon.



QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

All Americans deserve access to affordable health care, and I'll continue to defend funding for Medicare and Medicaid. We need to defend and advance the progress made under the ACA, and I believe that must include allowing a Medicare buy-in for anyone at any age. Health care reform must be accompanied by serious prescription drug pricing reform, which is why I worked to pass two major bills through the House that would lower the cost of prescription drugs. COVID-19 has reminded us of the inequalities in our healthcare system, and we must act to ensure all Americans have access to an affordable future vaccine.

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

Michigan is the birthplace of the middle class, and we must enact policies that help Michigan's middle class succeed. The COVID-19 crisis shows that bringing manufacturing back to the U.S. is a homeland security and economic imperative, and our recovery plans should reflect that. For our communities to thrive, we need to invest in preparing our workforce for the 21st century workplace. Businesses tell me they have trouble finding the local talent they need to compete, especially in fields like IT and health care. We should invest in job training programs to match talent to opportunity in our own communities.

PAUL JUNGE, Republican

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Education: University of Central Florida: Bachelor's Degree in Finance

Qualifications and Experience: I meet the Constitutional requirements of age, citizenship, and residency.



I support removing government meddling from healthcare. During the first few weeks of the Covid pandemic, the CDC prohibited competition in development of tests. This is just one example of how the political control over the healthcare industry limits the options for consumers and creates costly barriers to necessary medical services. Due to regulatory capture, government agencies often slow development of and access to new medicines, devices, and technologies that may improve quality of care and reduce cost of care.

The only defensible role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. I advocate for removing unproductive regulations, reducing and eliminating taxes, and getting government out of the way of private enterprise. These regulations, including intellectual property laws and occupational licensing, actively hurt people by stifling human energy, innovation, and well-being.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9

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Education: Williams College (B.A.) Religious Studies, University of Michigan (M.A.) Asian Languages and Cultures, Harvard Law School (J.D.)

Qualifications and Experience: Chief Workforce Officer for the State of MI, staff attorney to President Clinton's labor law reform commission, consultant for the USDOL, and assistant director of organizing at the AFL-CIO.



In the midst of a global pandemic, the federal role in health care has never been clearer. We've seen in real-time what happens when leadership is abdicated: we were late in preparing, the response was chaotic, and pitting state against state in the race for medical supplies contributed to the deaths of over 180,000 Americans. Many who perished were from poor, minority communities. This disproportionate toll combined with the uncoordinated public health response has underscored my commitment to universal health care as embodied in the Medicare for All bill, ensuring access to quality, affordable health care.

The U.S. economy was beset by the worst inequality of income and wealth in a century before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the crisis is making it worse and laying bare all manner of injustice. In Congress I have worked hard to raise the national minimum wage to \$15 with no sub-minimums for tipped workers; protect workers' pensions; restore the freedom to form unions and bargain collectively; provide universal childcare and pre-school and excellent public school education for every child; and make college free or affordable for all.

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Qualifications and Experience



The Federal govt needs to reduce start up regulations to allow more insurance companies to open up and create more competition. More competition equals lower prices. Insurance companies must also provide individually tailored plans. For example a 25 year old male does not need urology coverage so take that out of the plan and it will lower premiums. Big Pharma is way out of control we must wrangle them in and lower drug prices. The whole pharmaceutical industry regulations need a huge overhaul. It is unjust to charge what they charge.

Lower taxes and cut burdensome regulations that kill economic growth. Ending the Federal Reserve and return to a gold backed currency issued by the Treasury. Article 1 section 8 of the constitution says only congress will have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof.

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I don't believe the federal government does have a role in health care. I do agree with most people that we need to completely change the way we view healthcare in this country. But the government is not the solution because government hasn't been the solution yet. Many people think we need universal government healthcare because the system we have now isn't working. But the system we have now is The ACA aka Obamacare. People believed we needed Obama because the system we had wasn't working. That system was managed care created by Medicare and Medicaid. It was before this when health was most affordable.

The full repeal of the 16th amendment in order to abolish the IRS, corporate tax, payroll tax, estate tax, and income tax. Make the United States where the entire world will want to do business and where the workers keep 100% of what they earn. The 16th amendment did not come about until 1913. We didn't need the IRS when we were building ourselves into a gilded age and we don't need it to do it again.

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<p>I don't take corporate PAC money, so my constituents know I work for them, not special interests. We need to curb unlimited spending in elections, end partisan gerrymandering, and upend a culture of corruption. I have led legislation to prevent foreign interference in our elections by ensuring foreign governments can't purchase domestic political ads. I supported the reforms MI voters approved in Propositions 2 & 3 and Secretary of State Benson's efforts to ensure voters can vote by mail. I am a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure minority voters are given equal access to the ballot.</p>	<p>Congress must address systemic racism and inequality. I was a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement act, which requires states to seek federal permission before making changes to election procedure that could impact accessibility for communities of color. We must address racial disparities evident in police abuses and in the disparate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. I support survivors of sexual assault and harassment, and introduced legislation to stop Secretary DeVos from making it harder for survivors to successfully come forward with Title IX claims. I also am a supporter of the Equality Act.</p>	<p>The development of clean energy technologies like wind and solar not only helps our environment, it also means economic potential. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will fight to make sure we're in a position to welcome the next generation of high-skilled, well-paying jobs to our state. I believe access to clean water is a homeland security issue, because it is about the safety of our communities. I championed six provisions to protect against the "forever chemical" PFAS that were signed into law by the President. In Congress, I am a member of the bipartisan Great Lakes Taskforce.</p>	<p>Our immigration system is broken and not working for anyone. I'm committed to working on a bipartisan basis for reform that is keyed to the needs of our economy, including strengthening border security, reforming our temporary worker programs, and providing a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I wrote bipartisan legislation that passed the House to ensure humane treatment in immigration detention centers. I co-sponsored the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would establish a program for agriculture workers in the US to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment & contribution to the US economy.</p>
<p>The Libertarian Party presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and should be included in the presidential and vice presidential debates. Ranked choice voting sounds like a good idea. Based on the 10th amendment, I advocate for the passage of the Daylight Act, which would end federally mandated clock changing by allow the laws passed by state legislatures to implement permanent daylight savings time.</p>	<p>The most explicit example of systemic racism is the social security system. The taxes are confiscated from workers and benefits are paid to older people. The system disproportionately hurts low income workers by reducing their discretionary income. Based on the demographics of these groups, the outcome reflects systemic racism. Abolishing payroll taxes would be an effective way to reduce systemic racism and wealth inequality. Ending the drug war, ending qualified immunity, and demilitarizing the police would help to reduce the social injustice imposed by law enforce-</p>	<p>I support policies that would remove the government barriers to replacing coal-burning and oil-burning power plants with safe, non-polluting, high-tech nuclear power plants. Generation IV nuclear power is an effective way to reduce carbon emissions. I also support deregulating the use of off-grid solar power.</p>	<p>I advocate for expanded immigration and welcoming peaceful people to immigrate to the United States. A truly free market requires the free movement of people, not just products and ideas.</p>
<p>The COVID-19 crisis is not just a public health and economic crisis, but a threat to our democracy. I'm glad that voters in MI set in place important safeguards like approving Prop 3 in 2018. This amendment makes it easier to vote by mail. In Congress, I have been proud to support election reform in H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which puts a stop to voter roll purging; shines a light on dark money by including my amendment requiring greater transparency for corporate contributions; and raises the bar on financial disclosures to root out potential conflicts and strengthen the enforcement of ethics laws.</p>	<p>Yes, of course! I support many policing and criminal justice reforms, increasing transparency of police records, and ending the militarization of police. I have been a lifelong advocate for working people, and will continue to fight the weakening of our labor unions who protect health and wages most especially for people of color. I cosponsored H.R. 8 to strengthen our firearm background check system, as our Black community who suffers disproportionate effects of gun violence. As Vice Chair of the Ed and Labor committee, I am committed to an equitable system of education across our classrooms and public universities.</p>	<p>Climate change is our #1 existential threat. It's our duty to ensure the planet that our next generations will inherit not only survives, but thrives. I'm a cosponsor of the Green New Deal, and I support efforts to move us in the direction of a 100% renewable energy future. I introduced the Electric Vehicle (EV) Freedom Act to promote EV adoption by creating a real EV charging infrastructure on our highway system. I have sought every opportunity to fight contamination in our communities from 'forever chemicals' like PFAS, force clean-up of toxic waste in Madison Heights, and to hold corporate polluters accountable.</p>	<p>We see the benefits of immigration in the diversity of our communities, and reflected in the productivity of our labor force. When it comes to consumer demands, especially agricultural and seasonal industries, New Americans contribute to an outsized level. I have personally traveled to our nation's border to inspect detention centers, and I am outraged that the way we are treating immigrants does not reflect our values as a nation. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal immigration system to provide a pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, and protects our borders.</p>
<p>No on the mail in ballots. We absolutely need election reform. We must take the big money out of elections. Politicians become beholden to the special interests before they even take their oath of office. We should use local high school gymnasiums to host meet and greets, town halls, and debates. The taxpayers already pay for the schools let's use them. We also must make the media due their civic duty and provide space for written articles and time for radio ads and tv ads. Fair and equal coverage of the candidates. The whole getting elected process is a multi billion dollar industry that breeds corruption.</p>	<p>Children in lower class neighborhoods are not getting a fair education. We must have school vouchers that allow parents to send their children to schools of choice, charter or private schools and or homeschooling. Where you live should not determine the type of education you receive.</p>	<p>We absolutely have to protect our air and water quality. I am fully against polluting, I am an outdoorsman that loves to fish and hunt. I want our water to be clean and chemical free. We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any green new deal policy's not only are they asinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technological advances.</p>	<p>i support stopping chain migration, and visa lotteries. We must have a MERIT BASED immigration policy. We must stop the inflow of people coming in here illegally. Illegal immigration drives down wages, takes resources from struggling American citizens and some of them commit crimes. We have to know who we are letting in our country and have the ability to prevent criminals from coming into our country. It would be nice to not need a wall, and we would not need one if there were no sanctuary cities and states that refuse to enforce immigration laws. Sadly that is not the case so we need a wall.</p>
<p>I support the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting for federal elections, mail in ballots for whoever wants one, direct election of electors to the electoral college, and an end to federal campaign funding which serves only serves the two big parties that have been failing us for the last 100 years.</p>	<p>Systemic racism does exist in that we have a system made up of people and people are flawed. When racist people have some control over the system, the system can become racist. The solution is to limit the power of the government to the most basic needs. The fewer intrusions the government has into our lives, the fewer opportunities there are for bad actors to use those intrusions to create injustice with their own prejudice</p>	<p>Create more energy by opening up nuclear energy. Limit pollution by scaling back the military, the biggest polluter on Earth. Protect water, air, and land by return public lands to the private sector. Many public lands that our leased for mining, oil production, or forestry are mistreated because the companies leasing them have no skin in the game once they are done. Force the companies to take care of the land by the financial incentive of holding it's value. Neighboring land is polluted while government looks the other as they temporarily benefit from the lease. Enforce property rights of those being polluted.</p>	<p>Freedom of Movement is a human right. Free and open borders ensure this right. Our nation's motto is E pluribus unum, From Many, One. Continue the tradition that made this country what it is. Open the borders to bring in the many to form the one.</p>

U.S. Representative in Congress

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9 (continued)

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QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought to light many of the social and health disparities we have seen in our communities across this country. This is the richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans in poor health. Medical insurance is a dream to many and a financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. 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. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

During these unprecedented times, the working class has seen that federal policies to stimulate the economy come before the health of millions of Americans. Over the years, the tax breaks given to big corporations and the gutting of social programs have left the working class with no answers in the midst of a crisis. A healthy economy will exist when the needs of working-class areas are met instead of being used as political leverage. This is not going to happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 10

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Education: BFA, Michigan State University

Qualifications and Experience: Climate Reality Leader/Mentor – CRP; Environmental Activist and Lobbyist for CCL



I believe everyone has the right to affordable health care. I will fight any attempts that are made to take away health care from the over 40,000 people in the 10th District who gained coverage under the Affordable Care Act. I will also fight any attempt to bring back exclusions and higher premiums for pre-existing conditions or cuts to Medicare or Medicaid coverage. Congress should come together to improve the ACA by covering more people and lowering costs — including the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs. I am open to any proposals that expand coverage, lower costs – including Universal Health Care options.

We need to tax the rich the same percentage that the average American pays. This last tax breaks was not for the everyday people and was beneficial to the rich and large corporations only. This has to be reversed. I will fight for a living wage of \$15/hour. I have committed to improving student loans by supporting a low or even 0% interest. We need to invest in our young people and our future. I support investing in new green infrastructure – this can produce many good paying jobs. I support our small businesses. Our rural towns have too many empty buildings – we need to stimulate new small business opportunities.

LISA MCCLAIN, Republican

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Education: BBA - Northwood University

Qualifications and Experience: I am a conservative outsider - my life has been w/ my family (married to Mike for almost 20 years and 4 kids) and building a business literally from the ground up - currently 700 plus employees



I support less government involvement in healthcare and ending the ACA. I would support sending Medicaid to the state level, allowing them to administer and oversee it as fits with their citizens. I think we should focus on inefficiencies with Medicare to make the process more efficient resulting in cost savings, and we need to take a good hard look at Medicare fraud. Regarding Covid19 I would favor patients who have contracted the disease being held harmless with regard to non covered insurance costs, and the same for hospitals and medical organizations.

I would support deregulation wherever possible so the government gets out of the way of people in the workforce, and that the government should not pick winners and losers but instead create an environment where hard work and innovation can easily occur and be rewarded.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11

HALEY STEVENS, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Congresswoman representing Michigan's 11th Congressional District.

Education: After graduating from Seaholm High School, I earned a master's degree in social policy and philosophy and a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from American University.

Qualifications and Experience: Before being elected to Congress, I served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue Task Force. After serving in the Obama Administration, I worked in a manufacturing research lab.



The cost of health care, and prescription drugs in particular, is something I constantly hear about from constituents. In Congress, I have fought to expand access to affordable and high-quality healthcare. I helped pass legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, protect patients with pre-existing conditions, crack down on junk insurance plans, and lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies. I also support proposals to lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to help expand coverage to more Americans, and have fought against cuts to Medicaid.

In Congress, I have worked with Republicans and Democrats to deliver for Michigan's economy by passing the USMCA and the American Manufacturing Leadership Act, legislation I authored to promote innovation and close the skills gap. I am laser-focused on rebuilding our economy as we fight this pandemic and economic crisis. In Michigan's 11th District, that starts with strengthening our manufacturing economy, creating good-paying jobs by repairing our crumbling infrastructure, and investing in skills training programs to ensure that every Michigander has a path to a good career, whether college is right for them or not.

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Qualifications and Experience: J.D. RN



I as a professional nurse for almost 8 years and saw the health care system first hand. Health care belongs to the person, not the government. Our health care system appears to be rising to the challenge of this pandemic. I worry that tearing apart our current system would jeopardize that ability. Obamacare has added to the waste in the system, creating larger medical bureaucracies, while failing to control costs. We need to tackle costs and reduce the big bureaucracies. "Medicare for all" will remove choice without addressing costs. It will gut benefits and drive doctors and nurses to leave the profession.

Spending, tax policy, and regulations are now the playthings of politicians and the lobbyists who finance them. This has created a system that hurts the middle class, exacerbates inequality, eliminates jobs, and fundamentally rigs the economy in favor of the powerful and well-connected. We need an economic policy that focuses on jobs. That means we need a simpler tax policy that stops giving politicians the power to reward big businesses and industries. Finally America's regulatory structure needs to stop punishing small businesses, which serve as the backbone of our economy and provide the best pathway to wealth.

QUESTION 3

Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

QUESTION 4:

Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?

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?

QUESTION 6:

Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?

Each election cycle there are vast amounts of money put into the campaigns of two political parties soliciting for votes. 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. We have had systems in place to handle the mail-in process before being attacked and stripped. The election process does not address the concerns of the working class. The only way to combat this type of legislation is for workers to create their own political party that will advance workers' issues

Systemic racism, economic disparity and other social injustices that the working-class faces every day will not be changed by Congress. The disparities and injustices we see in our communities have a direct connection to the economic status of that area. The wealth of this country, that is produced by workers, is given to banks and corporations instead of funding the projects needed to combat systemic racism and economic disparities among other items. Social programs such as Medicare, SSI, and public assistance are being attacked each year. The money is there to provide solutions to the problems of the working class.

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 the country. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. Protecting our water, air and land means not exploiting them for individual gains. The changes that are needed to protect the laboring population are not going to come just through legislation, but rather a fight from the working class.

The United States was founded on the backs of immigrants and slaves. The economic success seen in this country can be attributed to the labor of immigrant workers who have come here seeking a better life or to escape oppression in their home country. Immigrant workers, like many citizens born in the U.S. simply want to work, contribute to their communities and provide a safe environment for their families. They earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and revenue. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, threatened to speak up for themselves. I support full, immediate citizenship!

I do support mail in ballots. I believe this is a good solution especially in lieu of the COVID-19 and social distancing. I support reform solutions: HR1 – Democracy Reform which would expand voting rights, overhaul our campaign finance system, end extreme gerrymandering, and do much more to transform our democracy to make it fairer, stronger, and more inclusive. I support automatic voting registration. I also support campaign funding reform that makes it a more equal playing field for the candidates. We need to eliminate Citizens United. Too many politicians only represent special interest groups and not the people.

People of color deserve the same justice and safety as everyone else in this country. Police Officers need to serve and protect all people regardless of the color of their skin. I support expanding the PEACE Act other meaningful police reforms like ending chokeholds, more transparency of complaints against officers, and more involvement from the Attorney General, A person's right to survive an interaction with law enforcement should not be dependent on where they live or the color of their skin. I believe in human rights and equality and will always fight for the rights of all people.

I have already pledged to support the Green New Deal. I believe in the science and data when it comes to the seriousness of climate change. I pledge and am committed to combating climate change. I believe it is a human right to have access to clean water and clean air and a clean environment I will make polluters pay for the damage that they cause to our environment. I will promote clean infrastructure and new technology that can create 1000's of good paying jobs. I strongly disagree with selling off our public land and parks or renting them out for oil and gas profits. These lands belong to the American people.

I believe in finding a compassionate pathway to citizenship. DACA recipients need to be granted their American citizenship. Families need to stay together as they seek U.S. asylum. I do not support inhumane and militarized ICE techniques. Congress needs to address this and move forward to fix our broken immigration process. The same inhumanity we are seeing in local police actions against people of color is similar to what we are seeing in immigration practices and lockups. I do not believe in the "Wall" and will support more funds allocated to our immigration court systems and processing administration.

We should have nationwide Voter ID administered by each state so that we are sure of who is casting each ballot and that they are qualified to do so. I do not support mailing ballots to all eligible voters - eligible voters should have to proactively contact their local clerk or appropriate municipal authority and request an application which if properly filled out and returned should then result in them getting a ballot.

With regard to economic disparity, I believe the ideas outlined above under the Economy section will help to level out everyone's economic opportunity. With regard to systemic racism and other social injustices, the Civil Rights Act and other current protections in place must be enforced by the Judicial branch of the government - we must adhere to our current standards in situations where those standards are not upheld before we consider additional Federal requirements. As a Member of Congress I will speak out against any injustice that violates the Rule of Law.

The US Government has many current energy policies which are designed to protect our water, air, and land. We must be aware of these policies and see that they are enforced in a uniform manner. I also believe that it must also be a high priority for the United States to become more energy self sufficient.

We should support the current laws that are in effect and ensure that people wanting to immigrate to the United States use the processes that have been long established. Our LEGAL immigration system is very reasonable and allows us to continue the tradition that founded our country.

In Congress, I have worked to protect our democracy and secure our elections. I proudly voted for legislation to strengthen voting rights, strengthen the security and integrity of federal elections, and reduce the role of big money in politics. I believe the Citizens United decision should be overturned so we can return power to the American people where it belongs. I support policies that make it easier for eligible American citizens to vote, many of which are already in place in Michigan, including vote-by-mail, expanded absentee voting, and same-day registration.

Systemic racism has existed in our country for centuries, beginning with our original sin of slavery. Today, our nation is facing an inflection point on the issue of police brutality, and new data shows that COVID-19 disproportionately harms people of color. We have a responsibility to right these wrongs, and strive to create a more perfect union with liberty and justice for all. I voted for the Justice in Policing Act, a bill to improve police accountability and end racial profiling. On the Education & Labor Committee, I have worked to address disparities in our schools, hospitals, workplaces, and environment.

Addressing the threat of climate change is the challenge of our generation, and we need to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and reduce carbon emissions in coordination with the rest of the world. As a Member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I have also been a champion of clean energy, sustainable manufacturing, electric vehicle development, and protecting our Great Lakes and other natural resources. I have also introduced a bipartisan bill to develop new technologies to improve our plastics recycling capability, and passed legislation to address the threat of PFAS contamination.

Congress must continue working to fix our broken immigration system by securing our borders and formalizing a path to citizenship for those living, working, and paying taxes in the U.S., and even serving in our military. I oppose proposals that seek to reduce legal immigration, which would lock talented individuals out of our economy. I have supported bipartisan proposals to make it easier for high-skilled immigrants to come here through the employment-based green card system. We also need to ensure consistent, humane practices at our borders that do not separate families.

I will defend the right of everyone to vote, as well as their right to free speech. I oppose taxpayer funding of elections. Taxpayers should not pay politicians to run negative ads. In Michigan, every citizen has the right to vote by mail, but this right must be exercised lawfully. I worry about the Secretary of State engaging in unconstitutional efforts to impact our elections.

There are clearly injustices, and a host of problems and disparities across the country. We need safe communities, good jobs, broad-based quality education, and everyone must be treated equally. Slogans like "defund the police" are reckless and wrong, and they won't solve anything. We need to hold police accountable and ensure they are properly trained. When laws are broken, we need a justice system that punishes people according to their actions, not the color of their skin. Congress is at its best when it defend principals like equal access to justice and liberty.

The decreased demand for U.S. energy and decreases in pollution are moving in the right direction. We are finally shedding our dependence on foreign oil and no longer shipping billions of dollars to the middle east. We must continue to build on that independence and develop new, cleaner ways to produce energy. This is important for our economy. The industrial legacy of dumping toxic chemicals into our air and water is something that we must still work to reverse. Sadly too much tax money that could have been spent on cleaning our world has been spent on lawyers and red-tape.

U.S Immigration policy is completely broken. The politicians play games and exploit the vulnerable. The American people have a clear view: secure the border, treat people decently, send criminals home, and evaluate legal immigrants in a fair and open process. Liberal politicians are part of the broken process. They want 11 million illegal aliens to cut to the front of the line and become citizens. At the same time, they want to shield from punishment illegal aliens who attempt to buy guns. That is nonsensical, and right now we need an immigration policy that makes sense and works for the American people.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11 (continued)

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Qualifications and Experience: I don't & won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life. I'm not a busybody. I don't want spend your money or manage your life.

QUESTION 1

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

QUESTION 2

Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

The mandatory closures & stay-at-home orders have had bad consequences such as: (1) an increase in deaths from strokes & heart attacks because people are afraid to go to hospitals; (2) an increase in deaths of despair from suicide, opioid overdose & alcoholism; (3) an increase in domestic violence; (4) a decrease in life expectancy & quality of life because people don't go to physicians, dentists & therapists for diagnosis & treatment of health problems. Because Democrats & Republicans ignore unintended consequences, their attempt to fight covid-19 ruined public health, education & our economy.

Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies & 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.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12

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Qualifications and Experience: US Congresswoman, 2015-present; Wayne State Board of Governors, 2007-2014; President, GM Foundation; Executive Director, GM Public Affairs



Every American has a right to quality healthcare and this is my top priority as a Member of Congress. Medicare for All is a passion of mine and I am Co-Chair of the Congressional Medicare For All Caucus. I am proud to co-author and lead HR 1384 with my friend and colleague Rep. Pramila Jayapal. So far we have 118 co-sponsors for the Jayapal/Dingell bill, and we have had three hearings, the first-ever hearings on Medicare for All in congress. As the most prosperous country in the world, people shouldn't be struggling to afford healthcare. I will not stop fighting until Medicare for All is signed into law.

We need an economy that works for everyone. Too many working Americans have been left behind by an insufficient minimum wage, the loss of a secure retirement, or bad trade deals. When President Trump first proposed the USMCA, I worked to win significant improvements to the deal. Now, the trade agreement has the strongest enforcement ever, landmark worker protections, and we stopped increased costs on prescription drugs for working families. I am also a true friend of organized labor. I cosponsored the PRO Act to protect the basic right for workers to join a union and joined UAW workers on the picket line in 2019.

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Even though this has been a long standing issue in America, It is of my highest priority. Americans are still searching for affordable health care!?! There is certainly enough money for every American to have free health care. Our government and its congress has been misappropriating funds from Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security since its conception. The congressional representation of the 12th district has been dodging the needs and answers for many years, just ask the "Notch Kids". We have to understand the dishonesty and the resolve of this industry and process. It has many facets to be addressed and repaired.

I believe America has had a great opportunity squelched by the political pandering of the pandemic. The resolve of this will only exponentially offer new horizons. I have plans of new industry, implementing new technology, and new community opportunities that will empower the 12th district families. There are new green sustainable energies that are being blocked by the dinosaurs of lobbying here in our community. We can take back ownership that has been handed to selected companies and families that will come to an end with new vision, new resolve, and dynasty collapse. These generational curses of the 12th need to stop!

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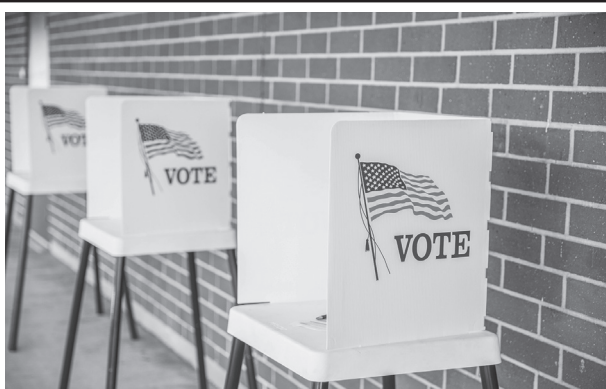
Education: 4 years high school, 3 years of college. 45 years working in an auto plant.

Qualifications and Experience: Organized autoworkers to fight against wage and benefit concessions, and against 2-tier wages.



Health care is a human right. We need a health care system where every person, regardless of income, has access to good health care. The money is there to do this. The U.S. spends much more money on health care, per capita, than any other country in the world. Yet the health care that most ordinary people receive is worse here than in many other countries. Covid-19 has shown this again. We need to take away the profits of the drug companies, the insurance companies and the hospital corporations and put this money toward the health care that people need. We need a national health care system.

There is plenty of work that needs to be done -- rebuilding and repairing the infrastructure, road, bridges, water and sewer systems; building more good housing, schools and hospitals. We need more teachers and nurses. Everyone who wants a job should be able to have one. Everyone should be paid a real living wage. The labor and productivity of the working class makes possible a world where poverty is eliminated and everyone could have decent lives. The only thing standing in the way is a system that puts profits before human needs. The working class has the power to fight to build a society that puts human need first.



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<p>QUESTION 3</p> <p>Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?</p>	<p>QUESTION 4:</p> <p>Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?</p>	<p>QUESTION 5:</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>QUESTION 6:</p> <p>Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?</p>
<p>(1) I support current law that everyone chooses whether to vote in person. So that voters need not rely on the US Postal Service, every city should have a secure drop box where voters can deposit ballots. (2) 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.</p>	<p>Government shouldn't discriminate for or against any demographic group. Democrats & Republicans play identity politics & want to use taxpayer money to help groups they like. I don't. I support everyone's right to spend their own time & money helping whomever they want to help.</p>	<p>(1) Protect the environment from pollution & invasive species. (2) 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. (3) Most Republicans deny climate change. Most Democrats think that you are too stupid to adapt to climate change & that they are geniuses who can prevent climate change. I don't. Primitive humans spread through our planet because they adapted to climates that differed greatly over the past 100,000 years.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>I was proud to co-sponsor H.R. 1, which expands access to the ballot box by allowing for automatic, on-line, and same-day voter registration and the elimination of unconstitutional voter roll purges. It also allows public financing of elections - we must get money out of politics. I am the Vice-Chair of the Democracy Reform Task Force, which worked hard for the passage of HR.1. and continues to work on reform. We must also secure our elections. I introduced the Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act to provide states with the resources needed to protect electronic voting systems and to update outdated infrastructure.</p>	<p>Recent events show that much work remains in the fight against inequality and injustice. Fear and hatred divide us. We must work together to remove barriers for social mobility, we need to expand the safety nets, and work for economic justice for all. We must improve access to healthcare, educational opportunity, and affordable housing, as well as protections from negative environmental impacts. For too long, real reform has been delayed and denied. I'm proud to have voted for the First Step Act, and I will fight for policies that counter the long-term damage that's been done by neglecting marginalized communities.</p>	<p>Climate change is the existential threat of our time. I am a leader in Congress on building a coalition to implement the IPCC goal of net zero emissions by 2050. I introduced the 100% Clean Economy Act, which has 150+ cosponsors in the House and puts the US on a path to 100% clean energy by 2050. Clean water is a fundamental right, and PFAS contamination is the biggest threat to it in Michigan. That's why I'm proud to have authored the PFAS Action Act to include PFAS in EPA Superfund Sites and set enforceable drinking water standards. I also co-chair the Great Lakes Task Force to protect water for future generations.</p>	<p>We need comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship while improving the process for those who are in the queue to enter the country legally and protecting our national security. This administration has instilled fear in communities by deporting people who have lived in this country for decades and have no more than a traffic ticket on their record. It's wrong and is not reflective of American values. President Trump's effort to end DACA was wrong and I stood up against it. I'm also proud to support the NO BAN Act and push back against this administration's discriminatory immigration policies.</p>
<p>I do not have a problem with mail in ballots. It has historical short comings and suspicious intentions. Every one has the right to vote and we need to make easy, dependable options that make sure we protect that integrity. We need to assure the removal of fraudulent opportunities, while expanding the technological advances of a new age. We should be able to utilize these technologies without glitches and concerns. I also realize if we can wait in lines at the grocery store, we can practice social distancing at the polls. Something smells fishy of the continued double-standards and false information of confusion?</p>	<p>Social injustice is active in America. Racism and prejudice is moral obstacle. To educate the world to practice the "Golden Rule" is possible and certainly systemic. Money is not necessarily the problem with our economic disparities. It is the abuse of power, the misappropriations, and the quick fix of a long historical forced dependency on selected community and peoples. A child spells love, T.I.M.E.! Today's Innovation Move Empowerment. There are a few great programs being developed through S.P.A.R. K., Durfee Innovative, and The Empowerment Zone that are working to create greater opportunities for the next gen.</p>	<p>There is green sustainable energy resolves, the elimination of land fills, and purging of brown districts, and water supplies being purified at affordable and profitable benefits. These have been hindered through current political sway of the 12th and lobbying dollars frightful of the resolve. W.E.T. technology is not only affordable but proven to work. Prioritizing these efforts will bring a cleaner, more healthier future to our children, and them to follow. Lets make this together with an amazing reward for us all!</p>	<p>We have to utilize better available technologies for pre-entrance, post tracking, and define those policies that have proven worthy of keeping. I think we can shorten the time for citizenship or identify those that here who do want to be one. America has been built by immigration and those who know what freedom is from the place of where they have violated of or have had dreams to accomplish. If we destroy or limit dreaming we collapse the next generation.</p>
<p>The banks, the corporations and the wealthy use their money to control the political process in this country. As long as a great disparity in wealth exists, the one per cent will use their money to determine the outcome of elections. The current attacks on the Post Office, the voting restrictions, the continuing attacks on voting rights are all designed to lower voter turnout among poor and working class people.</p>	<p>Black Lives Matter! The hundreds of thousands of people who went into the streets to protest the murder of George Floyd made a loud statement against police brutality and against racism. But the racism of this society goes way beyond police brutality. The black population, the most exploited section of the working class, has always faced higher unemployment, lower wages, underfunded schools, inferior housing. Institutional and systematic racism has been part of this country since the first slave was brought here from Africa. We must get rid of racism by fighting for a fundamental change in this society.</p>	<p>Today the drive for profit by oil companies and other corporations is leading to global warming and the destruction of the environment. We cannot allow them to destroy the planet and destroy the future for the next generations. All decisions that affect the environment and humanity's future must be decided socially and not dictated by a few wealth individuals.</p>	<p>Immigrants who come to this country to work should get full political and legal rights. If immigrant workers had full rights, bosses would be less able to exploit them. Bosses force immigrants to work for lower wages, using the threat of deportation. The bosses, in turn, use these low wages to hold down the wages of all workers. By keeping us divided, the bosses hold down everyone's wages. Dividing immigrant workers against native-born workers is the same tactic the bosses have used for years by dividing white workers and black workers. The working class can't let ourselves be divided like this.</p>

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13

RASHIDA TLAIB, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: I currently serve as the Congresswoman for Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Education: Southwestern High School, 1994 Wayne State University, 1998 - BA Political Science Thomas Cooley Law School, 2004 - JD

Qualifications and Experience: I previously served in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative for six years and as a public advocate and attorney on workers' rights, immigration and community benefits advocacy.



QUESTION 1
Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

We need universal health care coverage in the United States, available to everyone, regardless of income. We currently have system that is more of "sick care" than preventative health care. Big Pharma and health insurance companies continue to have too much influence in our governance system and people continue to suffer. I have voted to strengthen and improve the Affordable Care Act and am a co-sponsor and strong supporter of Medicare for All. We need to defend the Affordable Care Act from Republican attacks while pushing for a Medicare for All system.

QUESTION 2
Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

During the pandemic, I introduced the Automatic Boost to Communities (ABC) Act, which would give every person in the U.S. \$2,000 per month until the end of the crisis and \$1,000 monthly for a year after. I've also introduced the BOOST Act which would allow everyone making below \$100,000 a refundable tax credit for up to \$3,000 per year. This would cut the poverty rate in the U.S. by 45%. We must increase the minimum wage to at least \$15/hr and create equitable public school funding. We must address income inequality and invest in people first. This means our government resourcing communities and not corporations.

DAVID DUDENHOEFER, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Dealer

Education: High School diploma

Qualifications and Experience: State Coordinator, Michigan Campaign for Liberty. - Republican 13th Congressional District Chairman



Getting the government out of the business of health care would dramatically improve the delivery of service. Health care should be a doctor/patient experience--today health care resembles more of a Wall Street experience. The current plague is a prime illustration of the failures of central planning by members of the political class based on "predictive models" over the empirical data--and we must never accept a loss of liberty through the edicts aimed at greater control over markets and people. We cannot pull the rug out from under people who have become dependant on programs but must change the model over time.

The foundation of any economy is its monetary system and ours has devolved into a cancer. Fiat currency has destroyed businesses, robs from laborers, and punishes the savers. Policy changes before we correct our foundation is tantamount to building the finest structure on a foundation of quicksand. We must restore an honest and Constitutional monetary system and allow Americans to chose which system they trust, then we can explore ways to free up the markets in order to allow hard-working Americans to thrive by igniting their own creative spirit, rather than just get by. Excess encourages charity as well.

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Occupation / Current Position: Currently running my campaign full-time with some contractual work on the side as a document Special

Education:

Wayne County Community College Oakland Community College Macomb Community College Le Cordon Bleu Culinary College Detroit Training Center

Qualifications and Experience: I meet the age requirement and citizenship qualifications to run as well as my love for my country. I love America and want to help them by creating policies that will make America a better place.



I say that the American US Taxpayer's should have a choice. Healthcare should not be for all. Some people are outright healthy and it is a waste of money to have full health coverage and pay for years of having it and not even have to use it because you are in good health. Also, with respect to the covid issue, it is already very clear that citizens have become their own healthcare provider and that it did not matter if you had top notch healthcare or Medicaid, guess what, it did not matter. You were turned away and told to self quarantine. We all were forced to become nurses and doctors. So to say healthcare for all

Prayer Prayer and more Prayer. We are fighting a spiritual warfare. No matter how many trillion of dollars you give to military, the military could not stop Corona-Virus from coming into America and killing us. This is biblical. Healthcare is and should be a choice and always an affordable choice. If we sincerely put our faith in God. Believe in the Bible, then really, healthcare would only be used for extreme emergencies. The economy would boom if we cut back on the healthcare costs that are forced upon us each and every day. Have faith in God. Do our part to thrive as law abiding citizens and work out, eat healthy.

SAM JOHNSON, Working Class

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Occupation / Current Position: I am a fighter for the working class. I believe our class can run this society to benefit everyone.

Education: Grew up under Jim Crow, Alabama, went to schools without new books, learned to survive by fighting. My mother taught me. Lived in LA, then Detroit, got GED here. Went to WSU Labor School for two years

Qualifications and Experience: My whole life I've been a fighter. My whole life I worked. I had union posts in Chrysler plants, I was a rank-and-file militant. I know what working people can do when we bring our forces together.

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. But this government doesn't act that way. It doesn't set up health care to serve the majority, the working people. It sets it up to make money for big drug companies and hospitals. Too many people still don't have care. Even if we have jobs and insurance, we don't get the best care. A workers' government would take profit out of health care. It would pour money into public health so we don't have another virus crisis.

The government won't solve our problems. But working people can do it. We have power when we stand together to fight. We can use our forces to impose what all 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. Big companies make profit by keeping our wages low and by making fewer people do more work. Take money back from all the profits the big companies got, use it to increase our wages. Use it to hire people. Take tax money given to corporations, use it to fix things that need fixing. That would create jobs.

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Occupation / Current Position: Publisher

Education: BA University of Detroit Political Science MPA University of Detroit Public Administration JD Cumberland School of Law

Qualifications and Experience: Wars & Victories : Won self & Congressman Conyers restoral to ballot, public dollars for public education, suing Pistons and Illitchs over same & MI S Ct voiding prohibited Items list = Ct access.



The federal government should ensure that all Americans are insured. How to best incorporate the best of Medicare and Medicaid into a system of health care that is universal, with a public option, should be America's goal. Transportation must not be a barrier. Health care must be made affordable for all and Americans. The medical profession must engage its patients in preventative care, designed to cause them to become healthier and better able to live better qualities of life. The FDA must promote healthier food and healthier choices. Executive departments that impact America's health, must be better coordinated.

Remove the for profit incentive from education at all levels. Provide easily accessible resources for small businesses, ensuring that they at a minimum, have the foundational tools necessary to succeed. Restore tax measures that allow Americans to write off mortgage and credit card interest.

<p>QUESTION 3</p> <p>Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?</p>	<p>QUESTION 4:</p> <p>Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?</p>	<p>QUESTION 5:</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>QUESTION 6:</p> <p>Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?</p>
<p>I'm a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants. We must also fully restore the Voting Rights Act. I am in favor of mailing ballots to all eligible voters. We must overturn Citizens United and end corporate influence in our elections. This is why I do not take corporate PAC dollars. Corporate greed has completely hijacked our political system. Citizens United has allowed corporations and wealthy donors to infuse money into campaigns and elections to influence them.</p>	<p>Absolutely. I've brought two Congressional hearings to the 13th District so my colleagues could see the injustices communities of color, especially Black folks, face in housing and with the environment. I've co-sponsored legislation that would direct resources and change policies to increase access to home ownership. I've introduced numerous pieces of legislation that address environmental racism and puts communities like ours in front to get those resources. I also fully support reparations and I co-sponsored and voted for the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.</p>	<p>The Trump Administration is allowing corporate polluters to destroy our air and water. As a member of House Oversight Committee and the Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on the Environment, I've continuously fought to hold his administration accountable. I am a supporter of the Green New Deal and I truly believe that the 13th can be engine of the Green New Deal, creating sustainable, well-paying, union jobs, while leaving a cleaner future for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. We must make massive investments in clean, zero-emissions green energy sources and end our reliance on fossil fuels.</p>	<p>We need an immigration system that provides a pathway to citizenship for all who want to come to this country for a better life. Our current system does not work. People have to wait several years, some over a decade, to become a citizen. Families continue to be torn apart and a generation of children will be traumatized due to the way our country treated them. I do not support legislation that would reduce the number of immigrants permitted to enter the U.S. or place caps on the number of immigrants from certain countries. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform for everyone.</p>
<p>Elections are under assault by political opportunists as we are seeing with some members of the political class floating dangerous election integrity shredding ideas such as "mail-in ballots". We ask for identification for job applications and to receive medical benefits, we must ensure election integrity through positively identifying who is entering the ballot booth and ensure that eligible voters are counted only once. Voter fraud such as mailing ballots to the deceased cannot stand. If we can be safe in the check-out line at our grocer, we can be safe in the ballot booth. Exceptions for military and the sick.</p>	<p>Adding a modifier to a word detracts from its original and strongest intent--justice is for one and all as individuals. Conversely, group justice is to give special privileges to one over another, this is evil. Racism is an ugly form of collectivism, again, the group mentality. The case could be made that government group policies pit groups against one another causing animous, leading to hatred and violence. The injustice comes from individual liberties being shredded by government policies which only see people as part of a social group rather than a unique individual. Economics works best through a free market</p>	<p>I support a living environment by incentivizing people to make better choices rather than through force or government edict as a political talking point. Enforcing contract law through the judicial branch would solve many of the environmental issues as well as other property rights issues. Incentivizing the private sector to develop new technologies that do not cost more than output as is the case with today's current wind and solar technology would pay dividends to many Americans sooner than later. I would be wary of anyone who makes wild claims of the world ending at a predetermined date.</p>	<p>When the markets were unchained by the government, the free flow of immigrants was accepted and encouraged for satisfying the job market as work was plentiful. As markets become tethered through ill-conceived policies and the inflation tax the inevitable "boom and bust" cycles gripped the country. Immigrants and minorities were blamed through propaganda during recessions which led to tightening immigration policies. In retrospect, it was the government seeking greater control which led to people losing opportunities for a better life. Borders ensure the law of the land functions, they must be respected by all.</p>
<p>I do not support mail in ballots. Anyone can get a hold of them. We fought to have rights to vote. To stand in line, cast a ballot. The only way a person should have a right to receive an absentee ballot is if they are bed written or handicap beyond any means if standing in line. I support a healthy voting environment for all but NOT mail in votes.</p>	<p>I support a Black Lives Matter Movement just so long as African Americans are aware that I will not support the Communist fist symbol and what it symbolizes. The incumbent congress person we have in office right now supports the Communist fist and have used it in her campaigns when using her slogan "13 Strong" I am wide enough to know that we as blacks are being used for our name "Black" by others who want black people to go to war with the world and kill ourselves out to rule the world themselves. Not under my watch. I will follow the constitution and all of its contents and part of the constitution stands for freedom</p>	<p>I plan to work with local and state advocates who specializes in advocating for better US energy, water and environmental. I would like to hear what they have and put our heads together and come up with a plan that I can convert to policy and then formally have placed into law. Padded protection is what is needed. It takes a village.</p>	<p>We must realize that America is great! Land of the free. Land off milk and honey. If someone migrate here to America. Let's conduct vetting. Not discrimination. Let's allow a peaceful person, a dreamer a chance to thrive here but only after America take care of it's own citizens. America have done a lot of things backwards such as give a person who come to America from another country a right to live tax free for 3 years. Then they be switch names every 3:years getting over on a system that has been failing us for many years. New policies need to be put in place to circumvent this type of scheme.</p>
<p>Money buys everything in capitalist society. So it's no surprise our elections aren't democratic. What's democratic about voting for one of two candidates and neither one speaks for you? In a democratic society, everyone would get a hearing. Every working person could vote, whether you are working, retired or laid off, or are looking for work or a woman or man taking care of kids or of elders. We should all be able to vote just because we work. That won't happen until the working class puts its needs first, until we fight for what everyone needs. That's how we got everything we ever got, by fighting for it.</p>	<p>Is the system racist? Well yes, it's been that way all through history, ever since slavery. There were always polices that created divisions among working people. Congress carries out policy for the class who benefits from keeping working people divided. If working people begin to stand up and say let's do something about it, that's when something will change. Black workers know the history of how changes were made. We know what we did. Why can't we do it now? The whole working class has got to build on its history, coming together. We did it in the past. We can do it now. We have forces to do that. We have power.</p>	<p>The big oil companies and utilities look at how to produce energy to make a profit. If we got rid of profit, we could look at how to produce energy to give people what they need and how to do it so we protect the environment. With the technology we have, we could do all that. Scientists already know how to do that. If they were given the freedom to do what they know how to do, they would produce energy safely. But they can't today because that interferes with profit. If we had a workers' government, the first thing we would do is let technology be used. The problem isn't energy or oil or even coal, it's profit.</p>	<p>Why do people come here? Because of dictators and repression the U.S. pays for in other countries. These people are not our enemies. They are working people. If they are working people, they should be part of us. They can help us build the world we want, a working people's world. But only if we see we are all the same class. Everyone in this country came from someplace else. Slaves were brought from Africa four centuries ago, others came since. We have all been abused by the ones who brought us here - slave owners before, factory owners now. Let the immigrants stay. Get rid of the ones who abused all of us.</p>
<p>I support policies that encourage ease of access to voting. Same day registration and voting. Registration to vote when registering for license plates, etc. Compelling reasons for removing Americans from the ballot. Ease of reporting campaign contributions. Dark money should have no place in American politics. Voting rights should not be taken away because of the commission/conviction of a crime. I support mailing an application to all Americans for the request of an actual ballot. I do not support corporations being a part of the definition of a "person".</p>	<p>I do believe that there is systemic racism, economic disparity and other social injustices at play in America. I do support these issues being addressed by Congress. Congress should fund federal programs that support more money being spent on criminal intervention programs, mental health screening/testing, mental health care facilities, returning citizen rehabilitation and the elimination of avenues that support addictive drugs easily finding their way into America's childrens' hands/systems. The decriminalization of drug addition, is a must.</p>	<p>America should harvest more wind energy. We must incentivize the use of solar paneling. Hydropower, wood and biofuels must also be a part of our energy equation. As we seek to protect our water, air and land, we must reduce our dependence on chemicals and look back to more organic means of protecting our water, ceasing to pollute our air and poisoning our soil. Our scientist must be encouraged to save our planet and they must be respected so that they feel listened to and understood. America must regain her world standing so that there is no country that would object to our exportation of our farmers' crop.</p>	<p>I support well reasoned "Paths to Citizenship". America must protect litigate refugees and allow immigrants into our country who possess skills that are useful to a better quality of life for all Americans. Bearing in mind that we must produce more American born doctors, scientist and others with quality of life altering skills. We must also continue to promote immigration policies that encourage diversity from all parts of the world. We are better able to maintain super power status when we are proficient in understanding how to interface with others from around the world. Here, immigration is an effective tool.</p>

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 14

BRENDA LAWRENCE, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Congresswoman for Michigan's 14th Congressional District

Education: She is an alumna of Pershing High School and, after attending the University of Michigan, she earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

Qualifications and Experience: Her prior political career is equally extensive, including her election as Mayor of the City of Southfield in November of 2001, when she became the first African American and the first woman to serve.



QUESTION 1
Health Care: What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

Brenda believes that if you live in America you have the right to quality healthcare. She has been one of the strongest advocates in Congress for expanding health care coverage, lowering the sky-high costs of prescription drugs, and making medical research a national priority. When you go to the doctor you shouldn't be worried about how you are going to pay for it. When you have been prescribed life-saving drugs, you shouldn't have to ration doses just to afford them. That's why Brenda is fighting for Medicare for All and an expanded ACA.

QUESTION 2
Economy: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked hard to preserve the dignity of work and expand economic opportunities in her district. She's also committed to ensuring that emerging companies and entrepreneurs in the region have the opportunities and resources needed to explore innovative business ideas and position themselves for future success. As a true friend of organized labor, Brenda fights for workers every day. She supports the rights of unions and recognizes the importance of collective bargaining, which is why she cosponsored the PRO Act to protect the basic right for workers to join a union.

ROBERT VANCE PATRICK, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Self employed General Contractor for over 20 years. Licensed Michigan residential builder.

Education: 2 associates degrees from Oakland community college. Bachelors of Science degree from Grand Valley State University

Qualifications and Experience: R. Vance Patrick is a candidate for US Congress in Michigan's 14th District. Vance has lived, worked, and volunteered throughout the district. He led volunteers to reopen the nations oldest Aquarium.

The COVID 19 crisis exposed shortcomings on the federal level regarding the control and containment of infectious disease. A thorough review of U.S. policies related to travel to and from foreign countries, vaccinations and other areas is call for. Once that house is in order we can address its impact on other programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

The three years prior to the COVID 19 crisis saw an historic revival and expansion of the American economy. This was widely experienced across all sectors, including minority groups that too often are left behind. Most of this was due to the removal of regulations that impede the economy. The crisis put much of that on hold, and the fastest way to help all sectors of the economy rebound is to return to the process of deregulation as quickly as possible.

LISA LANE GIOIA, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: business owner (patent and technical translations)

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



Government lacks the competence to address any aspect of healthcare; decisions should be made between patients and physicians, and restrictions and agencies eliminated in order to achieve efficacy, innovation, and rapid response. When emergencies arise, they should be handled at a more local level as individual communities can best implement strategies that are suited to their respective needs. Waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid must be eradicated as we evolve into government-free systems which provide quality, humanity, and efficiency that are infinitely superior to politicized, centralized healthcare.

Why is government allowed to run up charges arbitrarily and infinitely, resulting in crippling debt for future generations and destabilizing our economy? Eliminating government bureaus, agencies and programs that are wasteful, redundant and inefficient, and returning that money to the taxpayers (to whom it rightfully belongs) is, together with ending regulations, the way to economic prosperity. Most, if not all, services the government purports to provide could be handled with much better results by the free market and private enterprises.

PHILIP KOLODY, Working Class

Website: <http://workingclassfight.com>

Occupation / Current Position: Retired from Michigan Civil Rights Dept. investigated complaints of employment bias & police conduct

Education: Graduate from Mumford HS, WSU, then U of M, majoring in history. Took part in Viet Nam war protests and Civil Rights protests. Was in France during May 1968, where I saw potential of working class.

Qualifications and Experience: I was born into a working class family, My parents both worked in auto shops. I was active in union, worked on health and safety. I know the only friend the working class has is the working class.

I know what government should do, and that is to protect the health and safety of all people, regardless of race or class or gender. That is the goal of the Working Class Party. But that is not what the two parties have been doing. Political activists in the Democratic Party have taken Medicare and Medicaid as a model for providing health care to the whole population. I do not see these parties able to accomplish that because of the influence of the capitalist class on both of them and the bias this creates in both parties.

The economy needs a radical reconstruction for the benefit of all working people. Reforms proposed by both parties would only continue the present system, under the control and influence of the 5 per cent. Minor policy changes would only continue the illusion that the economy could finally work and benefit the working class. The Working Class Party aims for the empowerment of the working class, its control over the economy and health system, which is the only way improvements can be gained.

CLYDE K. SHABAZZ, Green

Did not respond in time for inclusion

HOW TO GET INFORMATION OR HELP

- Michigan's Voter Information Center www.michigan.gov/vote
- Your local or county Clerk's office
- MichiganVoting.org (Election Protection Coalition)
- The League of Women Voters, ACLU, NAACP or another voter advocacy group

<p>QUESTION 3</p> <p>Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?</p>	<p>QUESTION 4:</p> <p>Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?</p>	<p>QUESTION 5:</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>QUESTION 6:</p> <p>Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?</p>
<p>Brenda was a huge advocate for Proposal 3 and was very excited to see it pass. Voting in Michigan is easier in 2020 with the added benefits of straight-ticket voting; automatic voter registration; same-day voter registration; and no-excuse absentee voting during the 40 days before an election. We need to make these policies a nationwide trend and add universal mail-in ballots as the next important proposal.</p>	<p>Everyone deserves the same rights and protections under the law regardless of who they are or who they love. Discrimination in housing, employment, and other facets of American life is immoral, hurts our nation's fragile economy, and must be stopped. Brenda is an advocate of Black Lives Matter and is fighting to combat social injustices everywhere. Brenda is also a supporter of the Equality Act, which passed the House and prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas.</p>	<p>Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked tirelessly to protect the environment and fight the damaging effects of climate change even in the face of reckless rollbacks of environmental protections by the Trump administration. She has opposed the Trump administration's dangerous rollback of water pollution standards, has introduced legislation to help protect endangered wildlife, and continues the fight to have man-made PFAS chemicals declared as a hazardous substance.</p>	<p>The United States is a land of opportunity. Our history has been written by generations of immigrants who have come to our borders looking for the promise of a better life. They have shaped our culture, our economy, and our national story, helping to make us the greatest of nations. Brenda has been a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress and has stood in strong opposition to Donald Trump's cruel and inhumane immigration policies.</p>
<p>The Jill Stein 2016 vote recount exposed disturbing areas of the electoral process that are open to corruption. It seems that broadening the mail-in voting process only increases the opportunity for corruption. Cleaning up the voting system, not loosening the checks against corruption, should be a bipartisan issue.</p>	<p>Any systemic racism exists outside the individual protections of the Constitution. Congress's role in addressing institutionalized racism and disparity should be driven by the members' Oath of Office to protect and uphold the Constitution.</p>	<p>Being personally invested in the reopening and operation of public aquarium in the middle of the Great Lakes water system, I am keenly aware of the importance of protecting our natural resources. It seems unrealistic to expect the United States to wean itself off of the use of fossil fuels for its energy needs, however. We must continually encourage private sector initiatives for more efficient and cleaner energy use.</p>	<p>I support enforcing existing laws related to immigration.</p>
<p>Election rules, including those relating to mail-in voting, should be the purview of the bureaus of election of the respective states. No public funds whatsoever should be funneled to any parties or persons. Incumbents should not be allowed to use public resources for their campaigns. Permitting more voices into debates and instituting voting reforms such as ranked choice voting will broaden the range of opinions, thereby reducing the toxic polarization we see today. Republicans and Democrats both oppose such reforms and block meaningful change any time such presents a threat to their monopoly on power.</p>	<p>So many lives could be vastly improved by true legal reform including an end to qualified immunity and police militarization, and especially the war on drugs which disproportionately affects persons of color. For many years, these failed policies have been recognized as being inequitably harmful, but no substantive changes to our systems have been made by either the left or right. While politicians moralize on the need for reform, their inaction leads directly to stigmatization, tragedy and horrors unfairly borne by minorities. It is time to end the hypocritical, hollow pandering, and institute real reform.</p>	<p>Energy companies using various sources should compete freely without government subsidies or favoritism so that the best companies would survive, rather than those handpicked to receive unfair preference. Individual communities negotiating with private enterprises allows regions to select companies that best meet local needs, and could enable the selection of those whom are insurable, so that, in the event of a disaster, restitution could be made. As the system now stands, government negligence, incompetence and disregard are often causes of environmental crises, but we citizens and taxpayers pay the price.</p>	<p>The problem lies not in persons wishing to immigrate to America, but, as usual, with the government's handling of the immigration system. Persons should be allowed free entry into our country, but no-one should be entitled to publicly-financed handouts. Reform the system to allow anyone in with the provisos that they are not a security threat, and that they will not be privy to taxpayer-sponsored benefits. Free up regulations to allow companies, communities, organizations to sponsor individuals and/or families while assuming full responsibility for those persons until citizenship is granted.</p>
<p>Yes, I support mailing ballots to all voters, without limitation. And registration and availability for everyone. Voter suppression and domination of the elections by money cannot be reformed, piece by piece. The policy of the Working Class Party aims for true universal voting rights, without limitations by class or gender or race. The opportunity for workers to run for office is limited by the efforts of both parties to control not only who votes but runs, in order to maintain their current monopoly of political power. That power is the target of the Working Class Party.</p>	<p>The history of the U.S. is the history of a system of racial bias, racial repression and a racist structure of the legal system, of the economy and of politics. The structure needs to be overturned by mass movements of the oppressed against that system. Working Class Party hopes this movement that broke out in June will be the beginning of a new period of mobilization. However chaotic it appears, this movement is forcing people of different political persuasions to recognize these problems exist and have to be reckoned with. Something significant has changed.</p>	<p>The greatest problem facing everyone in this country and all of humanity is climate change. The deterioration of the climate is based on the current capitalist system of exploitation of resources and of workers for the benefit of those who control the system. To deal with this problem cannot be carried out with half measures currently proposed by both parties. It can be accomplished only by a radical reconstruction of this economy that today benefits mainly the 5 per cent and corporations and other financial powers. Only the Working Class Party has the vision for such a complete and effective change.</p>	<p>U.S. immigration policy -- both long term and the use of those laws as weapons by the Trump administration -- has the aim of controlling and exploiting working class immigrants in the United States. It also serves to divide the working class so it can better be exploited. The divisions within the working class benefit the capitalist domination of society. The aim of the Working Class Party is unity of the whole working class, which would mean a fight to get rid of the current system of exploitation. The working class has no enemies in the working class. Only outside the working class.</p>



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





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<p>QUESTION 1 Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?</p>	<p>QUESTION 3 What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</p>
<p>ELLEN COGEN LIPTON, Democrat</p> <p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		
<p>JASON STRAYHORN, Democrat</p>  <p>Website: http://www.votestrayhorn.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JasonStrayhornforSBE Occupation / Current Position: Jason Strayhorn is a state of Michigan licensed Real Estate Broker with over 15 years of experience. Education: Undergraduate degree from MSU</p>	<p>As the father of three children, I know the challenges that parents, teachers, support staff, and especially students are facing. Through my job I travel throughout Michigan and I see the disparity between school districts. There are children in Michigan who live on separate sides of a street, and depending on which side they live on will depend on whether they receive a quality education. If I'm on the Board I want to ensure that every child in Michigan receives a quality education.</p>	<p>We need to look at equitable funding, and when I say that I don't want to "steal from the rich and give to the poor," I want to help give struggling schools the resources they need to educate our children. I would also use the position on the Board to as a bully pulpit to advocate for children who need additional services, such as special education and English as a second language children.</p>
<p>TAMI CARLONE, Republican</p>  <p>Website: http://www.tamicalrone.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Tami4ED Twitter: twitter.com/T2CPA Occupation / Current Position: CPA and Process Improvement Expert Education: University of Michigan Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting Major</p>	<p>Having 30 years of experience as a successful Corporate CPA & Process Improvement Expert, I am able to bring a professional level of fiscal responsibility, & problem solving to the Board. Skills that will be helpful to the Board given the role itself, as well as the status of education in MI. Being a national, state & local education advocate, activist, speaker & writer, for 20 years, I have built up an exceptionally unique set of skills to bring to the Board. I know education law, policy, funding, methods, standards, the players & more. I am running to give the students of MI Truth & Excellence in their education.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>MICHELLE A. FREDERICK, Republican</p>  <p>Website: http://www.michelle4s-be.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/michelle4s-be Occupation / Current Position: College student and Michigan Parents Involved in Education, board member Education: BSN Student and Associates of Arts, Oakland Community College</p>	<p>I have been an education advocate for 17 years, founding board member at Michigan Parents Involved in Education, and a leadership team member at Stop Common Core in Michigan. I am running because I have witnessed and experienced the quality of my own children's public education deteriorate over the years. This is not an isolated incident. Michigan's current reading proficiency is at 44% and math proficiency is at 38% which demonstrates this is a systemic problem throughout our great state. Michigan's parents deserve a voice that represents them on the State Board of Education, not another politician.</p>	<p>The actions and policies I would recommend to improve our education system is a thorough examination of teacher training, professional development, standards, and all standardized tests at each grade level. There must be a deficiency somewhere along the chain from development to delivery when Michigan's children are testing below the national average. Parents and children should not be subjected to a broken system with life-long consequences when problems should be identified and rectified within a reasonable amount of time.</p>
<p>BILL HALL, Libertarian</p>  <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/VoteBillHall Occupation / Current Position: Real estate/mining law attorney/ Partner, Warner Norcross + Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm Education: Northwestern Univ. School of Law, Chicago, IL, J.D., cum laude & Order of the Coif, 1981, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, A.B., magna cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa, 1978, Frankton High School, 1974</p>	<p>39 years' experience advising on legal matters. Managed firm's Real Estate Group for 10 years. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. Served on many nonprofit boards. Boy Scout leader since 1994. Honors graduate, Northwestern Univ. School of Law and Wabash College. Committed to improving education through freedom of choice and fiscal responsibility. Will be an independent voice on a Board riven by partisan politics.</p>	<p>Support freedom of choice in education. Competition from schools of choice, charter and private schools and home schooling pushes traditional public schools to innovate and better educate, and saves taxpayer dollars. Don't mandate a "common core" curriculum. Give parents more freedom to choose schools and schools more freedom to choose their own policies. Support fiscal responsibility. Replace underfunded defined benefit with defined contribution retirement plans, State funding should follow the student, let poorly performing schools fail rather than bailing them out, re-deploy funds to focus on academic achievement</p>



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

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<p>RICHARD A. HEWER, Libertarian</p> <p>Facebook: http://Richard-Hewer-for-Michigan-Board-of-Education-Occupation/CurrentPosition Retired Professor / Professor Emeritus</p> <p>Education: MBA - Grand Valley State University BBA - University of Michigan, Dearborn Diploma - Garden City High School</p> 	<p>I just retired last week after teaching Computer Information Systems classes for Ferris State University at Big Rapids, on-line, and at various Community Colleges, Dual Enrollment High Schools and ISDs. Teaching these classes showed me students need more options and should not be locked into the school system for their residence. My background would bring a unique prospective on educational options some students have and ways those could be expanded to all students.</p>	<p>Allow ALL students in Michigan to have a choice on their type of education and have the State money go to the education choice they make. Increase Vocation Education, Industry Certification and Dual Enrollment education options and make those available to all students, not just a select few. Not require all public schools have the same programs and teaching method but allow them to specialize. Let the students choose the school with their specialty and the teaching method that fits their learning style, not just the ones that are available from their local public schools.</p>	<p>Making a quality customizable education available to everyone in Michigan. I would not require students to attend failing school systems but allow students to have an online education or do other creative education choices. Providing guidance to school systems on how to educate graduates that will fulfill the job requirements needed in Michigan. I would allow the students to pick their education options and not be required to go to a cookie cutter local class. I would have more industry certification, Vocational Education and dual enrollment options available</p>
<p>KAREN ADAMS, U.S. Taxpayer</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		
<p>DOUGLAS LEVESQUE, U.S. Taxpayer</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		
<p>MARY ANNE HERING, Working Class</p> <p>Website: http://www.workingclassfight.com Occupation / Current Position: college teacher, Henry Ford College Education: formal education from Michigan State University, M.A. Psychology and through life experience at factory gates and in working class communities</p> 	<p>As a long time teacher I have been a steadfast advocate for students, their families, teachers, and the support staff who make sure schools function. I have also organized in the working class for decades. I can speak 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 the state cuts money from education. I can give voice to workers who see their children deprived of a decent education because of those cuts. I will be saying a tidal wave of money is needed to guarantee quality education for all and safe in-person schooling.</p>	<p>Stop the cuts to school funds. Stop the policy of raiding one school budget to give to another. The money is there. All these attacks could grind to a halt by ending tax cuts, subsidies and outright gifts handed over by the state, to major corporations and real estate speculators. I think the educational system can be transformed when those most affected – school employees, parents and students – organize together to demand that the money the laboring population pays, disproportionately in taxes, be used for public education. And I would stand with them and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight.</p>	<p>COVID-19 and how to open up schools to safe, in-person learning. The glaring disparity in education in our school districts. Both can be resolved by guaranteeing high, high levels of funding for all school districts. How? Banish the idea that there isn't enough money. The money is there! But we have to stop the raiding of public funds by private interests in the form of tax breaks, and subsidies and to for-profit charter schools. I would use the resources of the SBE to assist teachers, parents, students and others in their communities to organize to stop this theft to ensure full, high funding for public schools.</p>
<p>HALI MCEACHERN, Working Class</p> <p>Education: Henry Ford College, University of Michigan in Dearborn, restaurant worker for eight years</p> 	<p>I am a junior at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. I am getting my bachelor's in secondary education in history. As a teacher and board member I will use teaching best practices. I work as a server in a restaurant. I know the needs of workers and their children. I am running because I know the resources are there to give every student in the state the best quality education. I went through the public schools in Allen Park. I want better for teachers and school workers. My main focus will be to facilitate the most student learning and to improve the working conditions of teachers and school workers.</p>	<p>To enhance student learning students need smaller classroom sizes. Art, music, and gym are essential. Child and adolescent development determines a person's quality of life, so students need to be learning in enriched environments. Schools can have psychologists and nurses available for students, teachers, and parents. Conflict mediation and family counseling should be offered. A healthy breakfast and lunch must be provided. The resources are there for students to have updated technology; iPads, science experiments, calculators, supplies, instruments, and anything teachers tell us that students need to learn.</p>	<p>The most pressing issue is the profit-driven corporations draining money from education. Workers produce all of the wealth in society. There is an abundance of money in our communities that should provide schools with everything they need. Each school should be the best. Our tax money is given in the millions and billions to corporate welfare. GM, Chrysler, and Ford made billions of dollars in profits in 2018, then received billions from Michigan tax payers. If billion dollar corporations paid their taxes, and if workers taxes went to workers, Michigan schools could have the highest quality of education.</p>
<p>TOM MAIR, Green</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/TraverseGreens Occupation / Current Position: Manager - Personal Artist Manager Education: K-12 Southfield Public Schools; Western Michigan Univ - Major Business Administration Minor Marketing; Grand Valley State Univ - International Business; Ferris State Univ - International Business</p> 	<p>I am drawn to public service in Education and to Health Care as immediate needs for Michigan's K-12 students so that the students get the excellent education they deserve. COVID-19 has become the 'new school' and to prosper we need to work within the existing system of education adding higher health care standards to be safe. Not just safe learning, but safe living in our Michigan communities. I am an experienced & qualified administrator. I was elected in 2016 to a seat on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners. I understand how to work in & with government. I was a manager at a federal agency .</p>	<p>Currently, we in Michigan are under a State of Emergency and we have a pandemic. I believe that the Public School Districts should have the authority to decide how school will be delivered. From online to hybrid to face-to-face. When a case is discovered in a face-to-face classroom, then all the students should be in quarantine at home for 14 days. I will encourage special education students (students with disabilities) at Intermediate Schools to be in the classroom. Teaching can be done one-on-one if necessary. I believe Public Schools should be online - online is preferred for health safety reasons .</p>	<p>Two big issues facing public schools are the COVID-19 pandemic & school funding. We must ask (demand) our state & federal elected officials for more funding than we received in the last budget. Funding for added costs this year should be disbursed by the State Treasury from the CARES Act and more should be included in the next federal COVID-19 Stimulus Bill. I understand how to work with elected officials without political party getting in the way. On every board I have served on (20 years-on over 12 major boards) I have worked as a team member for that organization. I'm a Green and I'm independent of the two parties</p>



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

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MARK BERNSTEIN, Democrat




Website: <http://www.mgobernstein.com>
Occupation / Current Position: Regent of the University of Michigan
Education: University of Michigan B.A., J.D., M.B.A.

I am a proud product of Michigan's public education system. From kindergarten to earning three degrees from the University of Michigan. My long commitment to public service, work in government, business and the law makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. As a regent, I have fought and won for Michigan families by successfully championing the Go Blue Guarantee - a promise of free tuition for families with incomes under \$65,000 dollars.

1. Affordability. We need to continue fighting to keep the University accessible for families that struggle to pay tuition. Since I was elected, the net tuition for students from families with household incomes up to \$120,000 has gone down significantly (21% lower). The Go Blue Guarantee is our promise to provide free tuition for families with incomes under \$65,000 dollars and tuition support for families with incomes up to \$180,000 dollars. 2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The University cannot be excellent without being diverse. We know that talent is distributed widely in our society, but opportunity is not.

I'm fighting to protect the promise of public education. That means making the University of Michigan accessible for Michigan residents who struggle to pay tuition. I am dedicated to promoting broader access to life-changing education through the expansion of the Go Blue Guarantee, continued investments in student scholarships, and significant investments in diversity, equity and inclusion priorities.

SHAUNA RYDER DIGGS, Democrat



Occupation / Current Position: Regent, University of Michigan
Education: University of Michigan--Inteflex Program-combined 7-year undergraduate and medical school program BS Biomedical Science and MD

I ask for your vote for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. As the daughter of two university professors, I learned the importance of higher education to our collective futures. As an alumna of the undergraduate and medical schools, I am committed to improving our institution so that it best serves its students, staff, faculty and our state. As the first physician to ever serve on the board, I was able to impact our large academic hospital system to improve the healthcare of Michigan residents. I will continue to bring my knowledge and experiences to the boardroom.

The two most pressing issues facing UofM are the COVID-19 pandemic and campus culture. The safety of our campus community members is paramount. I support investment into our health and research capabilities as we investigate the best treatments, vaccines, and effective public health strategies. Our COVID-19 responses must consider the welfare of the students, including physical and mental health and the financial impact during this economic instability. I want to ensure a campus culture that nurtures and protects members from discrimination and misconduct to create an exceptional learning environment for all.

During my first regental term, we established the Go Blue Guarantee which opened access by providing free tuition to Michigan families making \$65,000 or less. We expanded financial aid to Michigan families making up to \$180,000. Our challenge in this next term is to expand a guarantee to our Flint and Dearborn campuses, providing financial security to aspiring students. We also need to expand pipeline programs, assisting middle and high school students as well as older non-traditional students prepare for and see the college experience as an achievable, affordable goal, particularly if the pandemic impacts our economy

SARAH HUBBARD, Republican



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Education: 1990 -Bachelors of Political Science and Psychology (double major), University of Michigan 2007 - Masters of Business Administration, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

As a life-long Michigander and having earned two degrees from U of M I care deeply about the impact and outcomes of the University. I'm running to provide a perspective currently missing from the Board - that of a conservative woman who understands education and the role U of M plays in MI. I'm a small business owner, advocate, sports enthusiast and I'm not afraid to share my opinions. Voices like mine are needed in elective office to represent people from throughout MI and ensure their tax dollars are being spent wisely. I grew up on a farm and I'll bring that down-to-earth sentiment to the Board.

The impact of COVID-19 on students and athletics is the most pressing issue facing U of M today. I believe strongly we should have students on campus and be playing athletics safely. Coach Harbaugh has shown he can keep his team safe and if others would follow his lead they would be safe too. Cancellation of U of M's football season is draining \$100 M from the athletic department - and that will have an oversized impact on all other sports. Additionally, the need to ensure free speech for all voices on campus - including conservative voices.

Higher education could be more accessible to Michigan residents if the State of Michigan would invest more - specifically focused on in-state residents. Lowering tuition for in-state residents could allow far more families to afford U of M. Keeping tuition increases limited and increasing scholarships for in-state residents will go far.

CARL MEYERS, Republican



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Education: University of Michigan - Dearborn. School of Business, BSA. 1979

As a U of M Regent, I will propose an immediate freeze in tuition for Michigan resident undergraduate students. Michigan families are in financial crisis, trying to pay for college, especially with COVID-19. Higher education is out of reach for most without family sacrifice and crippling student debt. My 38 years of experience in finance, investment management and board governance are an asset as U of M addresses budgetary and tuition challenges. My investment experience will assist in oversight of the University's

12 billion-dollar-plus endowment. Our daughters and sons should have access to a U of M Education!
 The greatest challenges facing U of M today are: #1 - To provide a safe education and campus experience in a COVID-19 environment and #2 - To maintain academic and institutional excellence with a constrained budget. As public health and science permits, the entire University should return to pre-pandemic levels as soon and safely as possible. The Board must

control growth of the budget for efficiency to assure continued excellence, affordability, diversity, and inclusion. While navigating Covid-19 and budget, the Board must be more transparent. All business should be conducted publicly, with digital access.
 Freezing tuition will address the greatest barrier of entry for our resident applicants. U of M is now one of the highest cost public universities in the country. Unabashed, the Board increased tuition during the

JAMES L. HUDLER, Libertarian

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<p>ERIC LARSON, Libertarian</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Eric-Larson-237929759141/ Twitter: twitter.com/EricLarson Occupation / Current Position: Clinical Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Education: BSE - University of Michigan MD - University of Iowa</p> 	<p>As an alumnus of the University of Michigan and life time Michigander, I have a good feel for the place that the University of Michigan plays in our state. It is a national leader in academics, research, and athletics and is an economic asset to the state. We need to preserve these attributes and I am uniquely qualified to handle these decisions. I have been in private medical practice for over 16 years and also served in leadership positions within the hospital system and our physician group. As president of our group for four years I gained experience in strategy, business, and HR that would be useful as as Regent.</p>	<p>The most pressing issues facing the University of Michigan are dealing with COVID-19 while maintaining academic excellence and value for students. Also, we must always focus on keeping UM affordable and elite as a public university. This could be done by providing more online options and continuing the thoughtful consideration of the safety of faculty and students.</p>	<p>Clearly, COVID-19 has made it clear that the traditional ways of educating are shifting. Prior trends have simply been accelerated so that now we face the opportunity to expand the educational reach of UM in ways not before used through online learning. We can expand UM's academic reach virtually throughout the state while also offering in person options for students seeking a unique experience. This could make UM not only more accessible but also affordable as its 'customer' base could expand significantly.</p>
<p>RONALD E. GRAESER, US Taxpayer</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		
<p>CRYSTAL VAN SICKLE, US Taxpayer</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		
<p>MICHAEL MAWILAI, Green</p> <p>Website: http://migreenparty.org</p> 	<p>Asian Pacific Islanders are among the largest groups attending the University, but we haven't been represented among the Board of Regents. Neither has poverty. I've walked door to door in Detroit's poorest neighborhoods to save families from losing their home to tax foreclosure, and having been a four year student at U-M, I know what getting their kids to become graduates would do for their family. From Kim Wong Ark to Vincent Chin's murder, I've learned from history and see the future of what's possible, because if Princeton's Board brought down South African apartheid, some pure Michigan can change the world.</p>	<p>Covid requires an immediate, dynamic response, free from the partisan politics that have only worsened the situation. Health, jobs, the careers the students are studying for, must all be carefully balanced and without running a deficit. An economy has to be rebuilt, but it won't happen by trying to force it to happen. As much as I'd like free college to happen, it's not the situation. It's a marathon to 120 credits but U-M gives an affordable opportunity for in-state students. Sabermetric course advisement could help students get past obstacles like changing majors and dropping out to graduate into successful careers</p>	<p>I remember when just being in Ann Arbor meant you could slip into an auditorium to watch a film you could never catch anywhere else. We have the ability to share more of our classes with the general public through remote learning technology. That means incoming students can preview and review the classes and professors, and adults can continue learning... and this in no way cheapens a degree from the University of Michigan because it's all a learning curve, which means everything we do pushes learning forward, and those who stay will become champions: the leaders and the best.</p>
<p>KEITH BUTKOVICH, Natural Law</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>		



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

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BRIAN MOSALLAM, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: President Spartan Wealth Management

Education: B.S. Engineering arts, Michigan State University.



MSU has gone through one of the largest sex abuse scandals in the history of this country. In May of 2018 I issued a plan of reform (https://docs.google.com/document/d/134E9le3kSUwXzCeNuETGJFA1cQeoUP7VNGLDobIn7j4/edit?ts=5f566bd8&skip_itp2_check=true&pli=1) and many of my initiatives have been adopted, including an escalation policy of all Title IX reports to the Board, the creation of the Audit, Risk and Compliance (ARC) Committee and the hiring of a Chief Compliance Officer, who reports to the ARC. I know what it takes to fix MSU and that is why I have survivors and their parents supporting me.

1. Student health and wellness. We have to become the national model of how to make sure a Nassar situation never happens again. Please visit my website to read more about my plan of reform "New Day MSU". 2. Transparency and accountability. We have to hold all of those responsible for what has transpired at MSU. That is why I have called on two General Counsels to resign and fired a third one. Once our legal claims are settled, and in order to gain the public's trust, I support releasing the 6000 privileged documents.

We need to realize that Michigan is 50th in the country in investing in higher education. For the past 18 years, the Michigan legislature has balanced the state's budget on the backs of higher education. That being said, I support the policy of families living below the poverty level having the ability to go to MSU for free. I would also like to see those who graduate and stay in Michigan having their income tax used as credit against their student loans.

REMA ELLA VASSAR, Democrat

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Education: PhD Urban Schooling University of California, Los Angeles With Honors Distinction



As a student-centered educator, I have advocated for marginalized, ignored, and harmed students throughout my career. My focus on fairness and justice will help facilitate trust in MSU leadership, promote healing, and bring stability back to students, families, faculty, and staff. As a current faculty member, I have expert knowledge of universities structures, policies, and practices to bring to bear in this COVID19 moment. As the parent of a Spartan entering her junior year, I have intimate knowledge of the unique needs of MSU families and students, and a keen imperative to improve campus life.

Frequent incidents of racism, misogyny, and sexism and racial and sexual violence threaten students' feelings of safety and belongingness. Inequity and injustice need to be addressed, head on, with boldness, urgency, and policy. Campus culture and climate need to change to facilitate inclusion that honors differences and protects every student. Additionally, MSU faces financial challenges due to COVID19 and persistent funding cuts. Creative fiduciary leadership is necessary to make up for these losses while ensuring affordability and access to all Michiganders. Everyone deserves to be a Spartan.

Strengthen Transparency and Accountability. There is still work necessary to redress the Nassar tragedy wrongs survivors and their families experienced at MSU. Better Outreach to Marginalized Communities. Intentional recruitment efforts in rural areas, low-income, and to Indigenous families will diversify MSU. Diversification in Administration, Faculty, and Staff. Students need to see themselves reflected in those charged with their care and development. Affordability. MSU is a land grant institution and any Michigander should be able to afford room and board—including middle-class families.

PAT O'KEEFE, Republican

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Education: Michigan State University - Bachelors in Accounting. Graduated Cum Laude Wayne State University - MBA in Finance



I am running for the MSU Board of Trustees because I believe higher education is in a significant national crisis. MSU in particular is a university that is in need of fiscally conservative leadership on its board. I have spent the last 30 years of my career as a crisis manager. My firm is recognized around the globe for our problem solving capabilities. I am familiar with dealing with troubled situations and producing better than expected outcomes when the stakes are high. I have served on advisory boards at multiple universities across the state. I understand the requirements of good governance and oversight.

The non-compliance with the Clery Act is only the latest example of the lack of oversight by the Board. The Clery Act was designed to ensure university reporting on crimes on campus. MSU failed to provide the proper level of governance and oversight. I would suggest MSU has not fixed the internal controls necessary to ensure a safe campus for students. This is a very basic requirement for parents who send their kids to MSU. Critical thinking is a basic ingredient for educational learning. An educational institution needs to expose students to a variety of opinions without fear of reprisal by school administrators.

Higher education is becoming financially unattainable for minorities and lower income students. MSU must focus on using their resources, including millions of taxpayer dollars, more efficiently and develop a larger outreach in the State of Michigan. I have specific financial plans and ideas to incentivize MSU to reach this objective. Programs like Income Sharing Agreements force universities to keep the cost of education down while developing students into productive members of society. No such program exists at MSU and it is one of many options that should be considered by the Board in order to remain competitive.

TONYA SCHUITMAKER, Republican

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Attorney
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I am running for MSU Trustee to ensure a healthy, strong future for Michigan State University graduates; protect students and free speech on campus; and make MSU fiscally responsible and accountable to students, families, and taxpayers. My husband, daughter, and I are MSU graduates, so we care about Michigan State. During my career in elected office, I focused on public safety, the importance of higher education, and expanding economic opportunities for everyone. Additionally, I work as an attorney helping people with business and family situations.

1) Paving the way for graduates to have a healthy future, which includes ensuring higher education is affordable and that students are learning the skills and values to prepare them for success. 2) Public safety: The campus must be safe and freedom of speech needs to be protected. In elected office, I received the "Outstanding Contributions to Public Safety" award, helped lead the charge to protect women on campus, and was named both the Michigan Sheriff's Association Legislator of the Year and Victim Services Program Legislator of the Year.

1) Holding tuition costs down is crucial so a Michigan State education is accessible. That requires being fiscally responsible, focusing resources on priorities, and practicing strong oversight and accountability. 2) Michigan State is a big campus, so students and their family need to feel comfortable with the safety and security. By empowering public safety officials, investigating and bringing criminals to justice, and defending free speech, Michigan State will be accessible and welcoming.

WILL TYLER WHITE, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position:

Owner of White Bros. Music in Bath.

Education: Lifelong student, technically still an undergraduate at MSU.




As an MSU student, I learned that some degrees are worth more than others, but there was not much help to guide you on which degree to pursue. I ended up studying independently with the International Economic Development Council and learned that economic development affects all communities in profound ways. It is a cross-discipline field of study though, and not offered as a major. Eventually, I qualified as a Certified Economic Developer and encourage MSU to develop programs in that field. As an entrepreneur and community activist for forty years, my business and nonprofit experience is also an asset.

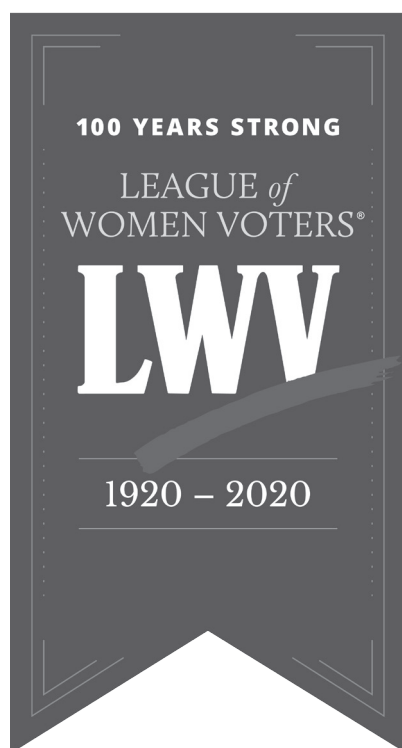
Student debt and better outcomes are the most pressing issues. Getting a degree that leads to a successful career is paramount. If you spend \$100,000 on a vehicle, it has a warrantee and good trade-in value. Some universities guarantee tuition rates until graduation. What kind of guarantee comes with an MSU degree? There is an implied contract. If students spend \$100,000 to earn a degree but can't earn enough to repay the cost, they could be allowed free or reduced tuition for more education or placement services. Any student debt payments could be suspended with no additional interest for certain periods.

More online opportunities and out-state satellite locations are needed. That means investment in changes, especially the availability of internet to all students. Some great outreach has been ongoing since 1915 with MSU Extension service. They help grow the economy in nearly every county, educating at the community and individual level. In 2017 their programs reached 360,000 kids and adults, and their Product Center helped launch 91 new businesses. The MSU Extension program should be supported and expanded.

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JANET M. SANGER, US Taxpayer	Did not respond in time for inclusion		
JOHN PAUL SANGER, US Taxpayer	Did not respond in time for inclusion		
BRANDON HU Green	Did not respond in time for inclusion		
ROBIN LEA LAURAIN, Green	 <p>My experience in the education field is that I helped establish two proprietary schools in Lansing. I was a Program Director and Instructor so I understand funding sources for education. Many of my students were eligible for the WIA program which helped to get individuals receiving State aide into vocational fields so that they could be self sufficient. I found that many of my students lacked basic reading and math skills. They had very little understanding of government or history. I set up tutoring classes in reading and math skills outside of the program and recruited volunteers to help me. All my students passed!</p>	<p>Campus safety is a number one issue at MSU. Safety from exposure to covid, sexual predators, racism, discrimination, and failure to thrive as students. Safety is a huge umbrella. As a Trustee, I will work tirelessly to make sure that umbrella covers all our students. Students can not learn if they do not feel safe. Faculty needs to feel safe in order to effectively teach. I will be that Trustee that walks the campus and reaches out to the Spartan community. I will use that old business model...managing by walking around which I learned at MSU. I would advocate for tuition being cut 30% for on-line classes.</p>	<p>I believe that any student who desires to go to University should be allowed to do so. I would work to bring the New Green Deal to MSU which calls for free college tuition. Until this could be implemented, I would advocate for a tuition freeze. I would also work towards a 30% tuition reduction and free net for all students who are not attending classes on campus due to the pandemic. Under my watch MSU would create a University Corps of advanced students to work with at risk youth to prepare them for University in exchange for tuition reduction. I would be there with the students helping them prepare future Spartans</p>
BRIDGETTE ABRAHAM-GUZMAN, Natural Law	Did not respond in time for inclusion		



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Women's Suffrage and the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by suffragists as a “mighty political experiment” designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. The suffragists had worked for more than 70 years for women’s right to vote, and on August 26, 1920, the 19th amendment was officially ratified.

“We celebrate this great achievement with recognition that women’s suffrage was not perfect,” writes Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters. Not all women gained equal access at the ballot box. Women of color, especially those in the south, did not have full voting rights.

“Progress towards a more perfect democracy is often messy, but we can’t allow the ends to justify the means, especially if it perpetuates oppression. Let us use the lessons of our history to inform our present and our future. Let us seek out ways to ensure all eligible voters have their voices heard and their votes counted.”

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

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EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ, Democrat

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Education: Bachelors of Sociology '79 and Masters of Education '91, Wayne State University; Fellow of Michigan State Political Leadership Program; Community Exec. Leadership Program, Harvard University



I'm a life-long Detroit resident and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit, a nonprofit workforce agency. I received my bachelor's degree and Master's in Education from WSU and have been involved with WSU since the '70's. I was a WSU Alumni Board member (12 yrs.) and was on several president's advisory councils from Dr. Adamany to Dr. Wilson. I'm running because I'm worried about WSU's future in this pandemic, the turmoil on the board, and recent loss of affiliation with DMC Children's Hospital. I've sat on many boards and commissions, and I bring commitment and 40+ years of administrative, education and workforce experience.

Dissention on the board negatively impacts WSU's reputation and progress. The Board's priority should be to support and guide WSU on surviving this global pandemic, developing virtual learning that works for all students, improving student retention, and ensuring a solid financial position. WSU's lost affiliation with DMC Children's hurts the medical school and services to Detroit children. Since the WSU Board could not agree on a partnership with Henry Ford Hospital, they need to pursue another hospital to maintain its leadership role within the medical community, city and state, and for our children.

Affordable tuition will improve access among low income families. Stronger partnerships with workforce and nonprofit agencies will reach underserved communities i.e., long-term unemployed, returning citizens. Entrance exams do not measure student success and should be eliminated. WSU needs to address student retention and other barriers through enhanced wrap-around social and mental health services, housing, daycare, transportation, and remedial resources. Faculty and staff need adequate tools, ongoing training and support to ensure they meet students where they are in this new virtual learning environment.

SHIRLEY STANCATO, Democrat

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After being appointed by Governor Whitmer to Wayne State's Board of Governors, I am now running to retain my seat. I led a long career in civic, corporate and community leadership, both as CEO of a major civic organization and as a high-ranking corporate officer in the banking industry. For almost 20 years, I served as the president and CEO of New Detroit, where I worked across the proverbial "aisle" in the private and public sectors to create a more equitable and just community. I am passionate about improving public education in Michigan, particularly at Wayne State, where I am a proud, first-generation alumna.

I am deeply concerned about the skyrocketing costs of a college education. We must be proactive and think creatively about how to address tuition affordability at Wayne State, particularly in this age of COVID-19, where state resources are strained and higher education support is more uncertain. Similarly, we must also be hyper-vigilant about addressing the health and safety of students, faculty and staff at Wayne State, both in the short term and long term. We must ensure the value of a Wayne State education and degree continues to grow, whether students are learning in the classroom, remotely or a mix of the two.

More than ever before, students and parents are questioning the cost of a higher education. While affordability is not the only factor affecting students' accessibility to higher education, I think it is the most significant one. In addition, I support the review of the heavy value placed on the ACT and SAT as an effective measure of scholastic aptitude for college admission and success. I also believe new recruiting strategies should be developed to attract the best minds from all geographies and socio-economic backgrounds.

DON GATES, Republican

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Education: • Masters Certificate, NDU 2019 • Masters, Army War College 2015 • MBA, Wayne State University 1997 • B.S.B.A. University of Nebraska 1990 • B.G.S.D. University of Nebraska 1990



My campaign is based on leadership, professionalism, and innovation. From the boardroom to the battlefield, I have led Soldiers in combat and commanded units with hundreds of Soldiers. I have presented and sold million-dollar projects to Corporate 500 companies. As a retired Colonel in the Army Reserve, I know how to lead effective teams and treat people with dignity and respect. I am trained to solve complex problems and develop innovative solutions. I know how to work with all stakeholders, present recommendations, make compromises, and implement winning solutions. I am running to give back and serve my alma mater.

The two issues are keeping student and faculty safe from COVID-19 and providing a quality education using a hybrid teaching format. Providing safe instruction means students and faculty must follow all the protective measures outlined by the CDC during and after classes. It is very critical they follow the rules, so they don't cause a flare up. I am in favor of stiff penalties for rule breakers. WSU has adopted a hybrid teaching method which includes 100% on-line and some classes a mix of on-line and resident classes. The classes must be challenging and teach the same content, so students receive a quality education.

The two issues are high tuition and admission policies. First, tuition rates are too high. Second, admission policies are stringent for students that don't test well on standardized tests. For tuition, I will NOT vote for a tuition increase in my eight years, reduce the administrative staff and increase the faculty, and scrutinize the exorbitant salaries and vote for reductions. Under president Wilson, administrators increased 22% and faculty decreased 12%. For WSU, MI students comprise 90%. For admissions, I will allow different admission criteria for a percentage of incoming students to increase Michigan students.

TERRI LYNN LAND, Republican

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JON ELGAS, Libertarian

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CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ, US Taxpayer

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SUSAN ODGERS, Green

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Education: BA Oakland Univ. MA Wayne State Univ. PhD all coursework/exams, Wayne State Univ.



migreenparty.org bio Gratitude to all my relations. Born in Det. WSU grad. Very connected to WSU & Metro-Det. Identify as she/her/hers. LWV member. To give back. Knows needs of students/their families. Lifelong higher ed. employee. First elected Adjunct Faculty rep. at NMC. Works w/everyone. 17 yrs. state board; MPAS, 2 years as chair. In Det., served on New Horizons & Det. Rec. Univ. Hosp. PAC Bds. Currently, VP of Traverse Area Dist. Library Board, Chair Traverse City Human Rights Commission, etc. Taxpayer voice beyond Metro area. Inspires hope. Hardworking. Speaks truth to power. Working class. Progressive.

Students: Restore hope/opportunities, mental health needs, school re-imagined via Covid, affordability, personal safety, alumni outside Det. more connected to WSU, Jubilee on debt, provide free internet & address other barriers, vets/disabled/BIPOC/LGBTQ & international students beget greater support. Leadership: Wider participation/decision-making by all, challenging enrollment & funding issues more fully addressed, teacher needs higher priority. As the 2010 Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year, I witnessed the value of civility. Without students=no WSU. Problems & answers lie w/the univ's most marginalized people

Ask students what they want to create, not just do for a living. Students MUST be a larger part of WSU's creative process & decision making. Students question higher ed. cost to benefit ratio-with good reason. Increased flexibility in the when, way & what they learn. Listen to students & their families...they have the answers. Increase WSU connection to the community & entire state; needs & resources. Take \$ out of politics (including at the university level), no greed, no privatization, no union busting, no forgotten employees or students. Period. Common sense governance. My WSU education prepared me well for BOG.

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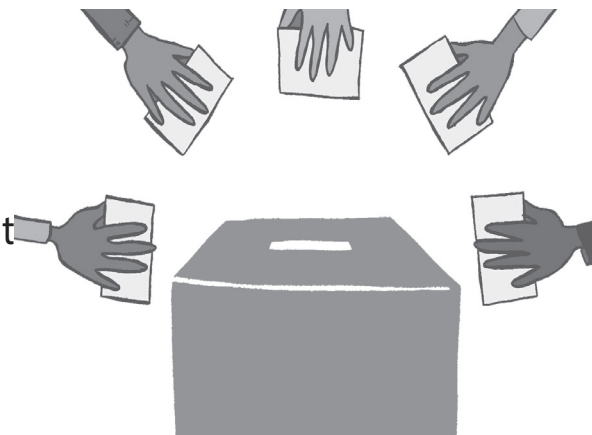
You can register to vote at your school address or your home address, depending on what address you consider your residence.

Michigan requires your voter address and license/state ID address to match. If you already have a Michigan ID and you register to vote at a different address, you will receive a change of address sticker to affix to your license/ID.

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You don't need a home address to register to vote, but you do need to identify an address for mail, and a location you consider a place of residence; it can be a street corner, a park, a shelter or any other place where you usually stay.

...I am in the Military?

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...I moved?

- If you moved to a new city or township, you must re-register. If you move within a city or township and are already registered to vote, you only need to update your address.
- If you are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial, you may register to vote. If you are in jail after being convicted and sentenced, you may not register to vote or vote while you are confined.

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Two 8-Year Term – Vote for 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. The court has seven members.

<p>QUESTION 1 Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 Do you believe the current process for selecting Supreme Court Justices is the best path to fair and impartial representation – including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated? Please explain.</p>	<p>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?</p>
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SUSAN L. HUBBARD
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Green Party.

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MARY KELLY
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Occupation / Current Position: Senior Assistant Prosecutor, St. Clair County
Education: Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science Detroit College of Law, JD
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Republican Party.



I’m running for the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as a defender of the rule of law and a protector of the vulnerable in our society. During 30 years as a prosecutor I have been a steadfast champion for the rights of victims. As Senior Assistant Prosecutor I was the lead attorney for the Criminal Sexual Conduct Unit which handled all sexual and physical abuse cases against children. Not only did I vigorously prosecute crimes like drunk driving resulting in injury and death, but also set up treatment programs to stop repeat offenses. I will always be a strong voice for victims and for safe communities.

As a Prosecutor I’m given the responsibility to enforce the law and as a Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court my role would be to make certain we adhere to the rule of law. I will not be an advocate for any political cause, but instead abide the law. Our system gives the authority to make new law and our Constitutional system to the legislative and executive branches and to the people. I will work within the system the other branches of government and the people put in place and will not put my judgement ahead of theirs.

In 2015, I was honored to receive the James T. Corden Civility Award from my peers in the St. Clair County Bar Association. This award is given to attorneys who place a premium on integrity, honesty, ethics and fairness. In short, those who practice law with dignity and respect. The Michigan Supreme Court is the ultimate authority in our state legal system and must set the example for decorum and enforce the rules throughout the system. Some judges put themselves in the role as super legislators. It is incumbent upon our state’s highest court to enforce and not make the law. That is exactly what I will do.

BRIDGET MARY MCCORMACK
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Twitter: twitter.com/bridgetmarymc
Occupation / Current Position: Chief Justice of Michigan Supreme Court
Education: New York University Law School, New York, NY, J.D., 1991 Trinity College, Hartford, CT B.A., with Honors in Political Science and Philosophy, 1988
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Democratic Party.



I am seeking re-election to the Michigan Supreme Court to continue advocating for the principle that everyone, regardless of their ability to afford a lawyer, deserves equal access to justice and a fair opportunity to have their case heard. Since joining the court in 2013, I have worked each day to ensure that our courts are accessible, independent, efficient, and engaged with their communities. I spent my career as a lawyer working for individuals who were disenfranchised from our justice system and prior to being elected was the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the U of M law school, where I still teach today.

Every process can be improved, including the one we use to elect justices in Michigan. It is important that the court is nonpartisan and therefore, in my view, the party nomination process along with some of the independent expenditures can send the wrong message to the public. Judges and justices have to be willing to lose friends and elections when making decisions—that’s what their oath requires and in my experience they are, which makes some of the cost to public confidence regrettable. However, this is the process the People of Michigan have selected and I welcome their assessment of my work at the ballot box.

The most critical challenge is access to justice. Eight of 10 people in Michigan can’t afford a lawyer when they have a civil legal problem and they have to either navigate the courts without one or they simply don’t even try. We announced a Justice For All Taskforce last year which aims to achieve 100 percent access to the civil justice system in Michigan. There is also an absence of innovation and technology in courts, which costs them transparency, efficiency and access. We have made great progress recently, but we need to make processes more user-friendly and efficient to improve our service to the public.

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney. Kerry Lee Morgan is Of Counsel to the law firm of Pentiuik, 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.
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian Party.



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 forty 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 interest 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.

KATHERINE MARY NEPTON
Website: <http://votenepton.com>
Occupation / Current Position: Lawyer at The Nepton Law Firm, PLLC
Education: University of Connecticut Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian party.



As an unexpected candidate in almost every way; I am running for the ability to affect positive change across Michigan for generations. Bringing my unique world view to the Courts. My secondary goal in running is to bring awareness to the fact that in Michigan’s 183 years as a state we are only beginning to bring Indigenous people into the fold. I wonder how many Indigenous clerks there are across Michigan. I wonder how many Indigenous lawyers have the opportunity to take a job offering various opportunities instead of working blue collar jobs through school like I did. These aims are why I am running.

Although I believe money and politics should not intertwine, my only comment on Campaign Finance is that current Michigan law makes things appear as if those in power never considered that an Indigenous person would ever get as far as being on the ballot. And, justifiably, it has taken 183 years for Michigan to have their first ever Indigenous person Candidate for Supreme Court Justice. There are specific barriers to me, as a candidate, because of my race that are built into Michigan Law. Neighbors & sister tribes are restricted, for reference please see MCL 169.252, and MCL 169.254.

First, Michigan needs to reduce archaic laws. Just because the constitution overrules certain laws does not mean that Michigan should have these laws on the books. Next, Michigan has gotten too close to the “debtor’s prisons” of time long past. Our Founding Fathers set up a system so that we would never need to put people in jail for not being able to pay a bill. In Michigan numerous people are in jail for this very reason. This systemic problem influences society in many ways. The less able you are to pay a fine, the more likely that you have a criminal record because of debt owed to the state. This is unacceptable.

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Two 8-Year Term - Vote for 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. The court has 7 members.

<p>QUESTION 1 Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 Do you believe the current process for selecting Supreme Court Justices is the best path to fair and impartial representation – including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated? Please explain.</p>	<p>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?</p>
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BROCK SWARTZLE

Website: <http://BrockForJustice.com>
Facebook: <http://Brock Swartzle For Justice>
Occupation / Current Position: Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals
Education: B.S., University of Michigan; J.D., George Mason University Law School
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Republican Party.

The Rule of Law is a bedrock of our society, and we must be vigilant in protecting it. Justice, due process, equity, and fairness all flow from the Rule of Law. As a Michigan Court of Appeals Judge, I am committed to upholding these principles. Before becoming a judge, I worked in the Legislature as House General Counsel, in 3 federal courts as a law clerk, and as a lawyer in private practice (e.g., antitrust, employment, healthcare, criminal law, etc). I've given back to my community through my church and alumni association, as well as teaching at the MSU Law School and serving on a national judicial education board.

The people should decide who their judges are. There are many ways this can be done, and Michigan's system strikes a reasonable balance. It is absolutely essential that judges run as nonpartisans, because our judicial canons require us to "be unswayed by partisan interests." Canon 3(A)(1). We need more outlets to inform the public about each candidate's judicial philosophy and experience, so that judicial elections are focused on the issues, not catchy slogans or memorable phrases. And, most importantly, candidates must be transparent—that is why I have posted my opinions to my website, BrockForJustice.com.

We have the greatest legal system in the world—if you can afford it. Simply put, justice that is too expensive is not justice. We must make access to justice cheaper for everyone, from the single mom to the corner store-keeper to the adoptive parents to the low-income juvenile to our biggest employers. So, (1) the Michigan Supreme Court needs to reform its court rules to make pretrial matters (e.g., fact discovery, motion practice) quicker and cheaper, and (2) the Court needs to work with the Legislature and other groups to provide juveniles who enter the justice system with early and effective intervention.

ELIZABETH M. WELCH

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/welchforjustice>
Twitter: twitter.com/welchforjustice
Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
Education: Penn State University, BA with honors; Ohio State University, JD
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Democratic Party.

My experience with employment law (representing small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals); bi-partisan advocacy for public schools, voting rights, and conservation; criminal law and abuse/neglect cases; and community mediation will add value to the Court. I have served in leadership roles on my local school board, in nonprofit organizations, and on foundations working to solve deep challenges in our communities. We need justices with broad backgrounds and exposure to different viewpoints to make important decisions and ensure the Judicial Branch functions fairly and transparently to assure public trust.

Our partisan nomination process is confusing. An alternative is a non-partisan commission/appointment by Governor/retention election process. Importantly all judges should face voters in elections to ensure they stay connected to those served. Voter guides with candidate information could be sent to all voters with absentee ballots and be placed in polling places. Finally, we must have full, timely disclosure of all money spent in judicial races. Candidates already have robust campaign finance disclosure requirements, but the law should also require full disclosure of money spent by everyone else.

The lack of complete data makes it impossible to fully study and understand outcomes in our criminal justice system. The Court should work to modernize technology platforms in order to gather data in a usable format across the State so that outcomes are examined to ensure justice is delivered fairly across all demographics and programs are implemented that ensure safer communities. Additionally, we have a crisis in our court system; the vast majority of litigants lack access to counsel. We must utilize technology and new pathways to ensure everyone can access justice fairly (even if unrepresented).

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Appeals Court

All candidates are unopposed and were not sent questionnaires.

The Michigan Appeals Court is the primary appeals court of the state. There are 4 districts; candidates run on the Nonpartisan Section of the Ballot.

District 1
6-Year Terms – Vote for no more than THREE (3)
KAREN FORT HOOD
ANICA LETICA
CHRISTOPHER M. MURRAY

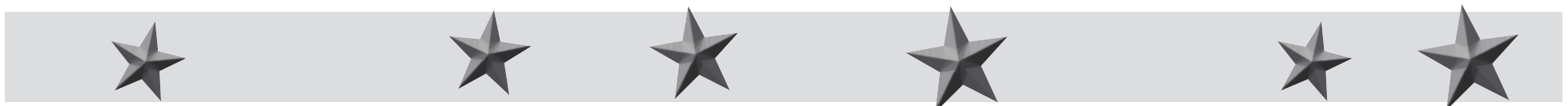
District 2
6-Year Terms – Vote for no more than TWO (2)
MARK J. CAVANAGH
JONATHAN TUKEL

District 3
6-Year Terms – Vote for no more than TWO (2)
MARK THOMAS BOONSTRA
JANE E. MARKEY

District 3
Partial Term Ending 1/1/2023, 2 Years
Vote for no more than ONE (1)
JAMES ROBERT REDFORD

District 4
6-Year Terms – Vote for no more than TWO (2)
MICHAEL J. KELLY
AMY RONAYNE KRAUSE

District 4
Non-Incumbent, 6-Year Terms – Vote for no more than ONE (1)
MICHELLE RICK



Statewide Proposals on November 3, 2020 Ballot



Statewide Proposal 20-1 Michigan Use of State and Local Park Funds Amendment

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent.

[Referred to the Ballot by the Legislature]

This proposal would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

(Source: Michigan Secretary of State)

A **“yes”** vote supports making changes to how revenue in the state’s park-related funds can be spent, including (a) making projects to renovate recreational facilities eligible for grants and (b) allowing the parks endowment fund to be spent on park operations and maintenance, and (c) removing the cap on the size of the natural resources trust fund.

A **“no”** vote opposes making changes to how revenue in the state’s park-related funds can be spent, thus (a) continuing to prohibit projects to renovate recreational facilities from receiving grants and (b) continuing to prohibit the parks endowment fund from being spent on park operations and maintenance, and (c) keeping the cap on the size of the natural resources trust fund.

Support for: Vote Yes for MI Water Wildlife & Parks
is leading the campaign in support of the ballot measure.
Website: www.miwaterwildlifeparks.com/

Opposed: No organized group has been formed as of September 8, 2020.
(Source: Ballotpedia)



Statewide Proposal 20-2 Michigan Search Warrant for Electronic Data Amendment

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications.

[Referred to the Ballot by the Legislature]

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person’s house or seize a person’s things.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

(Source: Michigan Secretary of State)

A **“yes”** vote supports this constitutional amendment to require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.

A **“no”** vote opposes this constitutional amendment to require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.

No organized groups for or against this proposal have been formed as of September 8, 2020.

(Source: Ballotpedia)

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all, age 16 and older.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

MichiganVoting.org - Michigan Election Protection Coalition

What if I want to vote before Election Day, but have not requested an absentee ballot yet?

Visit your city/township clerk's office as soon as possible, fill out an application for an absentee ballot, and submit it to the staff. Complete the ballot while you're in the office, place it in the envelope provided, sign the outside of the envelope with your official signature, and submit it to the staff.

What if I requested an absentee ballot but never received it?

Prior to Election Day, visit your city/township clerk's office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 by 4 p.m.

On Election Day, you can go to your polling place, complete a simple form indicating you never received your absentee ballot and vote.

What if I received my absentee ballot, but then made a mistake on it, I lost it, or it was destroyed?

Visit your city/township clerk's office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. If you still have the absentee ballot, because you made a mistake or it was only partially destroyed, take it with you. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 by 4 p.m.

Or you can go to your polling place on Election Day, fill out a form and vote. If you have the absentee ballot, because you made a mistake or it was only partially destroyed, take it with you.

What if I have my absentee ballot, but I don't have enough time to mail it back to my clerk?

Your absentee ballot must be RECEIVED by your city/township clerk by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 to be counted. To be sure it arrives on time, you should bring your completed absentee ballot to your city/township clerk's office or deposit it into a drop box provided by your clerk.

You can call or email your city/township clerk to find out whether they have a drop box. To find your city/township clerk's contact info, you can visit www.mi.gov/vote.

What if I have my absentee ballot but decide to vote in person on Election Day?

If you decided not to vote by absentee ballot, take your absentee ballot to your polling place on Election Day and surrender it. You will then be issued a new ballot that you can vote in the polling location.

What if I mailed my absentee ballot to my city/township clerk, but I am concerned that it won't arrive in time?

You can track your absentee ballot at the Michigan Voter Information Center - www.mi.gov/vote - to see if your clerk has received it. If your absentee ballot has not been marked as "received," visit your clerk's office, ask to spoil your original absentee ballot, and request a new ballot. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 by 4 p.m.

Where is my city/township clerk's office, and when is it open?

You can find the location, hours, and contact info for your city/township clerk at the Michigan Voter Information Center - www.mi.gov/vote. (Click on the "Your Clerk" tab on the left-hand side and then "Search By Address"). Or call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Where is my polling location?

You can find your polling location at the Michigan Voter Information Center - www.mi.gov/vote, or visit www.VOTE411.org

Call the Election Protection hotlines for assistance at any time.

For assistance in English, call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683);

Para recibir ayuda en español, llama a 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682); 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287) :ة، يبرع الة غلل اب دةع اس مل ل:

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For assistance in Bengali, Cantonese, English, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683).

Know Your Voting Rights

What if I registered to vote but I'm not on the voter list at my polling place?

If you have the receipt you received when you registered to vote, show it to the poll worker and then vote.

If you don't have your receipt, give the poll worker your address and ask if you're at the correct polling place. If you are not at the right polling place for your address, go to the correct polling place.

If you are at the correct polling place but are not on the voter list, you can go to your city/township clerk's office with proof of residency and register to vote before 8 p.m. on Election Day. While at the clerk's office, you can vote by absentee ballot.

If you cannot go to the clerk's office with proof of residency, you may be able to cast a "provisional ballot." To do this, you'll have to swear you believe you previously registered to vote.

If you can provide a photo ID that shows your current address in that polling place, your provisional ballot will go into the machine and be counted on Election Day. If not, it will go into an envelope, and the clerk will review it after Election Day. If your ballot goes into the envelope, you have six days after Election Day to go to the clerk's office with any documentation to show that you are registered to vote.

What if I go to the wrong polling place?

Go to the correct polling place by looking it up online at the Michigan Voter Information Center www.mi.gov/vote, by calling the nonpartisan Election Protection hotlines at the end of this guide, or by calling your city/township clerk before you go vote. If you arrive at the wrong polling place, ask a poll worker to help you find your correct polling place. If you aren't registered to vote where you currently live, go to your city/township clerk's office with proof of residency before 8 p.m. on Election Day to register to vote.

What if I have a problem voting, or someone is trying to intimidate or harass me?

Tell a poll worker immediately. If the poll worker is the problem, or they don't address the problem, call your local city/township clerk. If the city/township clerk doesn't address the problem, call one of the nonpartisan Election Protection hotlines at the end of this guide.

What if someone challenges my right to vote?

Step 1: Ask to be sworn in by the poll worker,

Step 2: Answer whatever questions are necessary to establish your eligibility to vote, and,

Step 3: Vote.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot or the voting machine malfunctions?

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot right away. You have the right to a new ballot if you catch the mistake before your ballot is inserted into the tabulator machine and counted.

If the scanner rejects your ballot, ask for a new one. You have the right to start over.

If the tabulator machine isn't working, you can place your completed ballot into a bin in the tabulator machine. The poll workers will insert your ballot into the tabulator once the machine is working again.

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For additional information or questions, visit www.michiganvoting.org or email: questions@michiganvoting.org.

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You Don't Have To Wait!

Voting in Michigan has never been easier. Voters have options:

- ◆ **Vote From Home** by absentee ballot,
- ◆ **Vote In Your Clerk's office** after for 40 days, September 24 - November 2, or
- ◆ **Vote In Person** on Election Day.

Visit www.michigan.gov/vote for more information or contact your local Clerk if you have questions.

Ballot Drop Boxes are available in most communities and are often located by your Clerk's office. Many communities have several Drop Boxes.

Drop Box Locations: www.Michigan.gov/vote

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DID YOU KNOW?

Citizens may register to vote right up to and including Election Day. Beginning on October 20 through Election Day at 8 pm you must register in person in your Clerk's office.

You can register to vote online at www.Michigan.gov/vote until October 19? (You cannot vote online.)

ALL registered voters can vote from home or in their local Clerk's office by absentee ballot after September 24.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Online at www.Michigan.gov/vote before October 20 (do not wait)

By mail - Complete a voter registration application and mail it to your local Clerk by October 20 or sooner.

In person – First call your local or county clerk's office or Secretary of State branch office. Find your clerk www.Michigan.gov/vote.

When applying for services at state agencies that provide public assistance (such as Medicaid, WIC and food stamps) or services to people with disabilities.

Am I already registered? You can check at www.Michigan.gov/vote

You can register to vote if:

- You are a U.S. citizen, are or will be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you want to register to vote for at least 30 days by Election Day,
- You are at least 18 years old on or by Election Day, and
- You are not incarcerated on Election Day (see below for exceptions).

What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote at your school address or your home address, depending on what address you consider your residence.
- Michigan requires your voter address and license/state ID address to match. If you already have a Michigan ID and you register to vote at a different address, you will receive a change of address sticker to affix to your license/ID.

What if I am incarcerated or have been convicted of a crime?

- Only persons who are currently incarcerated and serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or felony conviction are prohibited from voting.
- You can register and vote if you are on probation or parole.
- Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released, but please update your address.

What about someone who is homeless?

You don't need a home address to register, but you do need to identify an address for mail, and a location you consider a place of residence; it can be a street corner, a park, a shelter or any other place where you usually stay.

Where is my polling location if I vote in person?

Visit www.VOTE411.org and enter your address.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS –

NO REASON NEEDED: Go online to www.Michigan.gov/vote or request an application from your local Clerk.

IN PERSON: Apply, vote the absentee ballot in your Clerk office and submit in person OR take the ballot home, mark the ballot, and drop it off at the Clerk office or your Clerk’s Drop Box. Or Mail it back (1st class postage required) by October 19.

► After September 24, a person who can provide proof of residency may register to vote, get an absentee ballot, and vote all in the same visit to their local Clerk’s office.

BY MAIL/VOTE AT HOME: Vote the absentee ballot at your convenience and use the provided envelope to mail (1st class postage required). Your ballot must be received in your Clerk’s office by 8 pm on Election Day to be counted. After October 19, use a drop box or deliver in person.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS - SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE.

Your signature will be checked and matched.

► Only a member of your household or a close family relative may return your absentee ballot for you. If you have no one who qualifies, call your Clerk office.

TRACK YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT www.Michigan.gov/vote

IN PERSON VOTING

Photo ID - Michigan requires poll workers to ask for photo ID. If you don’t have it with you, you may sign an affidavit attesting to your missing photo ID and your identity, and a regular ballot will be issued to you.



EXAMPLE OF DROP BOX

Find Drop Box Locations at www.Michigan.gov/vote

Accessibility - Visit www.Michigan.gov/vote for more information.

- You may bring someone with you to help (translate, read, etc.), if he/she is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer/agent of your union.
- Every location MUST have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) that has several options to help you vote.
- If you have a concern about accessibility on Election Day, you should contact your Clerk office prior to that day; in some instances, you may qualify for curbside voting.



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YOUR Federal, State
and Local Races
wherever you live in Michigan, go to ...**




ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



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**Care what your
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Your Vote is Your Voice.
Make your voice heard
by voting.**



Find ALL your federal and state races online at VOTE411.org
Including the Presidential Race, all State Races, Ballot Proposals and candidate updates.

BEFORE YOU VOTE go to



ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

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

Also available on **VOTE411**:

All Michigan 110 State Representative races

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

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

Visit VOTE411.org, enter your address, and see all the races and proposals on your ballot.

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Serve your democracy.**

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

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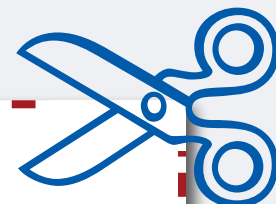
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 • Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**On the PARTISAN SECTION of the ballot, you may vote for all candidates of any one party
OR you may vote for candidates from different parties in different races.
In any case, be sure to ALSO VOTE the NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot.**

PARTISAN

President/Vice President _____

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 (2) 1) _____ 2) _____

Court of Appeals Unopposed

STATE PROPOSALS

#20-1 State Park Funds Yes or No #20-2 Electronic Data Yes or No

There may be county and local proposals.

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.