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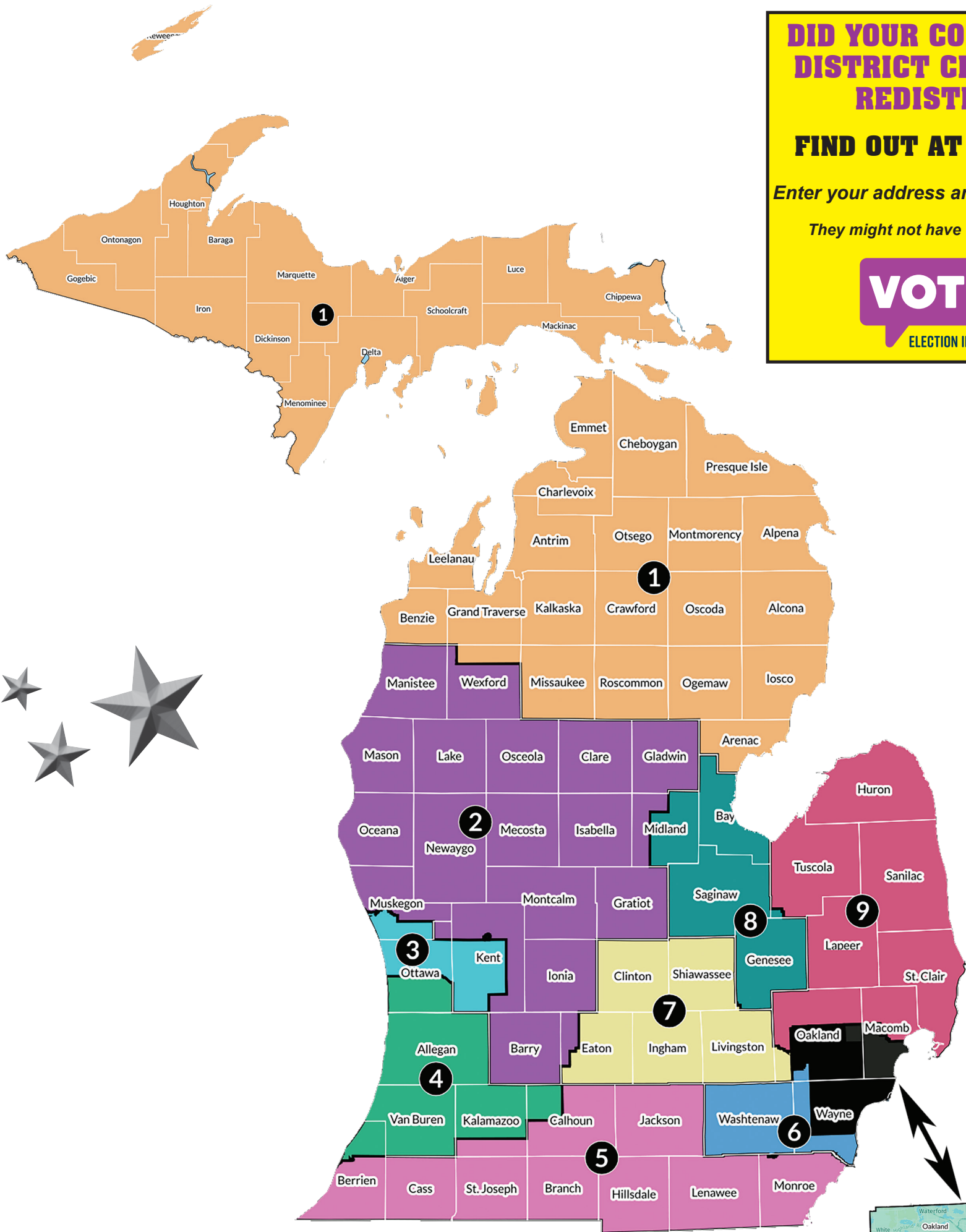
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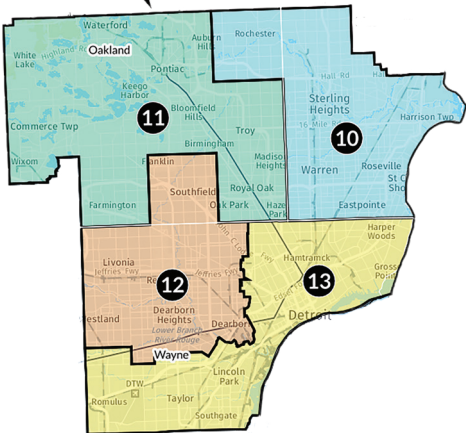
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Congressional District Map

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 exceeded 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 "No response by print deadline" appear under the candidate's name. The content is current as of September 17, 2022.

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The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by leaders of the women's suffrage movement. For 102 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 links to this printed Voter Guide and 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 streaming or later online viewing.

Voting

Voting in Michigan has never been more convenient. Voters have options. For more information, see page 38.

Voting Early by Absentee Ballot

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

Absentee Ballot Applications

Every registered voter is eligible to vote by absentee ballot, but you must complete an application, even if you are on a permanent absentee voter list with your local city or township clerk. Visit www.Michigan.gov/vote to either apply online for an absentee ballot or download an application and return it to your local Clerk. We recommend submitting your application asap. After October 24, we recommend requesting a ballot in-person at your clerk's office, rather than online or by mail.

Voting Absentee in the Clerk's Office -

For 40 days, September 29 to November 7, you can visit your local Clerk's office and vote. See page 38 for more information.

Tips for voters

- **VOTE EARLY**
- **Follow the instructions.**
- **Sign the envelope with your official signature.**
- **Deliver to your Clerk's Drop Box, deliver in person to the Clerk's office, or mail it no later than October 24. 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 8th

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 your photo ID if you have one. If you don't have a photo ID or if you forgot to bring it, 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. Face masks are welcome but not required. If you run into a problem – there is help. **Call the Election Protection Hotlines any time** at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683 English), 888-VEY-VOTA (888-839-8682 Spanish), 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287 Arabic), 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683 Asian/PI).

Michigan voters who feel uncomfortable voting in person on Election Day 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 smaller. Always check the office hours of your local Clerk first.

Michigan Governor

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor

run as a team - one vote elects both.

Duties: The state’s executive powers are vested in the Governor.

Qualifications: A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

GRETCHEN WHITMER Democrat

Website: gretchenwhitmer.com

Facebook: facebook.com/GretchenWhitmer

Campaign Twitter Handle: @gretchenwhitmer

Occupation / Current Position: Governor, State of Michigan

Education: Bachelor’s degree and law degree from Michigan State University

Qualifications and Experience: Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan State Senate, and Ingham County Prosecutor



TUDOR M. DIXON Republican

Website: www.tudordixon.com


Facebook: www.facebook.com/DixonforGovernor

Campaign Twitter Handle: @TudorDixon

Occupation / Current Position: Businesswoman

Education: B.A., University of Kentucky

Qualifications and Experience: Tudor Dixon is a businesswoman, breast-cancer survivor, and working mom of four girls. She built a career in Michigan’s steel industry throughout the early 2000s.



MARY BUZUMA Libertarian

Website: electmarybuzuma.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lpmary4gov

Campaign Twitter Handle: @LPMary4Gov

Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Navy. Retired after 26 years in Naval Intelligence

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kalamazoo College

Qualifications and Experience: Leadership experience from 26 years in U.S. Navy and as a former State Chair of Libertarian Party of Michigan



DONNA BRANDENBURG US Taxpayers

KEVIN HOGAN Green

Website: gofund.me/2b335cbc


Facebook: www.facebook.com/your.KevinHogan

Campaign Twitter Handle: @KevinHo84541553

Occupation / Current Position: Retired Research Biochemist and Retired Substitute Public School Teacher

Education: University of Michigan - Biochemistry, Psychology, ...Chemistry Teacher postponed

Qualifications and Experience: Scientist. In Particular, I’m a Biochemist published in the fields of Immunology, Aging, and Human Eye Disease. So, I have the knowledge and experience to end the COVID19 Pandemic & fix the Economy!



DARYL M. SIMPSON Natural Law

Running Mate:

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

GARLIN D GILCREST II, Democrat

SHANE HERNANDEZ, Republican

BRIAN ELLISON, Libertarian

MELISSA CARONE, U.S. Taxpayer

DESTINY CLAYTON, Green

Questions (650 characters each):

PRIORITIES:

What are your top 3 priorities for the State of Michigan and how would you address them?

Economy & Jobs: Cutting costs and keeping our economy moving forward by supporting small businesses, attracting historic manufacturing investments, and securing new auto jobs. Infrastructure: Securing multi-billion dollar investments to repair roads, bridges, and water infrastructure while supporting over 100,000 jobs. Continuing work to improve our state’s infrastructure is a top priority. Protecting the Right To Choose: I will fight like hell to protect abortion rights in Michigan.

1. Improve Michigan schools by empowering parents and expanding choices. 2. Rebuild and grow the economy, support energy and infrastructure projects throughout Michigan. 3. Restore law and order.

As the first Libertarian governor of Michigan I will work to roll back the state and restore the inalienable right to choose for all Michiganders. The right to choose how to educate their children, how to spend their hard earned money, how to best take care of their medical needs and most important how to live their lives.

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Women’s Equality, LGBTQI(+) Equality, and the Economy (COVID19 Ended). As Michigan Governor Kevin Hogan , I would address Women and LGBTQI(+)'s Equality by pressuring the state legislature using the media and concurrently, for leverage, openly supporting a ballot proposal to end wrongful discrimination and have Equality for Women’s and LGBTQI(+) Community, and as a biochemist I would address the Economy by ending The Gretchen Whitmer COVID19 Deadly (38,000+ Michiganians dead, including children) Pandemic, increasing minimum wage getting people back to work (creating jobs), and by ending inflation something Gretchen Whitmer in one of her many commercials says she cannot do. I can!

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EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?	ECONOMY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: Do you support Michigan's taking action on climate change? If so, what 3 climate-related policies would you support?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in Michigan?
I worked across the aisle to make the largest investment in K-12 education in state history, without raising taxes, to empower the educators and parents, and help our students thrive. We closed the school funding gap, tripled the number of reading coaches, reduced class sizes, and brought Republicans and Democrats together to recruit more teachers, and expand before and after-school programming. My administration has worked hard to address the teacher shortage and secured over \$500 million for teacher recruitment and training programs to hire and train 10,000 new teachers in our most recent budget.	I've worked hard to cut costs for Michiganders delivering \$3 billion in auto refunds for drivers and I'm fighting to provide more relief. I've announced plans to provide \$500 rebate checks for every working family and called for the legislature to pass a sales tax holiday on school supplies. I am working to repeal Michigan's retirement tax that would save 500,000 households 1,000 per year and called for tripling Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit to help over 700,000 working families. I signed two bipartisan tax cuts for small businesses and repealed the tampon tax, providing \$7 million in annual savings.	By combating climate change, we can build safer communities, protect our natural resources, cut costs for families, create lasting jobs, and strengthen our economy. My MI Healthy Climate Plan would create resilient jobs and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, moving towards energy independence through renewable resources, building a charging network to support 2 million electric vehicles, and so much more. I have secured millions of investments in climate-resilient infrastructure and vehicle electrification. These measures are not just critical for our health, but they are strengthening our economy and creating long term opportunity right here at home.	Protecting the right to choose: I will continue to fight like hell to protect abortion rights. Expanding education: My administration secured the largest investment ever in Michigan's K-12 schools. Protecting the right to vote: I am committed to ensuring that the voice of every Michigander is protected at the ballot box. Investments in communities of color: I've worked tirelessly to open new pathways for Michiganders of all backgrounds to build wealth. Most diverse administration: I've built the most inclusive administration in Michigan's history.
I have a five step plan to improve Michigan schools. 1. Distribute Tutoring Certificates - Fund 25 hours of tutoring in reading and math for every student using some of the \$6 Billion in federal COVID relief funding. 2. Preserve Parent's Rights - Require school districts to put all curriculum and teaching materials online for parents to see. 3. Protect Girls' Sports - Protect young girls from being forced to compete against biological boys in school sports. 4. Improve Civic & Financial Literacy - Enact substantial civic and financial literacy requirements for grade school. 5. Create Education Savings Accounts - Empower parents to decide which education environment is best.	I have a five step plan to improve put Michigan "back in business." 1. Reduce Personal Income Tax - Develop and enact a plan to phase out Michigan's personal income tax over time. 2. Upscale Workforce Training & Emphasize the Trades - Expand public-private partnerships between the education system and the private sector. 3. Slash 40% of Regulations in 4 Years - Cut, reduce, or streamline 40% of Michigan's enormous regulatory code in four years. 4. Cut Corporate Welfare - Analyze all Michigan incentive programs created and utilized over the last decade to determine their efficacy and efficiency. 5. Make Michigan Open for Business - Rapidly enact pro-growth policies.	Michigan should have policies that benefit all businesses and create a strong environment for job growth. Market forces should determine success and failure, not the government. I support: 1. Utilizing Alternative Financing Opportunities - Using public-private partnerships and other innovative financing mechanisms where they make sense to ease taxpayer burdens. 2. Consolidating Agencies - Streamline the over 600 government agencies and departments that handle road funding annually and improve the overall management. 3. Revising the Funding Formula & Making Funding More Flexible - Evaluate changes like revising funding formulas or giving local districts more flexibility.	All families deserve the best educational opportunities for their children, regardless of their background or income level. A strong education leads to good jobs and strong outcomes for the future. I fully support the creation of Education Savings Accounts for families. ESAs will truly empower parents to decide which education environment is best for their child. Michigan should allow families to use the state's per-pupil funding amount on public, private, charter, virtual, or homeschooling options. All families deserve school options for their kids, not just the privileged and the few.
More laws, rules and taxpayer money will not improve government school education but competition will. Parents are best situated to decide what is in their own children's best interests, and I will support all measures that enhance all educational choices available: charter schools, tax credits for private school tuition, home schooling, etc. Our state gives tax breaks to corporations whose CEOs can afford to send their children to private schools, shouldn't it provide tax breaks to parents who want to improve their child's education? A limited supply of educators is the fault of the State. Eliminate unnecessary barriers to capable candidates who want to enter the education job market.	Taxation is theft and the income tax should be repealed but until that time, a promise made is a promise kept. Keep the bipartisan promise made 15 years ago and return the income tax to 3.9%. The state can afford it and the people of Michigan deserve it. Enact a sustainable budget to prevent overspending and growing government. Economic circumstances have forced many hard-working taxpayers to cut back, there's no reason why our state government shouldn't follow their example. Keep the growth of the budget below the rates of growth of the state population plus the inflation rate. If the population grows by 1% and inflation grows by 2%, the state budget shouldn't grow by more than 3%.	Michigan residents through the monopoly utility companies pay the highest rates in the region for some of the least reliable electricity in the country. All new electricity generation constructed in our state must be able to supply reliable electricity when it is needed. Human rights and individual liberty go hand-in-hand with environmental protection and improvement. The cleanest environments are in places where human rights are honored and protected. The demand to protect the environment proceeds from free people with adequate food, shelter and legal rights, not controlling governments. Expanding individual liberty is a key component of making our state and our world a cleaner place.	Libertarians believe every person has the same inalienable rights that the State has a duty to protect. I oppose any form of discrimination by government based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other group or individual identification. End qualified immunity and other aspects of modern-day policing that lead to violence and harassment of people of color the LGBTQ community and sex workers. I will work to change laws and institutions of government so that those of modest means can experience greater upward mobility. All people need to live their daily lives without fear of unjustified harassment, arrest, or injury/death at the hands of the State.
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Michigan's Education ranks 40th that is there are only ten states that are worse than the state of Michigan in Education. Competition brings out the brightest and the best. So, I would drive public schools to compete for students. How? I would have the \$7,500 per student follow the student to whichever school his or her parents (and students) choose. I would downsize large-dilapidated schools making new smaller schoolhouses with air condition and other amenities, pay teacher better, establish a program for professionals like scientists (like myself), mathematicians, engineers, etc. to acquire faster (6 months) teaching certification.	As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party, I will support Michiganians' improved economic positions by having Water, Food, and Housing as basic human rights. I will support an increase in minimum wage. I will support unions - every job should be unionized for a better standard of living (and happiness). I will support within a business disclosure of pay for workers with the same title, so minorities won't (like I was) be lowballed paid. I will support free education with day care.	As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party and Scientist, I will support taking action on climate change. I will support ending fracking. I will support alternative energy sources. I will support using glass instead of some petroleum base plastics.	As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party, I will promote social and racial justice in Michigan by signing into law a bill preventing bigots from holding government office. I will also mandate a police policy of one strike and your fired. I will eliminate Internal Affairs (police policing police) having police officers have their day in court facing a jury (not a judge). I will mandate by executive order the immediate release of police body camera video to the media for public view.
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Michigan Secretary of State

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

Term: 4 years

JOCELYN BENSON

Democrat

Website: www.votebenson.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sosjocelynbenson

Campaign Twitter Handle: <https://twitter.com/JocelynBenson>

Occupation / Current Position: Secretary of State

Education: Graduate of Wellesley College, Harvard and Oxford universities

Qualifications and Experience: Elected Secretary of State in 2018; Secretary of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS.); former Dean of Wayne State University Law School



KRISTINA ELAINE KARAMO

Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: college professor

Education: masters degree in Christian Apologetics, BS in Communication



GREGORY SCOTT STEMPFLE

Libertarian

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Campaign Twitter Handle: [Stempfle4SoS](https://twitter.com/Stempfle4SoS)

Occupation / Current Position: Medical Technologist, Henry Ford Transplant Immunology

Education: MS Molecular Biology, Wayne State 2014 BS Clinical Laboratory Science, Wayne State 2008

Qualifications and Experience: I have 25 years' experience as a political activist familiarizing myself with election law. I've been a candidate, campaign treasurer, state party chair, precinct delegate, and poll worker.



CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ US

Taxpayer

Occupation / Current Position: Self employed businessman


Education: I attended MCCC and MSU

LARRY JAMES HUTCHINSON JR.

Green


Questions (650 characters each):	
QUESTION 1: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to be the Secretary of State?	QUESTION 2 What would be your top priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to accomplish them?
I am running for reelection to keep partisanship out of the Secretary of State's Office while we work to make it serve everyone, whether they consider themselves a Republican, Democrat or Independent. Our work also includes making it easier to vote while ensuring that every election is secure, fair and free. I am pleased to have overseen the safest, most secure and successful election in Michigan history when 5.5 million voters cast ballots. I bring to the office a lifetime commitment to protect our democracy, whether investigating hate crimes or fighting mis-information campaigns designed to undermine it.	We want to build on the service improvements we've made. When I took office in 2019, customers had to 'take a number and wait,' which sometimes resulted in hours-long wait times. Today, branch office customers are in-and-out, on average, in 20 minutes. We've doubled the transactions that can be done online and have placed self-service stations in grocery stores. We've also made voting easier while ensuring our elections are secure, fair and free. Our plans include expanding our mobile branch office operation and locating mini-offices in key locations. We want to protect and expand options that make voting easier but secure.
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I have 25 years' experience as a political activist familiarizing myself with election law. I've been a candidate, campaign treasurer, state party chair, precinct delegate, poll worker, and worked on several ballot initiatives. In my professional life, I am medical technologist in an organ transplant lab. This field requires me to deal with complex technical matters under short time constraints which is a valuable skill needed to manage state elections. My political and professional experience demonstrate that I would be capable of ensuring fair and transparent elections. Only someone from outside the two-party system can make this claim.	I plan to streamline and automate services when possible, without leaving those without access to technology behind. I support changes to the vehicle registration process so owners can permanently register their vehicle rather than every year or two. Vehicle registration amounts to a tax that disproportionately hurts the poor and leads to people getting trapped in the criminal justice system. Many voters' express concerns to me about the appointment program at the branch offices saying they often wait longer than expected. If this office plans to continue the appointment program, we need to look at ways of better honoring the scheduled times
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Who administers elections in Michigan?




LOCAL CLERKS

Local government officials responsible for administering election in a city, township, or county. All election inspectors and chairpersons are instructed by the local clerk and may be trained by the county clerk.



PRECINCT CHAIRPERSON

The lead election inspector managing the polling place and other election workers.



ELECTION INSPECTORS

Paid and trained government workers, sometimes called poll workers, helping to assist voters and process ballots.

Michigan Secretary of State

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Questions (650 characters each):

QUESTION 3:

What initiatives would you implement to provide support to county, city and local clerks?

In my first term, we worked with local clerks to give them the tools they need to conduct secure, fair and free elections. Our work included helping place ballot drop boxes in communities across the state, recruiting a new generation of poll workers, and made \$8 million dollars of federal funds available to clerks to bolster election security. I will continue to advocate that state and federal funds be provided directly to local jurisdictions and will continue partnering with all clerks to preempt election misinformation that seeks to deceive voters. Local clerks are often voters trusted source for accurate election information in their communities.

QUESTION 4

What policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

I believe election administration must be above partisanship. Campaign funding should be transparent. It should be easy to vote, while ensuring security and fairness. Among the policies we have implemented is Election Day registration to ensure that every eligible citizen can register and vote. I believe in educating voters about their new rights to vote from home, sending absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter in the state, and creating an online, downloadable application to request your absentee ballot online. We implemented several secure protocols to ensure every valid ballot and only valid ballots were counted and will continue to do so if reelected.

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I would work with county clerks to help them publish more updated and accurate election information on their county government website. I would also work with local election officials to provide improved equipment to accommodate alternative voting methods and provide better training with regard to handling minor party paperwork.

I advocate requiring paper ballots for voting so that any recounts can be done using physical objects rather than voting by touch screen. I advocate for election reforms that level the playing field for independent and third-party candidates. These include using ranked choice voting, allowing counties, townships, and villages to conduct nonpartisan elections, and making the signature requirements for independent candidates the same as Democrats and Republicans. I support the current system of absentee voting for any reason, early voting, and same day voter registration and will push back against any efforts to make voting more difficult.

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MI elections are decentralized



Michigan's elections are carried out on the local level by 1,520 city and township clerks across the state.

- **83 county clerks** support and supplement the work of local clerks by coordinating election materials, manage county-level contracts with election vendors, programming election equipment, and providing information to voters.
- **The Michigan Bureau of Elections** - a nonpartisan office within the Michigan Department of State (MDOS), provides guidance and standards to all clerks to ensure elections are carried out uniformly and in accordance with state and federal law across the state.
- **The Secretary of State** is the state's chief election officer. She has broad authority over elections but does not directly administer them.

Who can register to vote in Michigan?

To **register** to vote in Michigan, you must be:

- ☒ A U.S. citizen
- ☒ A Michigan resident for at least 30 days
- ☒ At least 17.5 years old*
- ☒ Not *currently* serving a sentence in jail or prison

* Registered voters must be at least 18 years old to vote in an election.

How to register to vote



Online at
Michigan.gov/Vote



By mail using the
Voter Registration Application



In person at
your local clerk's office
up to and on Election Day

Accessing the vote



Language access

Michigan residents have the right to bring a non-English interpreter with them to the polls for assistance in casting a ballot.

Your interpreter cannot influence your vote, cannot be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.



Returning citizens

Michigan residents who are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison have the right to register to vote and cast a ballot.



Voter accessibility

Michigan voters have the right to accessible polling places, to utilize Voter Assist Terminals (VATs) for assistance casting a ballot, and to vote independently and privately.



No photo ID required



Registered voters may still cast a ballot by completing and signing an affidavit of identity.

Michigan Attorney General

Term: 4 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

Questions (650 characters each):			
	Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to be the Attorney General?	What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to accomplish them?	What would you recommend to the Governor and State Legislature regarding the protection of consumers and addressing illegal activities in Michigan?
<div>DANA NESSEL Democrat Website: www.dananessel.com Qualifications and Experience: Wayne County assistant prosecutor for 11 years; private practice in civil rights, criminal defense, and family law. Just finishing first term as AG and eager to continue that work in a second term. Education: Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, law degree from Wayne State University Occupation / Current Position: Michigan Attorney General Campaign Twitter Handle: @dananessel Facebook: www.facebook.com/DanaNesselAG</div>	Before being elected Attorney General, I served as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor for 11 years and then maintained a private practice focused on criminal defense, civil rights, and family law. I also helped try the case that led to Americans having the right to marriage equality. I have almost completed my first term as AG and hope to have a second term to continue the work I've done during my first term, including protecting our elections and poll workers, and holding accountable those who seek to interfere with Michigan residents' ability to vote. I want to make sure every eligible voter is able to make their voice heard.	My top priority is to continue to serve as the People's Lawyer, using the resources of my office to aggressively advocate for crime victims as well as consumers, and help improve the lives of constituents whenever possible. My focus is on ensuring voters know how to vote, when to vote, and how to make sure their vote counts. I will fight in court to uphold the will of voters and protect the civil and reproductive rights of all Michigan residents. I will also continue to hold corporations accountable when they price-gouge or pollute our natural resources, and I'll take Big Pharma to court to lower the cost of prescription drugs.	I would recommend that they do everything in their power to enact consumer protection measures, and I would ask them to join me in creating tough but smart criminal justice policies. I'd urge the Legislature to take up the guardianship and conservator reform bills resulting from the ongoing work of my Elder Abuse Task Force, pass a package of human trafficking bills recommended by the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, crack down on companies that misclassify workers to avoid paying full wages, overtime and taxes, and support common-sense gun safety legislation that would strengthen background checks and enact safe storage laws.
MATTHEW DEPERNO Republican	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-
<div>JOSEPH W. MCHUGH JR. Libertarian Website: Libertystrikesback.com Qualifications and Experience: Former USMC Officer, 20-year finance pro, 2x author, former independent candidate for President of the US Education: MBA Babson College, BA International Relations & Political Economy Michigan State University Occupation / Current Position: Author & finance professional Campaign Twitter Handle: Votejoemchugh</div>	As a Marine Corps Officer, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States—and the rights of every individual, which have been gradually usurped by our government since 9/11. Our two party system is working against us—and the Biden-Bush-Trump coups of 9/11 and 1/6 are the evidence. As your AG, I will draw upon my leadership experience as a Marine officer, a business owner and financial professional to empower attorneys across the country to right the ship by suing government at the federal, state and local levels, including our own governor, to restore our rights and protect the rights of every individual.	Our Bill of Rights codifies our rights to free thought, speech, action, association, self defense, privacy, self sovereignty, the right to understand the law and penalty for breaking it, and a trial by jury of our peers. Freedom isn't free. We will fight to restore and maintain our Liberty. 1) Sue for public review of code of social media and voting software to fight censorship and restore election integrity. 2) Sue for easily understood laws, terms of service and privacy policies to restore due process 3) Sue to release non-violent prisoners, immediately expunge records to get back to work, and provide backpay for unjustly lost time.	Any action that does not harm any other should not be illegal. This includes possession of firearms, substance use and sex between consenting adults. With fewer, better laws to enforce, our police will be free to do their job— protect people. Consumer protection goes hand in hand with protecting the environment and individual rights, including a balanced approach to protecting women's rights and those of the unborn. Clean air, fresh water, healthy organic food, safe housing, fair pay, and money that retains value over time are our most basic rights. Use AG profits as a wealth fund to seed businesses that will serve our public interest.

Elections are secure, accurate, and fair

Michigan's elections process has built-in checks and balances to ensure the security, fairness, and accuracy of our elections.

✓

Independent, nonpartisan boards of canvassers certify results at county and state levels

✓

Clerks and state officials conduct hundreds of risk-limiting post-election audits

✓

Michigan uses national best practices for election security, including by making improvements to the Qualified Voter File (QVF) and participation in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

Certifying results

There are multiple checks and balances in place to ensure that election results are secure, accurate, and fair.

Who certifies election results?

Election results are unofficial until certified. The process leading up to certification is known as canvassing and occurs on the county and state level.

COUNTY BOARDS OF CANVASSARS

Canvass the votes cast within the county they serve.

Board members certify elections for local, countywide, and district offices within the county they serve.

BOARD OF STATE CANVASSARS

Responsible for certifying election results statewide.



Each board has an equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

Canvassing legal requirements

The law requires every board to certify their elections.

County canvassers must certify the elections in their county, and state canvassers must certify all state elections.

If a board of canvassers fails to certify an election:

- They may be forced to do so by a court, or
- Their election would be passed along to the state canvassers to certify, or
- If the state canvassers failed to certify, a court would force them to do so.



It is an **illegal dereliction of duty** to fail to certify an election under Michigan law. Failing to certify has no impact on the outcome of an election.



Important dates for the statewide general election November 8

Voting early in person by absentee ballot begins at your clerk's office

Thursday, September 29

Last day to register to vote online

Monday, October 24

Return absentee ballot by mail to avoid potential for mailing delays

Monday, October 24

Last day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail

Up to 5 p.m. on Friday, November 4

To avoid mailing delays, it is strongly recommended to request an absentee ballot no later than Monday, October 17

Vote early by absentee ballot at your clerk's office

Through Monday, November 7 at 4 p.m.

Register to vote in person at your clerk's office.

Through Tuesday, November 8 at 8 p.m.

Eligible residents must provide proof of residency if registering to vote between October 25 and November 8

Return absentee ballots to your designated drop box or local clerk's office by hand

By 8 pm on Tuesday, November 8

FIRST TIME VOTER? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

We've taken the guesswork out of voting for the first time. Follow our checklist and get prepared to go to the polls.

www.vote411.org/first-time-voter-checklist



Michigan has Same-Day Voter Registration

You can now register to vote up to and even on Election Day

How do I register on Election Day?

If you're not registered and want to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8, you must register in person at your city or township clerk's office by 8 p.m. After registering, you can vote an absent voter ballot at the city or township clerk's office.

What to bring with you...

BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY to your township or city clerk's office (digital copies are acceptable) such as:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document
- College or university records

Who can register to vote?

- You must be a Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

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)
- للمساعدة باللغة العربية، اتصل على: (844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
- For assistance in Bengali, Cantonese, English, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese, call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)



**ALL VOTERS
IN MICHIGAN
HAVE THE RIGHT
TO VOTE ABSENTEE**

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**HAVE YOUR PHOTO ID?
YOU MUST SHOW IT.
NO PHOTO ID?
SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT.**



Either way, all Michigan voters must verify their identity at the polls

HAS YOUR VOTING PRECINCT CHANGED?

You may have a new precinct or polling location as a result of the most recent redistricting process.



**VISIT MI.GOV/VOTE TO VIEW YOUR
UPDATED INFORMATION.**

MichiganVoting.org





**For information on state legislative
and local races, visit**

www.VOTE411.ORG



WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Who can help you **FILL OUT**
your absentee ballot:

- ✓ A member of your same household
- ✓ A member of your immediate family
- ✓ An election official or election assistant

Anyone assisting a voter with an absentee ballot must sign the designated certificate space on the outside of the absentee ballot return envelope. The voter must sign the return envelope in the appropriate space.

Who can help you **RETURN** your
absentee ballot (*only* by request):

- ✓ A member of your same household
- ✓ A member of your immediate family
- ✓ A professional mail carrier
- ✓ An authorized election official

It is a felony in Michigan for a person other than those just named to possess or deliver a ballot regardless of whether it has been voted. Certain exceptions to this list may be accommodated in emergency situations.

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U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1

BOB LORINSER Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Medical Director - Health Dept.
Education: St. John's BA - University of Minnesota - Advanced Degrees in Social Work, Medicine, Public Health
Qualifications and Experience: Social Worker - VA Hospital, Doctor - Navajo Nation, Family Physician and Public Health - Marquette, US Diplomat - Pakistan, Korea, Baghdad, Afghanistan, Morocco, Iraq



Questions (650 characters each):

HEALTH CARE:

What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the COVID-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding public health in the U.S.?

ECONOMY:

What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

Dr. Bob Lorinser believes all people must have access to the health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. Dr. Bob will champion initiatives that provide United States citizens the full range of essential health services they deserve – from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, mental health, and palliative care.

Jobs with living wages enable us to thrive and are a vital part of our economic viability. If an adult is working a full-time job, they should not be forced to rely on food stamps to sustain their family. For far too many Michigan residents, their current wages disable them from affording basic amenities. It's unacceptable. The minimum wage needs to adjust to inflation. Currently, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25. It was last updated in 2009. This is absurd. While Michigan's minimum wage is \$9.87, it's still too low.

JACK BERGMAN Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Congressman, MI-01
Education: BA, Gustavus Adolphus College; MBA, University of West Florida
Qualifications and Experience: 40 years Marine Corps, 22 years commercial airline pilot, current Congressman for district



The federal government must work to promote transparency, patient choice, and access to affordable, quality healthcare. This is especially important for rural and remote regions like Northern Michigan and the U.P., where a single clinic closure can force patients to travel hundreds of miles for care. My efforts in Congress have included legislation to protect those with pre-existing health conditions, eliminate surprise medical billing, expand telehealth services, and support small, rural health providers. For instance, I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2903, which would greatly expand coverage for telehealth services under Medicare.

True economic growth occurs when government allows private industry/job creators to grow, and when Americans are able to keep more of their hard-earned money. As we move forward post-COVID, the federal government can help provide regulatory and tax relief necessary to get our businesses back on track. Financial security is also threatened by skyrocketing inflation. The federal government must begin to tackle this problem—which is due by the increased government spending over the last few years. Congress must find ways to reduce federal spending, and tackle the waste, fraud, and abuse within the federal government.

ANDREW GALE Libertarian

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LIZ HAKOLA Working Class

Occupation / Current Position: Retired
Education: BA, Michigan State University

The Covid-19 pandemic showed the failure and inequity of the U.S. public health system. More than 1,000,000 people in the U.S. died from Covid. Poor and working-class people had less access to health care and more risk of infection with covid because many were considered essential workers. Workers create the wealth that funds public services. With working class unity and control of the funds, public service systems that benefit and serve everyone, such as public health, schools, water, sewers, roads, etc., can happen.

Inflation hurts the working class and enriches the millionaires and the one percenters. Wages need to go up when prices go up. Social Security and pensions also need to be raised in proportion to price hikes. The minimum wage needs to be high enough to comfortably support a family of four. With the wealth created by the working class, wages can be raised, and jobs created. The current work hours could be shared with the people who are unemployed and need the work. Everyone would work fewer hours and be paid a full wage. More jobs and no pay cuts. We must take back the wealth we create.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14)

JERRY HILLIARD Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Adjunct Faculty in Economics Lansing Community College
Education: MBA UM-Flint, MA Central Michigan University, BS Central Michigan University
Qualifications / Experience: Active member of Isabella County Democratic Party and past Chair, Adjunct Faculty Economics and Business.



The federal government is responsible to create a healthcare system that is affordable for all citizens. I believe the most efficient and effective way to accomplish such is Medicare for all.

A tax system that insures every income earner pays their fair share of taxes. We need to enforce the full employment act of 1946 and strengthen unions. We need to break up the oligarchies in industry. We need to set policy that leads to wages growing faster than prices as it is the only way to raise standard of living for the whole population. We have to realize that 66+ percent of our economy is consumer spending and is where we should be concentrating our effort. Pro-labor is pro business! We need a living wage for our minimum wage. This will help business grow and prosper as well as the nation. We have done this before and can again.

JOHN MOOLENAAR Republican

Website: https://www.johnmooleenaarforcongress.com/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/?_ps=1
Campaign Twitter Handle: @JohnMooleenaar
Occupation / Current Position: U.S. House of Representatives
Education: Bachelors in Chemistry from Hope College, Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.
Qualifications / Experience: Served on the Midland City Council, Michigan State House and Michigan State Senate.

I support access to quality health care for all Americans without raising taxes, premiums, and especially without forcing citizens to buy policies they cannot afford or do not want. At its core, our system is about American families having the ability to choose the plan that best meets their needs. We can accomplish the kind of health care reform the American people want without having a government takeover of our system and without forcing citizens into a one-size-fits-all healthcare system.

It is clear that liberal tax-and-spend policies are wrong for Michigan's Second Congressional District and wrong for America. Inflation has skyrocketed to its highest levels in 40 years. Free markets, free enterprise, innovation, and entrepreneurship are the foundation for economic growth and job creation in Michigan and America. We must get government out of the way, reduce burdensome federal regulations and let American ingenuity drive our economy forward. I support American energy independence and I will continue to oppose reckless government spending and tax hikes that raise the cost of living on Michigan families.

 ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?	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?	IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?
<p>We must support any efforts to register eligible voters and remove any barriers for American citizens to exercise their rights. We need to recognize and promote multiple methods of casting a ballot. In-person, mail-in, and absentee ballots are all valid and secure. We have and will continue to have elections absent of widespread voter fraud, but continued investment in safeguarding our elections against any foreign influence. End gerrymandering. Reform campaign finance and ethics laws.</p>	<p>Dr. Bob supports legislative childcare provisions because they support us in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula and help us build a better future through the success of our children. In addition to the child tax credit, we should create childcare and early learning programs for children under six who have not yet started kindergarten. For eligible families who want to participate, this means access to affordable, high-quality childcare in the setting that best meets their needs. Universal healthcare, affordable education, universal Pre-K, childcare expansion, and creating a social safety trampoline.</p>	<p>Dr. Lorinser will support initiatives to achieve a 100% clean energy economy and reach net-zero emissions no later than 2050 by working with local, state, regional, and national partners. We must enact a national strategy to clean energy and long-term community investment. Lorinser supports renewable, carbon-free sources of energy. Dr. Bob supports carbon fees that place a monetary price on the “real costs” imposed on our economy by greenhouse emissions and the global warming they cause. He will push initiatives to keep the United States the world leader in clean energy research, investment, commercialization, manufacturing, and exports.</p>	<p>A successful immigration policy means increased economic growth, and resolving labor issues. Legal immigration is a net-benefit to government revenues. It also helps us lead the world through compassion and empathy to others in need. A path to legal citizenship can solve a lot of issues, but there needs to be compromise. I support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, known as the DREAM Act. I support immigration based on the following principles: the reunification of families, admitting immigrants with skills that are valuable to the U.S. economy, protecting refugees, and promoting diversity.</p>
<p>The Constitution is clear – the authority to run and regulate elections lies firmly with the individual states, not the federal government. While I support efforts to make sure every legal vote is counted, these primarily must come through state legislatures. Congress, meanwhile, must ensure state governments and agencies have the tools and resources needed to ensure Americans can trust the integrity of our voting system.</p>	<p>I support responsible spending on results-driven programs that help provide for the well-being of families in Michigan's First District and across our Nation. This includes programs like Head Start and TRIO, which help address inequality in education – from early childhood to college. I have also successfully supported improvements to our tax code that doubled the standard deduction and increased the child tax credit, providing relief to millions of families. These have been significant steps in our efforts to promote the safety, health, and economic security of American families.</p>	<p>An all-the-above approach to energy should be deployed where we are leveraging technology and innovation to utilize our nation's resources. Energy independence and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive; in fact, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which I've been a champion of in Congress, is funded solely from earnings from offshore oil & gas leases. I've also been a consistent frontline supporter of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. I helped introduce and voted in favor of legislation to reauthorize the program and have successfully advocated for increased funding since being elected. I support policies that protect America</p>	<p>I support policies that protect American citizens, businesses, and the rule of law while maintaining our status as a welcoming nation. Any meaningful changes to our immigration system must be coupled with efforts to secure our southern border, where a humanitarian crisis has been unfolding due to a continued surge in illegal crossings. In addition to disincentivizing illegal immigration, we must also increase the integrity of our legal immigration systems, improve our visa structures, and reform our asylum processes in a way that protects American citizens as well as children and others who are trafficked across the border by the cartels.</p>
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<p>There are serious flaws with the election process. Too much money spent on campaigns by millionaire candidates makes them beholden to their billionaire individual donors and political action committees. These politicians do not serve the interests of ordinary working people. There are several ways to corrupt election results with anti-voting measures like fewer voting locations, barring or restricting absentee voting, limited in-person voting hours, eliminating ballot drop boxes in select areas and making voter registration harder for people to register. Voter suppression benefits the capitalist class. The working class needs its own party.</p>	<p>Equity will be achieved when the working class takes charge of the economy, and controls how the society will function. Policies won't be based on corporate drive for profit but on the needs of the rest of the population. The wealth created by the working class can provide health care, education, work, and wages to meet society's needs. A united working class can confront and oppose racist attacks against Black people and immigrants and the attacks on the rights of all women.</p>	<p>Corporate and government decisions about both energy and the environment revolve around the priority for making the greatest profit. Big Oil globally exploits people and devastates the environment, enriches the elite, and impoverishes the rest of the country's population. Government neglect and a cover up resulted in knowingly distributing lead contaminated water to families which resulted in permanent learning disabilities for children and debilitating illnesses for many people. Exploitation and environmental disasters are global problems. The system needs to be changed to one where decisions are made to benefit everyone, not just a few.</p>	<p>Immigration or Immigrant are scare words used to conjure up images of a horde of brown people at the southern border of the U.S. pushing to cross illegally into the U.S. It isn't true that immigrants take away jobs from native born workers. If they are working, they are earning and spending money, which helps job growth. In cases where a worker is here illegally, the boss has leverage over the worker by paying a lower wage or holding the threat of deportation over the worker's head. Children born in this country to illegal immigrants should be granted legal citizenship. All immigrants who are working here should also get legal citizenship.</p>
<p>Our election funding system is a mess and needs to be completely overhauled completely if we are to maintain our democracy. We need to disallow Dark Money to start. Create a system that is publicly funded, bring back the equal time requirements for public media and apply truth in advertising laws to political advertising.</p>	<p>First we need a more equal tax system when the big corporations and extremely wealthy pay their fair share so we have the resources to invest in all of these problems. We also need to have a minimum wage that provides a living wage as the wage floor and the same for seniors via changing Social Security payout which could easily be funded by raising the income cap. The Affordable Care Act is a huge improvement in healthcare and I would support improving it but I believe the most economical and expedient course would be Medicare for all.</p>	<p>Making the above changes would have side effects of improving racial and educational inequities also. In the short term we need to stop participating in the OPEC oligarchy by creating a domestic oil market instead of putting our oil production on the world market. In the long term we need to accelerate our transition from fossil fuels to clean energy sources. We can do this by increasing subsidies for clean energy and decrease subsidies for fossil fuels.</p>	<p>We need stability, immigration policy changes depending which party is in control through executive orders and making immigrants scapegoats for many unrelated problems. We need to regulate the size of our workforce to help achieve our goal of full employment as outlined in the full employment law of 1946 but immigrants are badly needed in many industries and do not effect unemployment rates in industries that most heavily rely on them, like farming. Outsourcing jobs to foreign countries is a far more significant cause of rising unemployment rates. I would favor laws more reliant on immigrant skills related to needs in the U.S. labor market.</p>
<p>Preserving the integrity of our elections and ensuring the ability to vote for all Americans is essential to our Republic. Our Constitution gives states the primary responsibility of administering elections. I support state voter ID laws, securing our election systems, and have demanded Secretary Benson clean the voter rolls to remove those no longer eligible to vote.</p>	<p>Increasing access to broadband in MI-02 is one of my top priorities in Congress. Access to high-speed Internet is critical for addressing the inequities listed. It helps small businesses compete in a global economy, farmers get information on pricing and weather, and patients in rural areas connect with their health care providers. It's also imperative for students to access important educational resources and workers to access the tools and training they need. I have introduced the BOOST Act to help lower the cost of connection for families in our rural communities.</p>	<p>President Biden's energy policies are not working and have led to soaring gas prices across the country. I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that utilizes America's abundant domestic resources including more oil and gas development. It is crucial to focus on long-term energy policy that reduces costs for American families. I also support preserving Michigan's unique treasure, the Great Lakes. I have been proud to support funding, including the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, to ensure future generations will also enjoy Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.</p>	<p>I have been to the border and seen firsthand how the drug cartels and human traffickers are exploiting the crisis there. We need to secure the border to stem the tide of illegal immigrants and drugs flowing across the southern border. I support building the wall and other barriers. Enforcing the rule of law at the border will deter illegal immigration, stem the flow of fentanyl, and help keep our country and communities safe.</p>

U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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ECONOMY:

What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12)

NATHAN HEWER Libertarian

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

HILLARY SCHOLTEN Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney

Education: Unity Christian High School, Gordon College, BA in Sociology and Social Work, and University of Maryland School of Law, Juris Doctor

Qualifications and Experience: I started my career as a social worker, and proudly served our country in the U.S. Department of Justice, and our community as a public interest lawyer.



We must continue to ensure that healthcare is affordable, accessible, comprehensive, and includes protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions. I strongly believe in public-private partnerships to deliver the highest quality healthcare for Americans. I'll work to find common-sense solutions to lower the cost of prescription drugs and cap the cost of insulin. I support policies that will ban insurance companies from raising rates on people when they get sick, denying people coverage for having a pre-existing condition, or dropping their coverage when they get sick.

As a mom of two boys, I feel the price pressures at the grocery store and the gas pump. I will work tirelessly to lower costs, because it matters to me and my family too. This means alleviating supply chain bottlenecks, holding producers accountable for lack of competition, and cracking down on price gouging from oil companies. Tough economic times should not be an opportunity for large corporations to hold Americans hostage so that they see a boost in their bottom line. Also, it's time to raise the minimum wage. I am ready to come to the table and work with lawmakers, workers, and business owners to implement a wage that works.

JOHN GIBBS Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Political candidate

Education: Stanford University, Harvard University

Qualifications and Experience: Asst. Secy., Community Planning, Housing and Urban Development 2016-2020, 1776 Commission, Christian missionary in Japan (fluent in Japanese), Computer Science Engineer, Apple



Aggressive medical mandates violate the sacred American principle of freedom of individual choice, forcing our citizens to make potentially adverse decisions under threat of arrest or losing their livelihood and income. Such choices should always be up to each American alone and never forced by the government or corporations. Second, American healthcare is high quality but too expensive. The average cost of an emergency room visit increased by 176% over the past decade. Further, Americans are spending more on prescription drugs every year, an average of about \$1,200 per person. To reduce costs, we must allow more competition and deregulation.

Whether it's the price of gas, groceries, or empty shelves, inflation is making everything more expensive and less available for Americans, unbearably driving up the cost of living. We must return to the American energy independence pioneered by President Trump, which saved Americans millions at the gas pump and end reckless inflation eating away at Americans' hard-earned paychecks. Additionally, America's tax burden is punishing on all and must be reformed so that Americans can keep more of their hard-earned money to start businesses, pursue education, or otherwise put it back into the economy. And, we must ensure vibrant free enterprise.

JAMIE LEWIS Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Printer/Production Manager

Education: Political Science Major- Western Michigan University

Qualifications and Experience: Lifelong resident of West Michigan, former Political Director Libertarian Party of Michigan



The federal government should have no role in health care. To the extent there should be any government involvement, it should be at a state level. COVID-19 was a good demonstration of why you should not turn to government in an emergency. Government is unable to quickly adapt in situations and they ended up making the situations much worse than it had to be. From insisting everyone follow bad advice. Blocking the making and distributing of test kits. Delaying approvals of vaccines because the FDA doesn't work around Thanksgiving. Not informing people of their actual risk by age group and health status. They did us no favors.

The only proper 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. The best way to provide financial security is to stop burying people in debt. Massive spending plans that benefit the well connected cause inflation and increase taxes on everyone. Get government out of the way and allow people to succeed.

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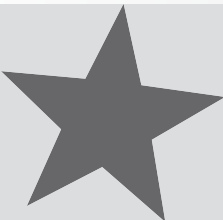
Occupation / Current Position: Cook

Qualifications and Experience: Lifetime worker



I'm concerned about a future health crisis worse than Covid. The COVID-19 pandemic wasn't controlled well. The federal government didn't keep us informed at all. If another vicious virus comes along, we're in the dark. The way the health care system is set up is for profit, not people. We should have a national healthcare system that's free for all. We should not leave it for the corporations, insurance companies, etc., to rake in as much money as they possibly can. It should be helping people who need it.

The corporations run what everyone is doing, but they're incompetent. Everyone else has to work to live, and many workers are miserable because of how our jobs are run. We all want to live in a healthy, more productive, sane environment. We shouldn't rely on the S&P or New York stock exchange for economic decisions. It doesn't do anybody any good but the rich. Whether urban or rural, people living in that area should be the ones making the policies that they want. Workers should be making the decisions of the economy, not the CEOs at their desk who don't know what's going on but use the wealth we create to get themselves a yacht.



 ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?	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?	IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?
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<p>We must end the influence of dark money in our elections and hold politicians accountable to the constituents they serve and not wealthy donors and corporations. I am proud to be endorsed by End Citizens United & support campaign finance reform. The right to vote is fundamental and the cornerstone of democracy. I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would strengthen and expand the VRA of 1965. It was an honor to be endorsed by Congressman Lewis before he died. 48 state legislatures, including ours, passed laws that make it harder to vote. This is anti-democratic, and I am committed to protecting access to the ballot box.</p>	<p>Increasing educational opportunities is paramount to addressing the many inequities in society. But, the cost of college has skyrocketed, doubling between 1989 and 2016. Wage growth hasn't kept up. These figures strike terror in the hearts and minds of parents like me who just want the best for their kids, but know that cost of college is out of reach for working and middle-class families. We have to normalize highly skilled trades careers where there are countless job openings. Offering training and apprenticeship programs provide students with a clear path to a bright future, often making well into the 6 figures with no debt.</p>	<p>Climate change is real. It is a threat to our economy, national security, health, and our children's future. We need an all-of-the-above approach to clean energy and not pie-in-the-sky ideas. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels requires a whole-of-government plan that includes investment in infrastructure, particularly in public transportation, energy innovation, and creating incentives for people to choose cleaner alternatives to traditional fuel sources. I'm proud that Michigan is leading the way when it comes to innovating a greener future by developing affordable electric vehicles and a 21st-century EV workforce.</p>	<p>As an attorney that has worked on immigration issues, I bring experience and practicality to this issue. Politicians have passed the buck for far too long, and it's time to take action. For our workers, for our international reputation, and for our commitment to our legacy as a beacon of democracy, it is time to work together and engage all branches of government to create an immigration system that works and reflects a 21st Century economy. Commonsense solutions are within our reach to ensure safe and legal immigration that helps us maintain our competitive economic advantage, and secure our Southern border from illegal trafficking.</p>
<p>After widespread irregularities and statistical anomalies in the 2020 election, millions of Americans are concerned about the security of our elections. I support basic, common-sense reforms supported by majorities of Americans in both parties, such as requiring an ID to vote, requiring that signatures on absentee ballots match those on file, and voting on the day of the election instead of many weeks before. Further, the practices of ballot harvesting and the mass mailing of absentee ballot applications to every voter must be reconsidered.</p>	<p>Americans must stand against all types of discrimination. Ideologies such as Critical Race Theory and similar schemes, which seek to demonize and blame all white Americans for all the ills of our past, are unfair, hateful, divisive, and often illegal. I will fight for all Americans, regardless of race, ensuring equal protection under the law for everyone. On poverty, despite more than \$20 trillion in federal anti-poverty spending since the 1960s, poverty remains largely unchanged. We must pursue policies that actually help people in need, not provide false compassion. Reducing the cost of health care, housing would go far to alleviate poverty</p>	<p>Our American heritage is rooted in the outback. Our forefathers carved the greatest cities in the world out of the pristine American wilderness. Key American traditions such as farming, hunting, fishing, camping, find their setting in nature. This is in jeopardy if our open spaces are eroded. Many on the left are using environmental concerns as a false pretext to carry out political agendas such as the disastrous Green New Deal. We must focus on real environmental issues: reducing the consolidation of ownership of American farmland, contamination of the food supply due to harmful chemicals and additives, sprawl from large-scale immigration.</p>	<p>Americans have a diverse heritage of backgrounds from all around the world. Yet in today's America, immigration is sadly being weaponized as a political tool by some in order to reshape the American voter base, and by others to exploit labor and suppress wages. Americans have a right to a rational immigration system. This includes the right to use all legal means, including a wall, to deter illegal immigration at our borders. Finally, renewed emphasis must be placed on assimilation. Only those willing to adapt to and support our culture, customs, and language should be allowed to join us.</p>
<p>End tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and repeal all laws that restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. Remove the 435 member cap on the US House. The House was envisioned to have one member for every 40,000 people. It is now over 700,000 per seat. Smaller districts would better represent the people. Strip the speaker of the House of most authority. Turn the House back over to the members and allow them to submit bills and amendments without permission from the speaker.</p>	<p>Government does not solve problems, it creates them. The US House has been around since 1787. If it had the ability to fix these kind of problems, none of them would currently exist. Every attempt to "fix" creates other problems. The Federal Government is too big and far removed from the people. The only tool government has is force. These types of issues can not be fixed through force. They need to be solved by society outside of government. Where government involvement is needed it must be at a level much closer to the people.</p>	<p>Government must not be involved in energy pricing, allocation, or production. The well connected use the government for their own advantage at the expense of their rivals and the people (Crony capitalism). Government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Clearly established property rights are needed to protect the environment.</p>	<p>We are a nation of immigrants. We should welcome all who wish to come here.</p>
<p>There should be a cap on how much money you give to a certain party because it's unfair for third parties to compete with big money to the two parties. Most of the time, it's corporations and the rich who fund campaigns to help their interests. Workers don't have the kind of money to promote our way of life. We have nobody. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans help. That's why a lot of workers don't vote. Originally, only people who owned property could vote. It's weird how it wasn't considered for the working class or poor - only the elite. All who live here should have the right to vote, even if you're not a citizen.</p>	<p>This country was based on dividing races, the rich from the poor. They committed genocide against the Native Americans. During Jim Crow, they said "separate but equal", yet it wasn't equal. These divisions created by the rich have everything to do with their profits. The working class needs to control our economic prosperity. We shouldn't rely on the wealthy class. They give us petty pay, but we're running what's going on. I experience it every day. Management is in the office talking about how much more work they can get out of us. We should get rid of the bosses and bankers. The money should go to the workers - we know what we need.</p>	<p>The destruction of our planet is scary. We're burning all these fossil fuels. It makes the corporations richer and they don't want to get rid of it. They will drill the last oil fields without a care for the impact on the environment. Their way of life is death for all of us, including Earth itself. Poorer countries will suffer the most. How we run transportation is important. Right now, working people can't afford electric cars. It's only geared for the rich. Why shouldn't we enjoy these new technologies? We have to find a way where energy isn't run so much by fossil fuels. Scientists can find a better way.</p>	<p>This country has always accepted immigrants. My grandparents fled WWI from present-day Slovakia to come here. To tell someone today from South America, who lives in the same continent, that they can't live here, that they are aliens is a slap in the face. They are people. Everyone should have a chance to live here. Most of the reason people immigrate here is because the US screwed up their economy, so they have to flee their homeland. Yet we slam the door on their faces. It doesn't matter what country you're from, your religion, ethnicity. What difference does it make?</p>

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Questions (650 characters each):

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ECONOMY:
What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

JOSEPH ALFONSO Democrat

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Qualifications and Experience: Veteran U.S. Marine Corps - Developed base plans abroad, managed military spending on large oversea projects, deployed as support for a shock trauma unit (utility and security support of a Navy medics



Our first step in convincing the general public that medicare for all would work is to have them see it at work in their homes. Medicare for everyone under the age of 18 would educate every family on the financial freedom it would provide and afford medical care access to every child in the United states. If a Medicare for All bill comes across my desk I will sign it, but if we cannot get there, this step would push us closer to our goals and help millions of Americans.

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Occupation / Current Position: I am a third-generation small business owner and current Congressman in Michigan’s 2nd District.
Education: Bachelor’s degree from Calvin College
Qualifications and Experience: As a small business owner, I firmly understand the challenges job creators face today. Understanding how taxes and regulations impact Southwest Michigan is critical to crafting sound policy.



Access to affordable health care is out of reach for too many people. To reduce costs and increase access to health care, we must curb costly junk lawsuits, encourage the use of health savings accounts, increase portability, and empower both small businesses and states to be innovative in reducing costs for employees and their families. Any reforms Congress passes must include protections for patients with pre-existing conditions. Congress must make improving mental health care a priority. I continue to lead bipartisan efforts to modernize and improve mental healthcare at the federal level.

As a small business owner, I understand what Michigan job creators need: less red tape and lower taxes. My number one priority in Congress is to promote an atmosphere for job creation, economic growth, and higher wages for employees across Michigan. Washington’s addiction to spending is having a negative impact on our economy, increasing inflation, and raising costs on families across Michigan. That is why I am a strong supporter of the Inflation Prevention Act and continue to support a balanced budget amendment to fully address Washington’s out of control spending over the long term.

LORENCE WENKE Libertarian

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CURTIS MICHAEL CLARK U.S. Taxpayer

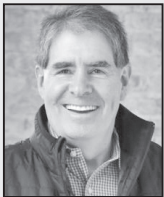
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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

BART GOLDBERG Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Lawyer
Education: University of Chicago Law School
Qualifications and Experience: Bart has served individuals and small businesses as a lawyer throughout his career. He has previously run for office in IL. He has held numerous posts on neighborhood and homeowner associations.



Health care should be a basic human right and as such the federal government’s role has been and shall continue to be multi-faceted. The most obvious involvement is through the operation of the Medicare system which accounts for 20% of national medical spending. Another important function includes regulating medications and treatments through the FDA, as without this Agency people would be harmed by dangerous snake oil solutions that they could not possibly verify on their own. I am in agreement with the recent statements of Director Walensky who wants faster release of medical findings and guidance that is clearer from the CDC.

We must continue to work to get inflation under control, quickly. The Pandemic and the Ukraine War were big factors but there is still much to do. We need to provide incentives to Buy American with regards to strategically important goods that contributed to our supply chain bottlenecks. We need to crack down on the price gouging and profit taking that we have seen from Big Oil, Big Pharma and other major corporations. A key part of this is increased enforcement of our Antitrust laws and more money being allocated to the FTC to protect consumers. I am strongly pro-union, as such I support the Pro Act and will work to get it enacted.

TIM WALBERG Republican

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NORMAN M. PETERSON Libertarian

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EZRA SCOTT U.S. Taxpayer

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DEBBIE DINGELL Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress
Education: B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University
Qualifications and Experience: I have proudly served Michigan’s 12th District for nearly eight years.



Health care is a human right. Government must make good on that promise for all Americans, and that’s why I am the co-author of Medicare for All in Congress. Over the last few years, we have seen – once again – in vivid detail that our fractured health care system leads to worse health outcomes with higher financial costs. It is immoral and unacceptable that we are the only industrialized nation on earth that does not guarantee its citizens access to health care.

We must pass legislation to provide relief at the pump, in the grocery store, and for housing. I have confronted oil executives price gouging consumers and advocated for policies to support families struggling to afford groceries and infant formula. As a proud supporter of labor and working families, I fight for policies that put workers first. From the PROAct to the Raise The Wage Act, I have led efforts to guarantee workers a living wage and workplace protections. Also, I have long been calling on Congress to strengthen our supply chain and support local manufacturers.

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-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	The pathway to citizenship should be made accessible and fair. We need reform at the board on how we process asylum seekers and a more humane way in dealing with those coming to America to seek a better life. There is no us vs. them. This is an issue of values and the value is simple, do you value human life?
The idea that our election process should be open and free from illegal practices is the cornerstone of our democracy. While we should continue to bring more Americans into our democratic process, it should be done without the threat of fraud or abuse to the electoral system. That is why I am supporting the Save Democracy Act. The Save Democracy Act would institute common-sense reforms to address election integrity concerns and restore confidence in the principle of one-citizen, one-vote. Congress must continually work to ensure that each federal election is free, fair, and legitimate.	A federal policy is not going to address these inequities overnight. Students, regardless of their zip code, should have access to a quality education where teachers, administrators, and parents have greater input. Rampant inflation is causing soaring prices that hurt seniors, individuals, and families across all walks of life. Enacting pro-growth policies can reduce economic disparities, lower prices, and increase opportunity. Workforce development must be geared to equip those seeking work with job openings.	America is facing an energy crisis and our focus should be on unleashing domestic energy. The US must adopt an “all of the above” approach that responsibly develops our resources, utilizes alternatives, ends our reliance on foreign oil, and protects & preserves our environment. As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, I have been on the forefront of the efforts to preserve the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes. As a member of the bipartisan PFAS Task Force, I have worked to protect communities from contamination, promote research, and support cleanup efforts.	Our immigration system is broken. A workable and effective immigration bill should recognize America's immigrant heritage and respect the enormous contributions of immigrants by encouraging and enforcing legal immigration. Immigration reform must prioritize border security and a legal identification process rather than providing amnesty. I will continue to work towards a rational and balanced immigration reform bill that opposes amnesty, ensures border integrity, respects the rule of law, and prioritizes hard working Americans.
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Democracy depends on free and fair elections which allow participation by all US citizens (and I support it even for felons). However, we all saw the attempts in Congress on January 6th to deny the results of our presidential election. As a result, the highest priority is the reforming of the Electoral Count Act of 1887. While there was thought to be bi-partisan support it still has not passed and this is critical. As to voting rights, I support the John Lewis Act that has been denied a vote in the Senate so far. I am a huge proponent of campaign finance reform as I view the influence of money to be poisonous and debilitating.	As to our senior citizens, my central task will be to protect our Social Security system. Not only do we have a contract with our seniors stemming from their paying into the system, we have a moral obligation. I also support increasing the amount of benefits as they have not kept up with the times. All of this can be done by lifting the cap on FICA for incomes over \$400,000. We recently got a cap on drug prices such as insulin under Medicare, but this must be extended further. As to poverty for our children we must first of all insist that all children are entitled to a first class education that prepares them for the modern economy.	Climate change is certainly real and global warming is literally an existential threat to our children and life on earth. I support a comprehensive energy policy that will ensure America's energy independence while moving us towards clean, renewable, and affordable energy as quickly as possible. I support continued and expanded tax incentives for renewable energy, both for consumers and households as well as for American manufacturers of solar, wind, and other renewable technologies. As to water, Michigan is so spoiled with the abundant clean and free water we were gifted by our lakes. They must be stringently protected.	It is imperative that we FINALLY enact a comprehensive immigration reform package. The new laws must be humane, but once enacted they must be strictly enforced. I believe that a large part of our present problems with immigration stem from decades of intentionally “looking the other way”. Accordingly, I support the Dreamers as I believe that we now owe a chance for eventually attaining citizenship to those that have worked here, paid taxes and avoided violent crimes. I also advocate for major modifications to the H-2A visa system given that it is currently too expensive and burdened by red-tape to be useful.
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We must increase access to the ballot box and restrict the influence of special interests in our elections. I am a cosponsor of the For The People Act that would reform our nation's election laws to restore power to voters, end partisan and racial gerrymandering, and shed light on the dark money being spent to influence elections. To strengthen voting rights, I am a proud supporter of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore critical protections for Black and Brown voters in this country who have been marginalized in our democracy for far too long.	As the co-author of Medicare for All, I am leading efforts to increase healthcare access for Black and Brown patients who have been marginalized for centuries. I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 40 so we can finally begin to make good on the promise of reparations for African Americans and the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act to reform our law enforcement system. Finally, I'm the lead sponsor of the THRIVE Act in the House which would create jobs for 15 million Americans, focused on advancing economic recovery, racial justice, and climate action.	As an author of the 100% Clean Economy Act, I understand we can only create change by bringing together environmental advocates, labor and local leaders. I introduced the USA Electrify Forward Act to invest in EV infrastructure and to incentivize retooling auto plants. I have led conservation efforts by introducing the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which passed the House, and am a strong defender of NEPA and ESA laws. I am also the author of the PFAS Action Act, a bold and comprehensive package to protect human health and the environment.	We have a moral responsibility to fix our broken immigration system, and it is critical that we work together to build a fair and humane system that is consistent with our American values. I am a cosponsor of the U.S. Citizenship Act that would take long overdue action to reform the immigration system, and address the root causes of migration and protecting human rights within and beyond our borders. Also, I led efforts to extend and protect Temporary Protected Status for Yemen, while pushing to extend TPS for Lebanese nationals residing in the United States as their home country faces crises.

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HEALTH CARE:

ECONOMY:

What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the COVID-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding public health in the U.S.?

What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

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WHITTNEY WILLIAMS Republican

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

ELISSA SLOTKIN Democrat

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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.



All Americans should have access to affordable healthcare, regardless of pre-existing conditions, and nobody should go broke because they get sick. We must defend and improve upon the ACA with real bipartisan reforms, including allowing Medicare buy-ins at any age. Health care reform must also be accompanied by prescription drug pricing reform. That's why I've championed legislation that would cap monthly insulin cost at \$35 and allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug costs. My Real Time Benefits Act, signed into law by President Trump, allows consumers to comparison-shop for their prescriptions before they leave the doctor's office.

Michigan is the birthplace of the middle class, and we must enact policies that increase opportunity and help working people succeed. That means investing in talent and job training programs at home and connecting our small businesses to qualified workers. Michiganders have been warning politicians for 30 years that we have outsourced manufacturing too far, and during COVID the chickens came home to roost. Bringing our supply chains and manufacturing jobs back home is a national security and economic security imperative.

TOM BARRETT Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Senator

Education: Western Michigan University, Public Administration

Qualifications and Experience: I am running to fight for you and your family as your next congressman. I have served in the United States Army for the past 22 years with deployments around the world, and have logged over 1,000 hou



The federal government's role is to ensure patient choice with less bureaucratic micromanaging of the relationship between patients and doctors. In regards to the COVID-19 pandemic and other health crisis' - the government's role is to provide the public with the best information and allow individuals to make health care decisions that best suit their individual needs. It is not the federal government's role to place mandates on individuals or employers.

Our national debt and spending has gotten out of control and it has a direct correlation on our current economic environment. Cost of living has skyrocketed, inflation is at a 40-year high, and the labor participation rate is at its lowest recorded level. When we cut wasteful spending, we can lower the inflation rate which hurts our economically disadvantaged Americans the most.

LEAH DAILEY Libertarian

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 20)

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Education: Central Michigan University

Qualifications and Experience: Before being elected to Congress, Dan created the Genesee County Land Bank and founded the Center for Community Progress, a non-profit focused on bringing new economic development in industrial cities



In the richest country in the world, every person should have access to quality, affordable health care. I oppose attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and take away health care coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. I have voted for bipartisan legislation allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, end the practice of surprise medical billing, and cap the price of insulin at \$35 a month. I have also secured federal funding for local community health centers throughout mid-Michigan. The pandemic has shown us that we must invest in more medical research to better respond to emerging health threats.

Every Michigander who works hard and plays by the rules should have a fair opportunity to succeed. I have supported bills to strengthen 'Made in America' requirements, fix our broken supply chains, boost domestic manufacturing, expand job training for workers, raise the federal minimum wage, protect the pensions of workers and ensure equal pay for women. I have also worked with Republicans and Democrats on legislation to help lower costs for Michiganders on everyday items including gas and prescription drugs. During the pandemic, I voted for aid to help Michigan families, small businesses and seniors get through the global health emergency.

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Congress MI-8

Education: Bachelors Degree and Law Degree

Qualifications and Experience: Former Criminal Prosecutor, worked in family business maintaining military family housing, served in Dept. of Homeland Security, former Investigative Counsel, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee



The goal is affordable and accessible healthcare and avoiding regulations that kick people off their healthcare plans. Government policies should allow small businesses the ability to better provide coverage for their employees, increase flexibility, empower patients and their doctors, and harness the private sector's ability to innovate and develop medications and cures.

Families are being hit hard by the rising cost of goods and record high gas prices. We need to lower the tax burden on families and small businesses to help them afford the higher prices and to improve our economy. We need to stop the federal government's reckless spending that is driving up inflation. Additionally, we need to increase American energy production to lower gas prices. Empowering people rather than Washington DC politicians and bureaucrats will improve our economy and help people who are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

DAVID CANNY Libertarian

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<p>Special interests are eroding American democracy. When I first ran for Congress, I chose to refuse corporate PAC money because I never wanted my constituents to question why I voted the way I did. That's why I co-sponsored the Ban Corporate PACs Act—to stop self-interested politicians from bowing to big-money donors in exchange for campaign funds. If citizens are going to trust their representatives, we need to expand voting rights, curb partisan gerrymandering, and end Congress' culture of corruption. I will continue fighting to reform campaign finance laws and ensure that the voice of the people is heard.</p>	<p>No matter who they are, where they come from, or how they identify, every Michigander deserves to be safe, healthy, and supported. We have a long way to go to address the inequities that exist in every aspect of our society, from education to housing to employment, and these issues must be at the very top of an agenda to build an economy that works for everyone and a safer, fairer Michigan. Some of the policies I have supported to reduce these inequities include expanding broadband to help close the digital divide, lowering the cost of high-quality child care, and increasing federal support for schools that serve low-income students.</p>	<p>A threat to the environment is a threat to national security and to our way of life. We don't need to choose between protecting our environment and making sure we can meet our energy needs—this is a false choice. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will work to make sure our state is first in line for the thousands of skilled, good-paying jobs that renewable energy will create. I also believe access to clean water is a security issue. I championed six provisions to protect against the “forever chemical” PFAS that were signed into law by President Trump.</p>	<p>Our immigration system is fundamentally broken, and multiple administrations—Democrat and Republican—have failed to deliver any progress. We have to think about immigration as a national security issue, an economic issue, and a moral issue—because it is, indeed, all three. That's why I have introduced legislation to revamp our response to migrant surges, improve the technology used at our northern and southern borders, set up procedures that treat migrants humanely, and crack down on the human and drug trafficking that's causing immense harm to Americans and migrants alike.</p>
<p>The US Constitution says that election law should be left to the states. In the Michigan legislature I sponsored the legislation to require clerks to issue paper ballots in all elections, a bill that was supported nearly unanimously. I also sponsored the bill to require a photo ID to vote, a proposal supported by a supermajority of Americans in nearly every public opinion research poll.</p>	<p>When government gets bigger, so do our racial, economic, health, and education inequalities. We need to shrink the size of government, cut wasteful spending to lower the cost of living, and increase American energy production to lower the cost of gas that we need to fuel our vehicles and heat our homes. In addition, we know that the best ticket out of poverty is a quality education that provides bountiful opportunities. I support giving parents the right to control the direction of their kids education. And most importantly, we need to ensure that all students are capable of reading before they advance in school.</p>	<p>I support an all of the above strategy for energizing our economy and protecting our quality of life and our environment. In Michigan, I sponsored legislation to enable more individuals to install their own rooftop solar systems without egregious penalties from their energy provider, and my first bill signed into law by Gov Whitmer exempted homeowner's solar systems from property tax assessments. We must also reopen our pipelines and increase US energy production to become self reliant. Pipelines represent the safest and most efficient method to transport vital energy resources. When US is self-reliant, we also lower our carbon footprint</p>	<p>Border security and enforcing our laws on the southern border is critical for our national security. This year, the Biden administration has recorded the most illegal border crossings in history, with dozens of known terror suspects among them. This has put every single American community at risk. Our open southern border has created a humanitarian crisis that must be corrected. Human trafficking has skyrocketed, and fentanyl has free-flowed into communities and sadly now represents the leading cause of death of Americans age 18-45.</p>
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<p>The right to vote is one of the most fundamental rights afforded to every American. I have supported the For the People Act, which would expand voting rights for Americans, reduce big money in politics, and ensure that public officials work for the people, not special interests. I voted for the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore the Voting Rights Act, make Election Day a national holiday, limit partisan gerrymandering and protect the right for all Americans to vote. And I support legislation banning Members of Congress and their families from trading stocks while in office, taking on my own party to try and get it passed.</p>	<p>Every Michigan family, no matter the zip code they live in, deserves the same opportunity to achieve their version of the American Dream. I have supported legislation to invest in high-quality preschool and K-12 education, so that every child is set up for success. I have voted for bills to expand access to affordable health care, invest in job training programs and rebuild Michigan's roads, bridges, water systems and broadband internet so we are more competitive. I have supported bills to protect and expand Social Security and Medicare for Michigan seniors and oppose privatization of these programs that have reduced poverty.</p>	<p>I have supported legislation to lower gas prices and bolster American energy independence. Additionally, I am in favor of suspending the federal gas tax to give families an immediate tax cut at the gas pump. Climate change is a real threat to the Great Lakes. I support legislation to expand the production of electric vehicles in the U.S., to help us meet our climate goals and incentivize American manufacturing. I have worked to fully fund programs to protect our water from invasive species and pollution. And I've led efforts to clean up dangerous PFAS chemicals, remove lead pipes, and ensure every American has access to safe drinking water.</p>	<p>Our immigration system is broken. Comprehensive reform is long overdue. I have—and will continue—to support efforts to secure our borders and fix our system. I believe that the U.S. can both support smart border policies while also having an orderly and humane system that allows those fleeing violence a chance to apply for asylum. We do not have, nor would I support, the notion of open borders. I have supported bills that invest in smart border security, including smart technologies, barriers where appropriate and additional border personnel as needed. I also support efforts to hire more U.S. immigration judges to process pending asylum claim</p>
<p>A photo ID should be required to vote, there needs to be strong signature verification for absentee ballots, and partisan balance among election observers is important. Voting is a fundamental right and the election process should be fair, secure, and efficient. The federal government should not be able to ban states from requiring a photo ID to vote or prevent other common sense security efforts.</p>	<p>America needs to be the land of opportunity, which is accomplished by building a healthy economy, ensuring public safety, and providing a high-quality education for every child. We need to lean into our shared values of encouraging hard work, caring for our neighbors, investing and innovating, and leading the world in economic production and generosity.</p>	<p>There is no reason for the United States to be facing an energy crisis. We have the energy to sustain ourselves and we should promote Ultra Clean Coal (which reduces ash to 0.25% and Sulfur Dioxide to trace levels), nuclear energy (which does not release CO2 and is cost effective), oil, and natural gas. Granting energy exploration permits on Federal land and approving the Keystone pipeline brings down the price of distribution, creates jobs in the US & lowers gas prices. As energy investment and innovation grows, our environment becomes cleaner. Top priority is to harness American energy and make gas prices & utility bills more affordable.</p>	<p>There is a crisis at the border. We need to secure the border by building effective barriers and equipping border patrol. Additionally, we need to stop encouraging illegal immigration with handouts and other benefits. Legal immigration can help our economy and society, but uncontrolled illegal immigration leads to more crime, drugs, and lower wages.</p>
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ECONOMY:
What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18)

KATHY GOODWIN

Working Class


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Occupation / Current Position: I'm a healthcare social worker. I teach people to advocate for themselves in a broken 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 8. The Flint area made me. In school we saw a film on the Flint Sit Down Strike. I saw workers have power when we stand together! I advocate for a fighting working class again.



Health Care should be a human right. In the richest country in the world, we should ALL receive full, free health care that is top of the line. I am horrified by the U.S. response to Covid19 which exposed underfunded public healthcare and disorganization. Healthcare should be funded federally but organized locally. Public health needs to be massively funded and controlled by working people ourselves. Public health needs to be neighborhood based. To build trust, respected neighbors should be hired and trained. Public health is destroyed when profit is put first. Profit for the few at the top is the sickness in our healthcare system.

Inflation is squeezing workers and people on a fixed income. Inflation can be visualized as money stolen from our pockets and transferred to the wealthiest one per cent. Money we pay at the pump goes to big oil companies. Rent/mortgage money generally goes to Wall Street/Banks. Food money goes to the Big Food Companies. Wage, retiree and disability income needs to go up automatically with inflation to check their greed.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9

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Qualifications and Experience: I have been a practicing attorney for over 16 years spending time working at some of the best law firms in the world, similarly to President Obama, to supervising over 50 attorneys at times.



I support President Biden's American Rescue Plan which enabled economic relief to individuals suffering from the effects of the Covid-19 epidemic in the US. I will continue to support the ACA, and fight so every American has lower prescription prices. and access to affordable healthcare. I would like to see a single payer healthcare system initiated in the US one day, that would put us on par with other first world countries throughout the world. It will take time, and as I said, will support the ACA, until this transition can be negotiated.

I support the American Rescue Plan, and support federal policies that enable those suffering from socio-economic disadvantaged situations get the funding needed that allow them to provide for themselves, and family members.

LISA MCCLAIN, Republican

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JAKE KELTS Libertarian

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JIM WALKOWICZ

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: Bachelor's degree, Michigan State University, 1979

Qualifications and Experience: Although this is my first time running for partisan political office, I have ran for (and won) in Union elections going back to 1982, up to the present.



The Federal government needs to fully fund public health programs. We need to follow science and medicine, and not be swayed by partisan political beliefs.

The minimum wage needs to be raised to a livable wage. Wages need to keep up with inflation, and more. When prices go up, our wages should go up.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 10 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 22)

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Occupation / Current Position: Former Macomb County Prosecutor, Assistant US Attorney, Macomb County Circuit & Probate Court Judge

Education: Graduate, University of Michigan Law School, 1971; Graduate, University of Detroit, summa cum laude, 1968

Qualifications and Experience: Served as Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney, 1985-2004; also served as a Macomb County Probate and Circuit Court Judge, 2013-2022.



We should move to a comprehensive and worry-free system of providing health care which recognizes that access to health care is a basic human right. We can do this by taking the Medicare model and making it available for all.

We must also rely on good science in making public health care decisions. There will always be conspiracy theory devotees who question the wisdom of vaccines and other public health care measures; we must combat their disinformation with the truth.

If health care were provided to all as a basic right, we will have addressed a major part of the economic insecurity that afflicts people. We would also lower the cost of products (since manufacturers would not be burdened with health care costs). This would make American products sell better in the world market. With a booming economy we would have the tax base to pay reasonable amounts for the care of disabled and disadvantaged individuals.

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Education: United States Military Academy, West Point (2004) / Penn State University (2014) / University of Michigan - Ross School of Business (2015)

Qualifications and Experience: Aviation Officer, United State Army - OIF 07-09 leading 2 platoons of Apache helicopters. President, James Group - a small family business celebrating 50 years in supply chain and logistics.



I am on the same health care as my employees. I recognize how important it is to provide quality health care that is affordable and patient-centered. We need to repatriate our healthcare industry and resist efforts to give any one entity sole control of healthcare. COVID-19 demonstrated that the supply chains for important drugs and vital medical equipment do not prioritize the best interests of America. Our strategy must be to return the power to patients and doctors, not politicians. We need a patient-centered market-based approach which provides affordable, quality health care and must protect people with pre-existing conditions.

I am running for congress in Michigan's new 10th congressional district because my skills and experience align closely with this heavily automotive and defense manufacturing area. Relevant experience matters. I know what it takes to rebuild our supply chains and strengthen our economy because I've done it before. Investments in workforce development, access to affordable healthcare, a strong semiconductor supply chain and a secure energy future are vital to growing our economy here in Michigan. I will work to help make the American Dream possible for every Michiganders in the new 10th Congressional District.

 ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?	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?	IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?
<p>Everyone should be able to register on election day and vote easily. Many days of early voting with free transportation to the polls plus mandatory paid time off would help workers vote more easily. Voter suppression is outrageous and wrong! The worst voter suppression in politics is the billionaire money controlling what we hear and see. These billionaires get wealthy by not paying workers and by the tax breaks and benefits they get from the government. Then they use this same money to control politics so the political system benefits them even further! Regarding campaign funding, there should be no corporate money in politics.</p>	<p>Working people will need to organize and fight because no one will hand us jobs and higher wages and a decent retirement. Working people have power – but only when we stand together as one class, ready to fight. Billionaires and their accomplices have all kinds of vicious ways to attack different parts of our class and keep us divided. We have to have each other's back as workers. We have to confront discrimination and the violence of racism. Inequalities are worsening. Money to fund healthcare & education must be taken back from the bank vaults stuffed with the profit that workers' labor produced.</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>I stand against corporations making direct political contributions to candidates, ending citizens united and support the John Lewis Voting Act that established new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect.</p>	<p>I fully support H.R. 1558 Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2021, which requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Census Bureau to take certain actions with respect to poverty measures and data related to child poverty. It also requires the National Academy of Sciences to report annually on child poverty and study other issues, such as policies to reduce intergenerational poverty.</p>	<p>I support H.R. 2021 Environmental Justice For All Act, which establishes several environmental justice requirements, advisory bodies, and programs to address the disproportionate adverse human health or environmental effects of federal laws or programs on communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal and indigenous communities. It also prohibits disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin as discrimination. Aggrieved persons may seek legal remedy when faced with such discrimination.</p>	<p>I support H.R. 1177 U.S. Citizenship Act, which establishes a path to citizenship for certain undocumented individuals. The bill also replaces the term alien with noncitizen in the immigration statutes and addresses other related issues. It also establishes a new status of lawful prospective immigrant. This status shall be available to an applying noncitizen who meets certain requirements, including being continually present in the United States from January 1, 2021, and passing background checks. After at least five years with this status, an eligible noncitizen may apply for and receive permanent resident status.</p>
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<p>dominated politics, for their benefit. The Working Class is the majority in the country, yet we are shut out of politics. Voting rights need to be expanded and made as easy as possible to allow full participation. The United States has a low rate of voter participation compared to other countries. We need to do everything we can to reverse that trend.</p>	<p>The minimum wage needs to be raised to a livable wage. We live in the richest country in the world, so no one should be living in poverty. Wages need to go up as inflation goes up. Social Security needs to be raised. Health care needs to be made affordable for everyone.</p>	<p>Global warming is real. We need to seek ways to expand alternative energy by making it more affordable for Working Class and poor people in this country. The big corporations have got away with polluting this country, wasting energy and contributing to global warming. The big corporations should have to pay to fix what they have broken.</p>	<p>Immigration controls are a form of racism and is used to divide the working class. People from other countries are not our enemies. We should not allow ourselves to be divided by national origin, gender, race, or any other category.</p>
<p>It is important that we remove any and all impediments to voting. Every qualified person who is registered to vote must have his or her vote counted. Schemes to discourage people from voting must be strongly resisted. I support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act.</p>	<p>These are the thing we must do: 1. Adopt Medicare for all; 2. Have a serious commitment to federal aid to education, including vocational education to maximize the employment skills of all people; 3. Take steps to revitalize the economy by encouraging the manufacture of the new cost-saving environmentally friendly products (like fast charging stations for electronic vehicles and heat pumps for heating and cooling) so that the United States will lead the world in manufacturing. With improvements in our economy we will have the tax base to increase Social Security benefits to truly provide for our senior population.</p>	<p>We must make the United States the leading county in manufacturing products to take full advantage of renewable energy. Each day, mother nature lavishes upon us enough energy -- in the form of sun, wind, tides, and geo-thermal energy -- to power our planet for several decades. We waste almost all of it, preferring for some inexplicable reason to burn fossil fuels which release huge amounts of carbon. Government must play a role in providing research and development and tax incentives to wean us away from our devotion to burning fossil fuels. If we do things right, we could both save our planet and enjoy a booming economy.</p>	<p>There must be a clear path to citizenship for undocumented children -- who have known no other country -- to become citizens. We also need to greatly expand the number of immigration judges to quickly handle all the cases of people trying to flee persecution and oppression. We must secure our borders, but we cannot in good conscience send people back to a place where they will be murdered by drug gangs or violent governments.</p>
<p>I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country enshrined in our Constitution. I support and encourage every American's right to vote. This is the cornerstone of our democracy. Every registered voter should have the right to vote in secure elections where every legal vote is counted.</p>	<p>I'm in the position to run for Congress because somebody marched for me. My father grew up in the Jim Crow South. He moved to Michigan and started a family while creating a business. 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 to education, increase access to affordable healthcare, provide economic opportunity and will help us keep our promises to our seniors.</p>	<p>I'm for an “all of the above energy strategy” that brings American energy production back home. We cannot rely on foreign dictators to keep our homes heated in the winter. No family should have to choose between buying groceries, filling the car with gas or paying the electric bill. Safe, affordable energy is a must for our country, as is being good caretakers of the environment for the next generation. I support strong funding for the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair. We must protect our precious natural resources from contaminants like PFAS, incentivize private sector innovation, invest in our energy infrastructure and harden utility grids.</p>	<p>Legal immigration is an economic and moral imperative for the United States of America. We cannot afford to turn away people who want to become hard working American citizens. However, a nation with no borders is not a nation at all. We need to ensure that our borders are secure. Congress and the career politicians that run it have failed to put forward any immigration system that works to keep this country safe from both an economic security and national security standpoint.</p>

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The federal government has no defined role or enumerated powers to deal with a pandemic. Local committees should be able to determine what is best for their specific and unique needs

HR 25, The FAIRtax. If passed, all people spending at the poverty level will be completely untaxed, everyone keeps their entire paycheck, trillions of dollars become invested and reinvested in the United States, foreign companies are incentivized to move operations to the United States, and US-made goods become more competitive in the global market.

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Education: 20+ years @ BCBSM & Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration
Qualifications and Experience: Wife, mother of 2, union leader/organizer



For everyday hard-working individuals, the financial cost associated with getting quality health care is too high. Public funds have been diverted from health care and given to banks, corporations and the wealthy in tax breaks, bailouts and subsidies. At the same time as corporations are reporting record profits and CEOs are making million-dollar salaries. COVID put a spotlight on the health, economic and racial disparities that we have suffered under for years. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money you have. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

Our financial security will occur when worker’s wages go up at the same time prices go up. Workers need wage increases now just to make up for the years of lost inflation. In order to improve the lives of all sections of the American public, we need to take back our money from the corporations and banks. Money to be used for the needs of the working class. These funds should be used for teachers, schools, create trade programs, provide free early childhood education and open local community centers. This is not going to be happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11

HALEY STEVENS Democrat

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Education: American University, Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy and Master of Arts in Social Policy and Philosophy
Qualifications and Experience: I served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue in the Obama Administration. Then, in 2018, I was elected to the US House of Representatives, Michigan 11 and then in 2020, I was re-elected to t



Every single American deserves access to affordable and quality healthcare. For too many Michiganders, cost remains a major barrier to accessing healthcare. I support protections for pre-existing conditions and will continue fighting against any rollbacks of these essential protections. I believe the ACA is working and I also support creating a public option and a Medicare buy-in to add more options for coverage.
Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we must ensure that our health care facilities are well funded, staffed, and supplied. I will also continue to support policies that recruit more health providers to the front lines.

I believe in a 21st century labor movement that protects workers, supports training programs, and pays a living wage. That is why I was proud to vote to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Further, I believe we must once and for all end the gender pay gap and support paid family leave for all Americans. I have also been a champion for STEM education and passed a bill that puts forth a suite of sweeping proposals. Manufacturing is the backbone of our economy in southeast Michigan. We need a federal government that strategically invests in research and development that supports the great innovation taking place here at home.

MARK AMBROSE Republican

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Qualifications and Experience: U.S. Army Veteran (Tank Officer), CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst), 25-year career in banking and finance



We must have a safety net to protect our most vulnerable neighbors, however, the government should not mandate the type of coverage that we are allowed to have. Government is inefficient in its allocation of resources. We must trust families to make their own decisions as to what healthcare package works best for them. COVID-19: The Center for Disease Control has lost credibility and become highly political. It must be restructured to encourage honest debate within the scientific community. Branding doctors as heretics if they interpret data in a different way seems to veer into the realm of religion and does not honor science.

Inflation is devastating our poorest citizens. This level of inflation was avoidable. It is a tragedy caused by our own bad policies. Inflation (particularly core inflation that excludes volatile food and energy) is significantly lower in many developed economies than it is in the United States. We must reverse the failures that brought us to this point: 1) Stop the reckless spending/fiscal policy. 2) Encourage domestic energy production to lower prices and make the U.S. energy independent. 3) Ensure the Federal Reserve remains above politics and does what is necessary within its dual mandate to lower inflation and maximize employment.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 24)

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Qualifications and Experience: My team and I created 4 Neighborhood Service Centers in the district, which help people with college debt, veterans’ services, immigration issues, and Social Security benefits, as well as help



I have and will continue to support policies that move us closer to a single-payer system and Medicare for All. No one should have to worry about whether or not they can afford a doctor’s visit or the prescription drug that they need.. Healthcare is a right, and not a privilege. The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated public health issues that were already affecting everyday people. My concern is now that as less attention is focused on the pandemic, the same will happen to these issues. I will continue to support the work of my colleagues, and legislation that keeps attention on these issues.

I support policies that reduce economic inequality and support economic mobility, including policies to pay a livable and family-sustaining wage, narrow the racial and gender pay gap, and combat workforce discrimination. I also support workers’ rights to organize and collectively bargain for fairer pay and better working conditions. Our economic system should be fair, fulfill everyone’s basic needs, and should offer opportunities to all regardless of socioeconomic status or geography. Also to reiterate my answer to an earlier question, the need for Medicare for All not only gives access to health care but rids the burden of medical debt.

STEVEN ELLIOTT Republican

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 ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?	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?	IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?
<p>I'm a big supporter of Ranked Choice Voting and Star Voting programs to give voters more choices in our elections.</p>	<p>HR 25, The FAIRtax. If passed, all people spending at the poverty level will be completely untaxed, and everyone keeps their entire paycheck.</p>	<p>Open up the ability for people harmed by harmful fuel sources to sue the users for damages. The most harmful fuel sources will become more expensive to use and safer fuels will become cheaper.</p>	<p>Pass HR 25, The FAIRtax to make all undocumented workers into taxpayers which will remove the financial incentive to remain undocumented.</p>
<p>The attacks on the voting rights, of not just the black and brown populations, are obvious signs of a process that is not inclusive of all people. The election process in this country doesn't result in what the people want. Elections are dictated by who has the most money, not the voice of the population. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy have always found a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the legislation says. Workers need their own political party that will advance working class issues. The conditions of the working class will change when the working class fights to change its condition.</p>	<p>The working-class population generates all the wealth in this country, yet most of it ends up being pocketed by the 1%. The theft of this money is what has caused the inequalities we see in this country. The working class has the power, knowledge and forces to get back and manage the wealth we create. Money that can be used for quality health care for all, free education and training, housing and much more. This will be the only way to ensure the elimination of these inequalities.</p>	<p>Global warming is destroying the planet but corporations and government legislators are making decisions based on profits not human lives. Energy producing methods such as fracking are destroying the planet, corporations are polluting the Great Lakes for their own profits, and the working class is paying the price. There are different ways to produce sustainable energy but money is needed to be able to produce viable, long-term solutions. The changes that are needed to protect working class are not going to come through just legislation but rather a fight from the working class.</p>	<p>This country was built on the backs of immigrants seeking a better life. Migrants to this country are working class people who want to work and provide a safe environment for their families. They should be allowed to do so. Corporations push the myth that immigrants take jobs from U.S. born citizens, but this is used to divide the working class. The voice of immigrants are silenced by threat of deportation, which keeps them unable to speak for themselves. Immigrants earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and wealth. Immigrants should be given U.S. citizenship and they could stand with other workers for the betterment of us all.</p>
<p>Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our democracy. That is why I am a proud supporter and cosponsor of the H.R. 1, the For the People Act. This crucial legislation would increase access to the ballot box by creating automatic voter registration across the country, expanding early voting, simplifying voting by mail and much more. The legislation also shines a light on dark money in elections by improving political ad disclosures and reporting the large donors of all politically active organizations. Finally, it protects our right to vote by enhancing voter system security.</p>	<p>We must do more to level the playing fields for all communities to give everyone a fair shot, including communities impacted by racial discrimination. That is why I was proud to introduce legislation that will develop a network of business accelerators that promote growth for minority-owned businesses through enhanced access to economic tools. I will continue to fight for initiatives that make our society a more fair and equitable place to live. We must take steps to lower the cost of education for all our children and neighbors. For students who choose to attend 4-year universities, the cost of higher education is out of control.</p>	<p>For too long Michigan communities have been plagued by dangerous lead pipes. That's why I was proud to support legislation that was the single largest federal investment in clean water in American history, and nothing short of transformational. Also, in 2020, the House passed my bill that adds PFAS to the Environmental Protection Agency's list of hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. Protecting Michiganders drinking water. As we work towards a greener future, effective recycling plays a huge role. I have led the charge in Congress on this issue and am the founder and chair of the Congressional Plastic Solutions Task Force.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, our immigration system is broken and needs comprehensive reform. In Congress, I have voted repeatedly to secure our borders and worked to provide a path to citizenship for those living and working in the U.S. I proudly voted for the American Dream and Promise Act which would provide a pathway to citizenship for U.S.-raised immigrant youth known as "Dreamers." Dreamers are American in every way except on a piece of paper, and the United States is the only home they have ever known.</p>
<p>States should continue to set the rules for ballot access and election integrity. Governors and judges should not circumvent the legislature by issuing executive orders and rulings that change voting rules. Those decisions are intended to be made by the legislatures of each state, not by a single person.</p>	<p>America is a shining light in the world that has brought more opportunity to more people of every background than any country in the history of mankind. Still, there is much work to do. A starting point is education for our children. I am an advocate of giving parents an opportunity to choose a school that best fits the needs of their children, whether that school is public or private. Funding for the education of each child should follow the child to whatever school they choose. For seniors, we must ensure that social security is protected and that annual adjustments keep up with the inflation that our irresponsible policies have created.</p>	<p>I have been an advocate for alternative energy since my time commuting to Downtown Los Angeles. Most mornings a film of yellow-brown smog hovered over the city. We need a solution so that our kids will not have to breathe the same polluted air. I wanted to contribute, so I drive an all-electric Chevrolet Bolt. The car is a great example of the revolutionary technology that Michigan companies are capable of. I want to foster an innovation-friendly environment that will encourage Michigan companies to create a world-changing battery and other technologies that will make our state the capital of the automotive industry for the next century.</p>	<p>This Administration's neglect of the crisis at our Southern Border is hurting both U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants. It is irresponsible and cynical. I am a strong advocate for legal immigration. I support those who wish to abide by our nation's laws and processes to become lawful citizens of the United States. As an Army reservist, I served along our Border in Douglas, Arizona. I was shocked at the violence this small Arizona town endured, due to human trafficking and drug smuggling. The situation is not sustainable, and it is killing U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants alike. Our priority must be to secure our Southern Border.</p>
<p>We need to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Democracy for All Act to overturn years of the Supreme Court attacks on the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We must end Citizens United and get dark money out of our political system.</p>	<p>I've introduced legislation that would cut child poverty drastically across the board by expanding the child income tax credit to all children and giving families a monthly benefit to live. I am also a strong supporter of expanding Social Security and increasing the benefit for our seniors. We also need to require the federal government to fund affordable housing at a scale that will make the biggest impact. We know that Michigan lost more Black homeownership than any other state and it is because of the foreclosure crisis. We must address the wrongs with over-taxation in Detroit and the unfair foreclosure process in Wayne County.</p>	<p>I support action at all levels of government to curb climate change, protect clean air and water in our communities, defend public lands, increase energy efficiency and energy access, keep dirty fuels in the ground, invest in clean and renewable energy sources, and regulate harmful pollutants. I believe we all deserve to breathe clean air and drink clean water. I am a huge advocate for bold policy changes and values set in the Green New Deal.</p>	<p>I support action at all levels of government to decriminalize immigration by the creation of a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and other undocumented people living in America. I have been hyper-vigilant on how the Department of Homeland security strips people of their basic human rights so I have tried to hold them accountable by introducing legislation like the Family Unity Act which aims to protect immigrant families. I also called on the UN for independent investigations into the Department of Homeland Security's inhumane treatment of immigrants and refugees. Our immigration system is broken and we must fix it immediately.</p>
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U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022.

Questions (650 characters each):

HEALTH CARE:

What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the COVID-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding public health in the U.S.?

ECONOMY:


What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22)

GARY WALKOWICZ

Working Class

Website: www.workingclassfight.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan
Occupation / Current Position: Retired from Ford Motor Company. Worked on the assembly line and as an elected UAW representative.
Education: High school, some college, 45 years as an auto worker.
Qualifications and Experience: I organized workers and fought against concessions and for better working conditions.



Something is drastically wrong when the richest country in the world had one of the highest deaths rates. Over a million people here died from Covid, most of them ordinary working-class people. This high death rate was a result of not having national health care and because of a deliberate policy to defund public health care. Governments led by both major parties have taken public money away from public health care in order to give money to the corporations, the banks and the wealthy in the form of tax breaks, subsidies and bailouts. The working class has the right to demand that public money be used for good public health care for all.

Rising prices are reducing the standard of living of the working class. When corporations raise prices, but workers' wages don't go up by the same amount, that is a wage cut. The answer to rising prices is for the working class to demand and fight for our wages to go up when prices go up. Workers need an immediate big raise to make up for what we have already lost to inflation. When prices go up in the future, our wages should immediately go up by an equal amount. Workers have shown in the past that we have the power to fight for this. Workers can only depend on ourselves and our own struggles to defend and improve our standard of living.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13

SHRI THANEDAR Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative
Education: PH.D Chemistry, University of Akron, Post Doctoral, University of Michigan, MBA, Fontbonne University,
Qualifications and Experience: Currently a State Representative in Detroit, in the 3rd House District. I am a scientist, chemist, businessman, entrepreneur, father, and grandfather.



There's no reason why, in the richest country in the world, people do not have healthcare. I ultimately believe in single payer healthcare, or Medicare for All, provided by the federal government. The COVID-19 pandemic showed the disparity in healthcare coverage, especially in Black and Brown communities. That's why we need to ensure everyone can see a doctor when they're sick, and the best way to do that is through a single-payer system like Medicare for All. In the meantime, we should allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, put a cap on lifesaving drugs like insulin, and expand subsidies and benefits offered by the ACA.

I grew up in poverty, worked as a janitor, slept in my car to make ends meet. Through luck, education, and hard work, I was able to overcome. I built a successful business by investing in workers, paying a good wage with high benefits. It's time America focuses on empowering workers, instead of the rich. I will support things like free early childhood education, the Housing in Infrastructure Act, developing the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, increasing the minimum wage, and more to invest in people, not special interests and corporations. We need to help people obtain generational wealth.

MARTELL D. BIVINGS

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Occupation / Current Position: Former employee with Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) District Four Business Liaison
Education: B.A. Howard University
Qualifications and Experience: Please see web site



The Federal Government should provide a system where it is a free competitive market. We should have more transparency in our healthcare system which breeds efficiency amongst healthcare providers and allows patients to know what they are paying and decide where they want to be served. The Federal Government went beyond the scope of the government's role during the initial COVID-19 outbreak. Here are a few examples of government overreach, shutting businesses down, requiring citizens to have vaccines, and forcing citizens to wear masks. My plan is to ensure we make the public aware of all options and let them decide.

I would enact legislation that cut taxes, tap into our own oil supply and start exporting our oil. I would pursue policies that encourage entrepreneurship, which would create more jobs. More jobs create an economic environment where the district can have wages commensurate to their lifestyles. Tax credits for child care costs. I would pursue tax incentives for working families and incentives for families that gross \$75k or more annually.

CHRIS DARDZINSKI U.S. Taxpayer


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SIMONE R. COLEMAN

Working Class

Occupation / Current Position: Retirement
Qualifications and Experience: 30 years working for Wayne County Office Public Service



Public money should be used for public services, including public health care. The United States is the richest country in the world and can easily afford universal health care for all. Together the working-class has the power to fight for this. If the working class was running things, we can make this a better place.

The working-class people deserve a living wage and wage increases to keep pace with the cost of living. When prices go up, our wages, and pensions and social security should immediately go up by the same amount

Election challengers vs. poll watchers

ELECTION CHALLENGERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer with credentials, typically appointed by a political party or interest group to observe elections

POLL WATCHERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer without credentials.
Poll watchers have more limited rights than a challenger and may not issue challenges.

⚠️ Poll watchers and poll challengers **cannot** assist voters at a polling place. MDOS and local clerks **do not** hire election challengers or poll watchers

 ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?	SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?	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?	IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?
<p>Moves to restrict voting rights, making it more difficult to vote, are an attack on all working people and on the black population. But the biggest problem with elections is that the results don't represent what the population wants. Elections are determined by who has the most money -- meaning the politicians of both major parties work on behalf of the rich and the one per cent. The Working Class Party says that the workers cannot depend these politicians and on elections to improve our situation. The two big parties don't represent us. The working class needs its own party. Only a struggle by the working class will improve our lives.</p>	<p>This inequality is a result of a system in which the labor of working people produce all the wealth of society, but most of this wealth ends up in the pockets of the 1% of the population. The only answer is for the working class to take back what has been stolen from us. The working class has the power to force the corporations, the banks and the Wall Street speculators to give up the wealth they never earned and to use that wealth to provide good health care for all, good schools for all children, good housing for everyone. The working class answer would be to divide up the work among all who want to work and pay everyone a decent income.</p>	<p>The world is headed for an environmental and human disaster due to global warming. The use of fossil fuels is only one part of that problem. Corporations make decisions on what to produce and how to produce based on what is best for their profits, not what is best for human society. Government administrations have always served the interests of these corporations, putting profit first before human needs. But they have no right to destroy the planet that we all live on. Decisions that effect the environment should be made socially, by the whole population, and not by a few people who are only seeking the greatest profit.</p>	<p>Immigrants are mostly working people who come here looking for a job. If they get a job, they are not taking away a job because they earn money and spend money, which creates more jobs. The problem is that the corporations, and the government, want to keep these workers "illegal", so they are always under the threat of deportation and can be forced to work for lower wages. Every immigrant who comes here to work should get full citizenship rights. The bosses also try to pit native-born workers against immigrant workers, in order to divide and weaken the working class. Wherever we are born, we are all part of the same working class.</p>
<p>As a State Representative I stood up against those that were attacking our voting rights, and those that were trying to make it harder for Black and Brown people to vote. This is fundamental to our democracy and in Congress, I will always protect our voting rights, and work to make sure voting is as easy as possible for everyone. I support legislation like the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and will work to expand vote by mail, early voting, etc. I fully believe in public funding of campaigns. I've seen the corrupting influence of wealthy donors and corporate PACs, that's why I don't take any of their money. I support the For the People Act.</p>	<p>We have to invest in people and everyday Americans, and stop all the handouts and bailouts to the wealthy and giant corporations. I fully believe in free universal pre-k, supporting families that need child care, and parental leave. That's why I support President Biden's Build Back Better plan. We should also have free public higher education, as well as skills and vocational training to help our children learn what they need to get good, high paying jobs. I also support protecting, and even expanding social security to support our seniors. I also support reparations and have introduced reparations bills in the Michigan State House.</p>	<p>We need to invest heavily on clean, renewable forms of energy, and our energy infrastructures. Reliance on fossil fuels and oil is what has gotten us to this point of high gas prices, so the answer is not more oil and gas. We need to alleviate prices at the pump for Americans immediately with policies like lifting gas taxes, and invest in clean, renewable energy sources like hydro, solar, wind, and others. We also need to make sure that large oil companies don't get away with price gouging, and work to make sure Americans aren't feeling pain at the pump while oil and gas companies rake in massive profits.</p>	<p>Immigrants and their families deserve a path to citizenship, but our current system has many barriers in that path. While immigrants are seeking citizenship, it is inhumane to deport and separate families. Therefore, there should be a moratorium on all deportations. I will fight to ensure that documented immigrants who are already in Michigan and waiting for citizenship be protected from deportation and provided funding to assist with applications and lawyer fees for citizenship. Meanwhile, undocumented immigrants also need protection, especially from family separation, detention camps, and funding for lawyers and application assistance.</p>
<p>I would work to identify areas in our election process where there is a flaw and negate the flaw. Support election officials to be able to carry out their duties. Also, make Election Day a federal holiday to give citizens more opportunities to participate. To ensure the system is designed in a manner that reduces the opportunity for fraud.</p>	<p>I would work to identify areas in our election process where there is a flaw and negate the flaw. Support election officials to be able to carry out their duties. Also, make Election Day a federal holiday to give citizens more opportunities to participate. To ensure the system is designed in a manner that reduces the opportunity for fraud. Education is a major key in how we climb to equality. I would enact legislation to ensure our schools had well-rounded diverse program that taps into the youth's natural talents to allow them to become their best selves. I would work to ensure federal funding for programs such as arts education, trade sch</p>	<p>I do not support any policies at the moment. The policies that are being offered in the federal government increase taxes encourage inflation and high gas prices all of which make life more difficult for the majority of the residents in the 13th. After speaking with thousands of residents throughout the new 13th — E&E issues did not come up. The issues that have come up are: are jobs, safety, cost of living, entrepreneurship, a proactive government, and education. At this very moment in America, we have a formula shortage. A parent wanting to feed their infant is not thinking about the environment and energy.</p>	<p>I support immigration, not illegal immigration. We must establish a legal and effective way for families to enter, and then codify the process. I will ensure we establish a dignified way for people to become American Citizens.</p>
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<p>Voting is a right that all born American citizens should have. A cap should be placed on campaign funding because the billionaires control elections and the politicians work for them. Openly dishonest people who lie and goes out of their way to make things harder for others should be removed! Loyalty to humanity.</p>	<p>The money is there to end inequality. The labor of working people produced this wealth. We should start with a living wage and health care for all. All schools should have receive enough money so that all children can receive a good education and teach everyone's history. No one should be living in poverty. Laws should be applied fairly and equally to make the world a better place, instead of favoring the wealthy and the corporations.</p>	<p>Corporations are making decisions for their own profit that end up polluting the environment and causing global warming. They shouldn't have the right to ruin the planet for future generations</p>	<p>Showing humanity. Making them citizens of the United States, if they have a job and contribute to a better society. The bosses try to use immigration to sow the hate and division. All workers, native-born and immigrants, are part of one working class. The bosses are our enemy, not other workers.</p>

Voting rights in Michigan

in 2018, Michigan voters passed Proposal 18-3, which enshrined voting rights in the state constitution, including:



The right to a secret ballot



No-reason absentee voting

Every registered voter in Michigan has the right to use an absent voter ballot to vote from home, vote early, or vote by mail.



Same-day voter registration

Eligible Michigan residents can register to vote on Election Day by visiting a designated local clerk's office and providing proof of residency.



Automatic voter registration




Eligible Michigan residents will be registered to vote automatically, unless they opt out.

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

The State Board of Education has eight members and has leadership and general supervision responsibility over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith. It shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.

Questions (650 characters each):

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?	What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?	What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education, and what actions would you take regarding them?
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<div><div>PAMELA PUGH</div><div>Democrat</div></div>	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-
<div><div>MITCHELL ROBINSON</div><div>Democrat</div><div><div>Website: www.mitchellrobinsonforstateschoolboard.org</div><div>Facebook: www.facebook.com/mrobmused</div><div>Campaign Twitter Handle: https://twitter.com/mrobmused</div><div>Occupation / Current Position: Associate Professor of Music Education, Michigan State University</div><div>Education: PhD, Eastman School of Music; CAS in Educational Administration, SUC at Oswego; MMEd, Hartt School of Music; BFA in Music Ed & Trumpet Performance, SUNY at Buffalo</div><div>Qualifications and Experience: 40+ years of teaching experience from K to doctoral students; policy researcher and author; teacher educator</div></div><div></div></div>	I am a career educator, with over 40 years of experience teaching students from Kindergarten to doctoral study. I hold bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in music education, and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration. I have been a classroom teacher, district supervisor, school administrator, teacher educator, and department chair, and have worked with state departments of education in New York, Connecticut, and Michigan. I have conducted and published research on music teacher evaluation systems and school-college collaboration, and served on the Editorial Boards of several research and policy journals.	Reduce or eliminate standardized testing requirements. No vouchers--public tax dollars are for public schools. Improve teacher working conditions and pay to address the teacher shortage. Restore music, art, and physical education classes that have been cut--all children deserve a rich, diverse curriculum. Eliminate the use of student test scores in teacher evaluation systems. Overturn "Right to Work" legislation. Require all teachers to be highly qualified and fully certified.	Public education in Michigan is under attack. I'm tired of school board members and teachers being targeted with made-up ALEC talking points about CRT, furries, and banning books. The other side of the aisle has no positive vision for public education--because their real goal is to destroy it. We need serious people talking about serious issues: * how to strengthen public institutions, like our schools; * provide a high quality education for all children, not just those who grow up in the suburbs; and, * defend our colleagues in the schools who are doing tremendous work under very difficult conditions.
<div><div>TAMARA CARLONE</div><div>Republican</div><div><div>Website: carlone4education.com</div><div>Facebook: www.facebook.com/Tamara4ED</div><div>Occupation / Current Position: CPA and Process Improvement Expert</div><div>Education: Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan</div><div>Qualifications and Experience: I am an education expert & speaker at the national, state & local levels with 22 years of experience in the field. I have educated people of all ages & ability levels, including twice exceptional.</div></div><div></div></div>	As a Corporate CPA/Process Improvement Expert, I have helped many large organizations operate more efficiently and effectively. I have a degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan, and my 2 children graduated from there as well, my son a biomedical engineer and my daughter a neuroscientist. In my 22 years of education activism, I have become an education expert and have led efforts on the national, state, and local levels to return our schools to excellence in academics. I speak about education all over MI. Please see the long list of experience I will bring to our SBE, and my plan of action, on my website.	We must provide every child with an excellent education to set them up for a great future and so that our state and nation continue to thrive with innovation and prosperity. Our schools are failing at this job in a big way, and it is completely unacceptable. People must be held accountable for this critical job of educating our youth. We must get back to excellence in reading, writing, arithmetic, and accurate American history and civics. We must get back to explicit phonics. 3rd grade reading proficiency went from 75% pre-Common Core (2010) to 44% 10 years in! Children must be able to read to learn. See my website for my extensive plan.	The most pressing issue facing the SBE is its lack of fulfilling its role. We must return the board to its constitutional purpose, and we must get our schools back to providing an excellent education for all children. Everybody needs to understand the power and accountability structure of MI schools so we can get it working again. Children only get one chance at a K-12 education, and we must get it right. Local boards also need to be educated on their critical role, and we must get back to parental rights and local control. There is a reason our founding fathers did not want national control in education, and we are seeing it play out.
<div><div>LINDA LEE TARVER</div><div>Republican</div><div><div>Website: lindatarver.com</div><div>Occupation / Current Position: President, Tarver Consulting</div><div>Education: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), a Doctorate in Theology (Th.D.), a Master of Science in Organizational Psychology (MS/IO Psych) and a Bachelors of Science in Business Management.</div><div>Qualifications and Experience: Former MI Civil Rights Commissioner, fellow of parent leadership institute network (PLIN), member of Lansing Promise Zone, member of Detroit-based Automation Workz Institute, school choice advocate.</div></div><div></div></div>	Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, Ed.D, is a proud mom of two college graduates who both earned academic scholarship at High School graduation thanks to School Choice! She has more than 25 years as an educational advocate. Linda Lee is a former Michigan Civil Rights Commissioner and believes education is a Civil Right. In 2019, Dr. Tarver received the "Leadership in Individual & Social Responsibility" Award from Olivet College & the "Women For Racial Equity & Social Justice" Award from She Leads MI. Liberal ideologies & indoctrination have failed MI students and Linda Lee refuses to sit back and watch! Education in MI is not just political, it's pitiful.	The public education in Michigan is inarguably dismantled and in great need of reconstruction. The pathway toward better education and excellence MUST come from the basics: reading (learning), writing (communication & comprehension), and arithmetic (critical thinking). My sole task is to promote policy to Educate, Not Indoctrinate, Not Incarcerate, & Not Cremate! Literacy is the most important success factor and the goal for which public education is expected to achieve. Literacy is defined simply as the ability to read & write. Yet, literacy is the most prevalent indicator of tragic failure to date among Michigan's 1.3 million students.	The Michigan State Board of Education is responsible for K-12 education and community colleges. Working with the Michigan Legislature and Governor, the SBE is essential in recommending funding and guidance. The most pressing issue facing the Michigan State Board of Education is the lack of guidance in supporting parents, students, & responding to obvious failures in Michigan's public education. Spending like drunken sailors on programs that don't lead to LITERACY will take our already pathetic academic ranking even lower! All available resources should go to literacy, keeping schools safe and protected & cooperating with PARENTS (MCL 380.10).

Who Can Vote?

You must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years old on Election Day, a resident of Michigan and your city or township for at least 30 days, not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison, and registered to vote.

Voter registration is allowed right up to and including Election Day.

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

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Questions (650 characters each):

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?

What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

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

DONNA GUNDLE-KRIEG

Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Real Estate Broker and Township Trustee

Education: B.A. Communications, Wayne State University
Qualifications and Experience: While I am currently a real estate broker, I have a strong interest and background in education. I worked for a short time as a high school teacher, and was an education policy journalist.



My experience is varied, which makes me ideal to represent a population with varied backgrounds. My experience includes teaching, and writing about education policy. My background in communications and leadership has trained me to serve effectively on several boards, including as an elected township official in Mancelona. I want to serve on the board because I would bring a voice to the table which has previously been missing. As a Libertarian, I am interested in representing all children, parents and teachers, regardless of which party they belong to. I want to work with all parties to get the job done.

The state board should have minimal interference in local education. The board should facilitate recommendations and communications, but the local school board should be the main decision-makers regarding school policy. There should be more communication between parents, teachers, and administration. The "PTO's" I have worked with are simply Parent Fundraising Organizations. Very few teachers are involved, and the function of these groups is to raise funds by selling candy. There would be far less conflict and more productivity if these PTOs were actually dedicated to education, and if parental input was valued beyond fundraising ideas.

Again, the department's primary role should be to support and make recommendations to local school districts. The most pressing issues facing Michigan schools involve the balancing act between respecting educators, and at the same time honoring parents. After all, parents are the ones responsible for raising their children. Division would be minimized if parents were given the opportunity for actual input, and if, in turn, teachers felt supported by parents.

BILL HALL

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Education: Honors graduate, Northwestern University School of Law and Wabash College.

Qualifications and Experience: Attorney with 41 years' experience advising individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations. Served on many nonprofit boards, Boy Scout leader since 1994, 11 as Scoutmaster.



Attorney/partner in Warner Norcross + Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm specializing in commercial real estate/mining law. Managed firm's Real Estate Services Group for more than 10 years, about 40 attorneys/paralegals. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. Have a passion for serving our youth. Committed to improving education through freedom of choice and fiscal responsibility. Will be an independent voice on a Board riven by partisan politics.

The pandemic and the State's authoritarian response severely damaged the education of a generation of Michigan students. At the same time, they led us to try new and innovative approaches, some of which were successful and should be encouraged. We learned that in many cases home, private and charter schools should be incentivized, as they are much more flexible than traditional public schools and deliver superior educational results. One-size-fits-all edicts from the State are inferior to policies developed by parents, teachers and schools to address local needs and goals. Hybrid or remote schooling methods work well for some but not all.

Recovering from the Pandemic – Pursue an educational policy based, first and foremost, on respect for the freedom of parents, teachers and schools to choose public and private educational programs they feel are best for their children. Focus on tutoring to repair the loss of education. Federal mandates (common core, transgender rights, etc.) – Leave decisions to local school districts, teachers and parents. Fiscal Responsibility – Freeze participation in existing underfunded defined benefit pension plans and shift future contributions to defined contribution plans; don't bail out failing schools.

ETHAN HOBSON

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Occupation / Current Position: Teacher

Education: Academic education as an undergraduate from University of Illinois, Chicago and Michigan State University for graduate school. Life experience education as an organizer in the working class.

Qualifications and Experience: I am a long-time community college teacher and advocate for quality public education for all.

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Education: Honors graduate, Northwestern University School of Law and Wabash College.

Qualifications and Experience: Attorney with 41 years' experience advising individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations. Served on many nonprofit boards, Boy Scout leader since 1994, 11 as Scoutmaster.



I am a long-time community college teacher and have an inside perspective about how and if students come prepared academically from our K-12 system. I have also been politically active, organizing in the working class, especially at Ford Rouge. I can give voice to the problems students, families and workers face when it comes to the lack of access to a quality public school education. I also have the experience campaigning as a Working Class Party Candidate since 2016 and have talked to thousands of teachers, and other school employees, parents and students about the problems they have faced in the schools and this system.

Simple. If children truly are our society's most valuable resource, then ALL the economic resources needed to provide an excellent quality education, including the social and cultural experiences, should be put into public education. And to provided decent working conditions and good pay for all school employees. Since this government can finds millions to give in tax breaks to corporations, and billions for war, the money is there. Working people know this. They know how much they pay in taxes, and how much the lottery takes in. It should go to what people need.

Although funding per pupil has increased; and there is COVID relief funding, public school funding has not kept up with economic growth. There continues to be huge disparities in school districts. We know it is the wealthy school districts that have the best academic results. EVERY child should have the best of opportunities. Public money should go to public education and not handed over to corporations and real estate speculators. I would use the resources the office has to give people information that is hidden from them and to encourage teachers, students and parents to organize to fight for a tidal wave of money for the public schools.



Vote Tuesday, November 8



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

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

Questions (650 characters each):			
	Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the University Board?	What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?	What are the most pressing issues facing the University Board, and what actions would you take regarding them?
<div><div><div><div>MIKE BEHM</div><div>Democrat</div><div><div>Website: mgobehm.com</div><div>Occupation / Current Position: Attorney</div><div>Education: B.A. University of Michigan, 1989; J.D. Wayne State University, 199</div></div></div></div></div>	I first ran and was elected to the U of M Board of Regents in 2014. I am an attorney and have spent my career representing people who have been injured due to the negligence of others. Many of my clients are poor and from underserved communities and I have seen, first hand, the value of a college education. I have spent a great deal of my time on the Board working to expand opportunities to attend U of M for citizens of Michigan. We started the Go Blue Guarantee (free tuition for in-state students whose family incomes are \$65k or less) when I was Chair of the Board five years ago. Today 19% of our in-state undergrads are recipients	While there are many important issues facing the University today, I believe, in addition to providing a world class education to Michigan citizens, we are duty-bound to do so in an environment that is safe and free from harassment. Over the past three years, we have uncovered instances of past abuse and unwanted harassment. We have addressed these situation head-on, and such behavior cannot be allowed to continue in the future. The second issue is related to the first; we must rebuild trust across our three campuses. Trust between faculty and students, administration and the campus as a whole, and members of our entire system.	While we have addressed some of the economic issues regarding accessibility (Money magazine ranked U of M the best college value in the US this year) more can and should be done. We also raised the minimum wage of all employees, including part-time students, to \$15.00 this year. I am interested in offering free daycare to students with children and we're making progress in this area. Additionally, because our Flint and Dearborn campuses have more non-traditional and first generation students, we are providing more counseling and advising services so our students know they're valued and stay on track toward completing their degrees.
<div><div><div><div>KATHY WHITE</div><div>Democrat</div><div><div>Website: www.friendsofkathywhite.com</div><div>Occupation / Current Position: Prof. of Law, Wayne State University. Registered Patent Attorney. Brigadier General Army NG.</div><div>Education: Princeton University, B.S.E. Electrical Engineering & Computer Sci., Univ. of Washington School of Law, J.D., George Washington Univ. Law School, LL.M, US Army War College, Masters, Strategic Studies</div><div>Qualifications and Experience: I am a current Regent having vast experience on the Board. Prof. of Law at Wayne State University. Brigadier General Army NG.</div></div></div></div><div></div></div>	I am a current Regent having vast experience and expertise on the Board and other areas. I can provide steady leadership for dynamic times. I am a full-time tenured Professor of Law at Wayne State Univ. specializing in patent law, and contracts. In addition, I am a Brigadier General in the Army National Guard serving as the Deputy Commanding General of the 46th Military Police Command in Lansing, MI. I am a registered patent attorney, electrical engineer, Fulbright Senior Scholar, and a White House Fellow. I was inducted into the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor in November 2019.	First, quality education is central to America's ability to remain globally competitive. UM must engage in public/private partnerships to continue building bridges between education, science, industry and government to create synergies to improve the quality of higher education. UM is well positioned to continue to translate knowledge to solve problems of general public interest to meet societal needs. Second, keeping UM affordable enables students from all backgrounds, with different perspectives, to enrich the academic environment and develop empathy, which often instills the courage to stand up and do the right thing.	During my tenure on the Board of Regents, UM instituted the "Go Blue Guarantee," which provides "free tuition for up to four years for high-achieving, in-state, full-time undergraduates with family incomes less than \$65,000 and assets below \$50,000." This program is available on all three campuses: Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn. As more students became eligible for Veterans Benefits, I spearheaded the move to become part of the Yellow Ribbon Program and offer all veterans, reserve components, and active duty service members in-state tuition so they can take full advantage of their Veterans Benefits and maximize funding levels.
<div><div><div><div>LENA EPSTEIN</div><div>Republican</div></div></div></div>	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-
<div><div><div><div>SEVAG VERTANIAN</div><div>Republican</div></div></div></div>	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-
<div><div><div><div>ERIC LARSON</div><div>Libertarian</div><div><div>Occupation / Current Position: Physician Anesthesiologist</div><div>Education: BSE - Nuclear Engineering, University of Michigan; MD University of Iowa College of Medicine</div><div>Qualifications and Experience: BSE - Nuclear Engineering 1996 from Univ. of Michigan, Past President of my medical practice, Former president of the Kent County Medical Society, Current board member of the MI State Medical Society</div></div></div></div><div></div></div>	I am a graduate of the University of Michigan (1996) where I received by bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering. I then finished medical school and residency in Iowa (anesthesiology) and returned to the state in 2004 where I have practiced ever since. I want the University to maintain its academic rigor while also fostering a place where students of all stripes can learn from one another with respect. I am someone who has served in numerous leadership positions both in the private and public sphere. I want to bring those skills to UM and make it an even better institution than it already is.	1) Open and free discourse on campus encouraged to allow students exposure to ideas they may not have encountered. This setting is best for young adults as they will have plenty of resources to challenge and work through complicated issues. In a pluralistic society they will be faced with all sorts of ideologies and positions and we should help equip them to deal with these in an empathetic and logical manner to encourage civil discourse. 2) Reasonable COVID policies that follow the science and do not violate students' bodily autonomy.	Keep costs low to allow for those with less means to attend more easily. It is also worth considering using the massive endowment that UM has to help lower tuition costs. Finally, we should try to minimize administrative positions that do not affect the quality of education as a way to lower the cost of running the university.
<div><div><div><div>JOE SANGER</div><div>U.S. Taxpayer</div></div></div></div>	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-	-No response by print deadline-

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

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Questions (650 characters each):

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the University Board?

What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

What are the most pressing issues facing the University Board, and what actions would you take regarding them?

SHERRY A. WELLS Green

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Qualifications and Experience: Practiced law for over 40 years; instructor of Intro. to Law; author and publisher of 5 editions of Michigan Law for Everyone; president and board member of many organizations.



Added to the above, an important role for third parties is to raise issues that the Big Two will not raise, to focus on social justice and the environment instead of Big Corporations and war, to "follow the money" which includes how the U of M gets and spends money. I learned much about education in Michigan in my runs for the State Board of Education in 2014, 2016 and 2018. I Zoomed in on its June meeting. I drove to St Ignace and attended its first U.P. meeting and will continue. I do my home-work. Of the three elected university boards, I earned degrees from MSU and WSU so now I want to attend to U of M by being on its Board of Governors!

Fairness to employees who uphold its reputation: this includes supporting the nurses in its renown medical system and, like teachers and their students, their patients are as important and part of the working conditions they press for improvement. Also, U.M. Dearborn campus employees will be getting raises to \$15 soon but those at the Flint campus will be only gradually increased to \$15--WHY the difference?! Also, I want to learn how much defense money the U of M takes in and about how much research is focused on the environment, which is connected with health, instead of towards war, which is a major environmental detriment.

Years ago, the Montcalm Community College offered courses for prisoners and recidivism reduced dramatically. Of course, that program was cancelled. (Yes, sarcasm.) Michigan annually spends \$36,000 per prisoner yet U of M tuition, fees, books, room & board and expenses is only \$33,000. Only 11 percent of Michigan prisoners have a post-high school degree. Despite 28 prisons and 38,500 prisoners in Michigan, the U of M is not among the six institutions offering post-secondary education for prisoners. Recidivism is 25% and this could reduce that as well as make the prisoners a role model for education for their families.

KATHLEEN OAKFORD Natural Law

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

DENNIS DENO Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position:

Small business owner

Education: BA and MA

Qualifications and Experience: Graduate of MSU, understand complexities of MSU



As a small business owner, former staffer in the Michigan legislature, MSU graduate and someone who lives a mile from campus, I see the positives and negatives of MSU Board of Trustees' decisions. To get anything done, Trustees must put politics aside and build a consensus and also ask how their decisions affect the MSU community and the entire state. The number one job of the MSU Board is to serve as the fiduciary agent for our tax dollars and I want to use my business and political experience and community relations to ensure that MSU's budget reflects our priorities.

Transparency and safety. As a public body, the MSU Board must be more transparent with their decisions and budget process. The other big concern is safety--do our students, employees, and guests feel safe on campus? Is MSU a safe place for everyone? If students do not feel safe then they will not succeed academically, and if employees do not feel safe then they will not stay at MSU.

Every candidate is going to say that they are going to fight to lower tuition, but we all know that they can't, thanks to cuts from the federal and state government. I would first like to examine our budget and see where our finances are coming from and going and if there are cost savings. More grant money would be great, but also increasing all salaries on campus to \$15 an hour would help students pay their bills.

RENEE KNAKE JEFFERSON Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Trustee, Michigan State University and Professor of Law, University of Houston
Education: JD, University of Chicago Law School
Qualifications and Experience: Appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees in 2019. Running to continue my work as a champion of change for student success.



Governor Whitmer appointed me to the MSU Board of Trustees in 2019. She chose me based on my expertise as an attorney and professor in legal ethics and gender equity. I served on the MSU law faculty for a decade from 2006-16, and continue to reside in East Lansing. My husband and step-son are proud Spartan graduates. I believe education should be affordable, accessible, and inclusive. I value academic freedom, campus safety/healing, civility, diversity, equity, respect, sustainability and transparency. I have been a champion of change to further these values at Michigan State, and hope to continue my efforts for the next eight years.

There are several issues that I would rank as the most pressing for MSU today. Priorities for me include: (1) enhanced accountability and transparency in Board governance; (2) meaningful diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; (3) improved campus safety and healing, especially for survivors of sexual violence and misconduct; (4) affordable tuition and living costs, in particular for in-state students; and (5) increased educational and economic opportunities for all 83 of Michigan's counties through MSU's Extension Program.

Making education truly accessible to all Michigan residents requires more than keeping tuition affordable, though that is important. Pipeline programs starting in elementary school and extending through high school are essential to helping our youngest residents access higher education. MSU does this through the Extension program and other outreach efforts, but more can and should be done to help make university education a realistic option for anyone who wants to pursue it. In addition to K-12 pipeline programs, I recommend targeted outreach to first-generation university students and special support for them as they enter higher education.

MIKE BALOW Republican

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


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Duties: The Michigan State Board of Trustees has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer. Term: 8 years. Vote for no more than two (2) candidates.

Questions (650 characters each):

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the University Board?	What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?	What are the most pressing issues facing the University Board, and what actions would you take regarding them?
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TRAVIS MENGE
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Occupation / Current Position: Orthopedic Surgeon
Education: Michigan State University (BS); University of Colorado School of Medicine (MD); Vanderbilt University (Orthopedic Surgery Residency)
Qualifications and Experience: As a physician, I have spent my entire career caring for patients and working to improve the lives of others. I understand the many healthcare-related challenges our students and universities face.



My healthcare leadership experience makes me uniquely qualified to successfully guide MSU through unexpected challenges, such as the COVID pandemic and Larry Nassar Scandal. Additionally, up to 15-20% of the annual budget (\$1.4 Billion) at MSU is related to medical education, health sciences, and research. The MSU Trustees provide supervision over the university and its funds, but do not have a member with healthcare experience when addressing these issues. I received a scholarship to attend MSU, and want to utilize my experience to give back and serve the university that has provided so much to me. Go Green!

Higher education and healthcare share many similar issues. I believe two of the most pressing issues facing MSU are the value of education offered and accessibility for students. Many people simply talk about cost, but I believe improving the value of education is more important. Value takes into account both the cost AND quality. I want to make high quality education affordable and lower costs, thereby offering the best value to students. Accessibility is also an issue facing students across Michigan. I want to ensure students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to obtain a world class education at Michigan State University.

Improving accessibility to a high quality education at MSU is very important to me. I grew up on a cattle ranch in northwestern Colorado, and attended high school in a rural Wyoming town of less than 400 people. Without the scholarship I received to Michigan State, I never could have dreamed of (or afforded) to come to Michigan and attend school at MSU. I will work to ensure opportunities are available for Michigan students from every background to earn both merit-based and needs-based scholarships. We need to leverage our corporate and industry partnerships to further expand funding sources, and make better use of our taxpayer dollars.

CLARANNA GELINEAU
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Qualifications and Experience: I am an alumna of Michigan State University.
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Occupation / Current Position: MI Dept. of Human Services/Retired
Education: Bachelor of Science
Qualifications and Experience: I am an alumna of Michigan State University.



Retired caseworker with much experience dealing with people, paper and problems.

1) Affordability of attending college. The government must stop making predatory loans and administration must reduce spending whenever possible.
2) Student safety. (Nasser scandal and death of Brendan Santos)

Increasing the availability of online learning or establishing a 'earn as you learn' route for some courses of study.

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Occupation / Current Position: Lt Colonel (Ret); U.S. Army; 32 years; Retired Michigan Public School Teacher; 23 years;
Education: Two MA's WMU; Political Science; International Relations; Education; History; US Army -CIB/ABN/LOM/BS/MSM; BA University of South Florida. Political Science & International Relations.
Qualifications and Experience: Not endorsed by the left wing socialist MEA; Vietnam War & Iraq War Veteran; VFW & NRA Life Member



Two Masters Degrees & K-12 Teaching Certificate from WMU; Libertarians are all about Lower taxes; Less Government in our lives & face; Individual Freedom; the Constitution & Bill of Rights; the Second Amendment; & Personal responsibility; No Mandates of any kind; Max Previously received :“Full Endorsement” from Michigan Vaccine Freedom PAC & “Friends of Conservative Energy Advocacy” - Michigan Conservative Energy Forum; & Michigan Right to Life; & the NRA - National Rifle Association - A Rated; Its all about Individual freedom; Enact strict control -legislation regarding RED (PRC) ownership of US - Michigan farm land;

NO Necon Wars; NO Antifa or Communist's on Campus; NO CIA/BATF/NSA/WOKE/BLM/CRT/PRC/FBI/ on - at any Michigan University tax supported Campus; No draft to support future Necon wars; Free Speech on Campus; It's OK to be White; Re-elect President Donald Trump for 3rd time; No war with Iran; or Russia over Ukraine; Repeal 16th Amendment/Federal Income Tax; AX the Michigan Income tax; REMEMBER RHODESIA; Stop Genocide on the Roof of the World - Free TIBET; Boycott PRC. Chinese students from Republic of Free China on campus! OK.

No vaccine or mask mandates for all Michigan University students & Michigan National Guard; FREE Speech on campus; No Illegal alien attendance at Michigan K-12 university tax supported schools; NO Estate tax up to 50 million dollars; then 10%; NO estate tax on family farms; NO PRC/Red Chinese students on campus; Priority attendance to Michigan students; (inappropriate response deleted); 5% Flat tax; Nonprofits/Billionaires pay 20% flat tax; Michigan Nonprofits with woke agenda pay 50% income tax; with money earmarked towards helping MI Poor with food; housing; gas; medical & Child Care.

ROBIN LEA LAURIAN
Green

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

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

Questions (650 characters each):

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the University Board?

What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

What are the most pressing issues facing the University Board, and what actions would you take regarding them?

DANNIELLE ATKINSON Democrat

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Education: JD Wayne State University, MA Middlebury College, BA Eastern Michigan University
Qualifications and Experience: 8 years' experience as Governor of the Wayne State University Board of Governors (immediate past Chair of the Board); 24 years as an appellate judge (a past Chief Justice of the Supreme Court).



I have been a member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors for nearly 8 years. Earlier, I was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education for 12 years. I have been the chair of both boards. My experience as a former student, current professor and board member at Wayne provides me a balanced view of the University, its strengths, its weaknesses and its needs. I want to serve a second term on the Board because I am devoted to the wellbeing of the University, its students, faculty and staff. I want Wayne State to provide the best possible education to its students, to enhance their social mobility, and enrich their lives.

Rapid changes in higher education and reduced funding. Like other universities, Wayne State is facing enormous changes caused by our changing society. I would concentrate on better use of technology in teaching, and I would promote new curricula to better prepare students for rapidly shifting workplace demands. In past years, the Michigan Legislature has slowed its financial backing of the University, putting pressure on the school to raise student tuition in order to maintain the quality of its educational offerings. I oppose increasing tuition unless grants and scholarships for the financially needy offset the increases.

1. More courses offered virtually. The opportunity to get a university education should not depend on where students live in the state. It should not depend on whether students are employed or have child care responsibilities. 2. More assistance to students who struggle to succeed in university courses. Many students need to have skilled people available to help them adjust to the demands of college, to help them sharpen their skills and answer their questions. The university must be a place where they feel accepted and welcomed. The faculty, staff and students alike must be sensitive to the destructive effect of implicit bias.

CHRISTA MURPHY Republican

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CRAIG WILSHER Republican

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BRUCE JAQUAYS Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired from USPS, part-time Walmart Associate

Education: BA from University of Michigan

Qualifications and Experience: I have some experience with union contracts from my time at the USPS. I'm a WSU dad, my daughter graduated from WSU.



I wish to serve on the Board of Governors as I have seen other universities' boards such as the University of Michigan, of which I am an alumni, make decisions that make the university less appealing to all students. I believe all groups should feel comfortable to come to the university. I support the first amendment on campus. I worked my way through college, I know what student debt is. I work with college age associates, who don't feel they have a future. A WSU degree would help them as it has others like my own daughter. I want WSU to become a first choice not a second or third choice. It has a lot to offer. I won't mess that up.

The two most pressing issues facing WSU are parking and not being considered a first choice of a university to the greater Detroit area. 1) Parking is a complaint from many students. Since WSU has a large commuter student body, safe and convenient parking issues are a major concern to them. My daughter was a commuter. Her car was broken into on campus. It wasn't the end of the world. It's also something that's often mentioned before great professors etc. 2) WSU is in Detroit. Duh?! Detroit has good points that match Ann Arbor and East Lansing if not better. Out state doesn't know that or care. A hurdle to be addressed.

Cost is the biggest road block to accessibility. As a governor, I would take being a steward of the financial resources very seriously. Also WSU must offer courses and classes that are practical. Parents want their children getting useful degrees. WSU needs to meet or exceed what are competitors are offering to students. WSU has a lot to offer but... it is Detroit vs Ann Arbor/East Lansing/Mount Pleasant/etc. Actual campus crime may not be any different but... WSU needs to address this harder than other colleges. I'm in favor of spending more on security as it will benefit WSU students and our infrastructure.

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI U.S. Taxpayer

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

Duties: 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. Although the election is nonpartisan, candidates (other than incumbents) are nominated by political parties.

Questions (650 characters each):

Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court and how do your educational, occupational, civic and community experiences qualify you to serve on this court?

Describe, in lay terms, what the Michigan Supreme Court does and the challenges it faces. How would you address these challenges?

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

RICHARD BERNSTEIN

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Occupation / Current Position: Michigan Supreme Court Justice
Education: Phi Beta Kappa Graduate of the University of Michigan and earned my Juris Doctor from Northwestern University Law School



I was born legally blind and my unique life challenge has helped fuel my passion for fairness and driven my professional, legal, and public service work. I believe in justice that is blind to ideology, blind to special interests, and blind to partisan politics. As a Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court, I listen, make sure all sides are heard, and that the rule of law is always served. A good judge knows what it means to struggle. As former head of the public service division of The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, I spent my career fighting to ensure justice is served for all people, including those with disabilities.

The Michigan Supreme Court has two keys functions. The first is to serve as the court of "last resort" in which it decides some of the most significant judicial cases in the State of Michigan. The second is to oversee the administration of all other courts in the state which includes establishing rules for practices and procedures in all Michigan courts. A key issue facing Michigan courts right now is the backlog due to the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in lengthy waits for cases to be adjudicated. I believe all courts should safely return to in-person court, move through the backlog, and use virtual court when necessary.

Greater access to justice in both criminal and civil justice systems are the biggest needs. For example, in order for public defenders to fairly represent their clients in criminal proceedings they need the tools and resources to conduct a proper investigation of the facts. In civil proceedings, the question is how can we ensure all people have an opportunity to participate and navigate the justice system without getting left behind. The Court's Justice For All Task Force is committed to working towards 100% access to justice in the civil system and I applaud the effort to make Michigan courts more accessible to all people statewide.

KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN

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I am an attorney, currently serving my second term, representing the 35th District in the Michigan State House. I have gotten 5 bi-partisan bills passed and signed into law. I am a graduate of Southfield Public Schools and received my bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. I decided to run for Michigan Supreme Court because I love Michigan, have practiced law and participated in making state law, and I want to ensure equal justice under the law for generations.

The Michigan Supreme Court serves as an equal and impartial third branch of government and does not make policy or law. The Court is responsible for ruling on cases brought before it based upon the evidence presented and to make independent, reasoned judgment based upon the law. As a non-partisan judicial candidate, the Michigan Judicial Canons prohibit answering questions regarding issues, or taking positions on matters that could be presented to the court. I believe that we have an opportunity to protect justice for generations. We have the opportunity to ensure access to justice and equal justice under the law.

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Education: Cornell University and Georgetown University Law Center



I'm often asked why I would run for elected office in a political environment as nasty and divisive as ours. My answer is always the same: We need good people of good character to step up for these positions. Now, more than ever, we need our most qualified and experienced candidates to step up to the plate to run for office. I lead the appeals group at one of Michigan's top law firms, clerked for a top federal judge, graduated from Cornell and Georgetown Law, and have served as lead counsel in more than 150 cases in the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The Michigan Supreme Court sits atop the justice system in the state, and serves as the ultimate umpire for all legal disputes in Michigan, especially those involving the most important and complex issues of constitutional interpretation. The biggest challenge the Michigan Supreme Court faces is the politicization of our courts. Simply put, we need to keep the politics and politicians out of our courts. The Michigan Supreme Court is a nonpartisan institution—it's on the nonpartisan section of the ballot for a reason—and I take this very seriously. People need to be able to trust that their judges are not just politicians in robes.

In addition to the politicization issue I discussed above, our justice system as a whole needs to be far more efficient. It can take years to process cases, and in many courtrooms across the state the system is set up for the convenience of the individual judge, rather than the public at large. There is no excuse for this, and it needs to change. One way to change this is through the smart use of technology. Through Zoom and other technology platforms, we can make the justice system more accessible, less expensive, and more efficient.

KERRY LEE MORGAN

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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.

Article VI of the Michigan Constitution provides the Court exercise only judicial power, including superintending control, adopting rule of practice and procedure, and to issue written decisions in cases and controversies that come before it. In so doing it must secure the rights of the people by confining the government's power strictly within its Constitutional boundaries. It does not enjoy any power to make law or carry the law into execution. It does not enjoy any power to substitute its own political matrix for that of the parties, the legislature or Governor. It has no power to insert new rights into the Constitution.

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.

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I am the only member of the Court to bring prior trial court and appellate court experience to the job. Having tried hundreds of cases and reviewed on appeal thousands more, I possess a wealth of experience and knowledge relating to the proper application of statutes and court rules to cases. My passion for the rule of law and equal justice under law has also led me to Chair the Justice for All Commission (discussed below), to ensure access to our civil justice system to those in need of legal assistance. This unparalleled blend of experience and dedication to our justice system makes me uniquely qualified to serve another term on the Court.

The primary function of the Court is to interpret Michigan law. Courts do not make law. Elected legislative representatives make our laws. The greatest challenge for the Court is to state what the law is and not what we think the law ought to be. Judicial restraint accomplishes this challenge while acknowledging that equal justice under law is the foundational promise of our legal system. Equal justice under law can only be achieved when litigants can be confident that judges will restrain themselves to the proper interpretation of the law.

Too many people are denied meaningful access to the civil justice system because they cannot afford a lawyer. These cases involve very important issues, like housing, domestic disputes and debt collection. I chair a commission that is developing strategies to narrow this justice gap by rethinking the delivery of legal assistance. Another significant challenge to our court system is catching up on the backlog of cases that developed as a result of the pandemic. This is best addressed by utilizing retired judges to help resolve old cases, and encouraging litigants to use alternative dispute resolution in the civil context.

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Appeals Court

The Michigan Court of Appeals is an intermediate appellate court which generally hears appeals from circuit or probate court, and some agency orders. There are 24 judges who sit state-wide, although they are elected or appointed from one of four districts. District 1 is based in Detroit, District 2 is based in Troy, District 3 is based in Grand Rapids and District 4 is based in Lansing.

DISTRICT 1 - INCUMBENT

6-Year Terms

Vote for no more than TWO (2)

Thomes Cameron

Kristina Robinson Garrett

DISTRICT 1 - INCUMBENT

Partial Term

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

Noah P. Wood

DISTRICT 2 - INCUMBENT

6-Year Terms

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

Colleen A. O'Brien

DISTRICT 2 - INCUMBENT

Partial Term

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

Sima G. Patel

Michael Warren

DISTRICT 3 - INCUMBENT

6-Year Terms

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

James Robert Redford

DISTRICT 3 - NON-INCUMBENT

6-Year Terms

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

Kathleen A Feeney

Raymond P. Voet

DISTRICT 3 - INCUMBENT

Partial Term ending 1/1/25

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

Christopher Yates

DISTRICT 4 - INCUMBENT

6-Year Terms

Vote for no more than TWO (2)

Michael F. Gadola

Brock A. Swartzle

Court of Appeals Districts by County

1ST DISTRICT

Branch
Hillsdale

Kalamazoo
Lenawee
Monroe

St. Joseph
Wayne

2ND DISTRICT

Genesee

Macomb

Oakland

3RD DISTRICT

Allegan
Barry
Berrien
Cass
Calhoun
Eaton

Ionia
Jackson
Kent
Mason
Montcalm
Muskegon

Newaygo
Oceana
Ottawa
Van Buren
Washtenaw

4TH DISTRICT

Alcona
Alger
Alpena
Antrim
Arenac
Baraga
Bay
Benzie
Charlevoix
Cheboygan
Chippewa
Clare
Clinton
Crawford
Delta
Dickinson
Emmet
Gladwin
Gogebic

Grand Traverse
Gratiot
Houghton
Huron
Ingham
Iosco
Iron
Isabella
Kalkaska
Keweenaw
Lake
Lapeer
Leelanau
Livingston
Luce
Mackinac
Manistee
Marquette
Mecosta

Menominee
Midland
Missaukee
Montmorency
Ogemaw
Ontonagon
Osceola
Oscoda
Otsego
Presque Isle
Roscommon
Saginaw
Sanilac
Schoolcraft
Shiawassee
St. Clair
Tuscola
Wexford

VOTING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

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

What should you expect from judicial candidates?

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

What should you look for in a judge?

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

Statewide Proposals on November 8, 2022 Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

Michigan Proposal 22-1:

Transparency and Term Limits

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature

- This proposed constitutional amendment would:**
- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
 - Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
 - Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES

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NO

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Brief Explanation: The State Legislature placed this initiative on the ballot, eliminating the need for signature-gathering for the proposed Constitutional Amendment. It addresses two topics, transparency for state officials’ financial reporting and term limits. For more information, go to the websites of a ‘pro’ group, Voters for Transparency and Term Limits, and a ‘con’ group, such as Michigan Term Limits Defense Fund.

Currently, there are no reporting requirements for state officials, and term limits are a total of 14 years, 6 years in the MI House and 8 years in the MI Senate.

- A ‘Yes’ Vote Means:**
- Members of the legislature, the governor, secretary of state and attorney general would be required to be transparent about their income, assets, liabilities, gifts from lobbyists, positions held in certain organizations, and agreements on future employment.
 - These financial reports would be publicly disclosed annually. Currently Michigan is one of only two states which does not require these annual reports and ranks 50th in the nation in transparency.
 - Term limits for state legislators would change from a maximum of 14 years to a maximum of 12 years. However, the legislator may serve the entire time in one chamber or the other, or a combination. Currently, legislators are limited to two 4-year terms in the Senate and three 2-year terms in the House.
 - Legislators would be allowed to serve the entire 12-year term in one chamber. Some say this would allow for the possibility of more continuity.
- A ‘No’ Vote Means:**
- Michigan’s top elected officials and legislators will continue to disclose their financial interests only on a voluntary basis. Michigan will continue to be free of required annual ‘conflict of interest’ reports, standing with Idaho as the two states without such requirements.
 - Term limits for state legislators will stay as they are currently, limited to two 4-year terms in the Senate and three 2-year terms in the House, with a maximum of 14 years. Some say that the proposal’s effect would be to prolong terms within each chamber, and that it’s helpful to have rotation of people in office.

Michigan Proposal 22-2:

Promote the Vote 2022

A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections.

- This proposed constitutional amendment would:**
- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
 - Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
 - Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
 - Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
 - Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
 - Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
 - Require nine days of early in-person voting;
 - Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
 - Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES

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NO

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Brief Explanation: This proposed amendment to Michigan’s Constitution addresses various voting procedures and was placed on the ballot by gathering nearly 670,000 signatures, thousands more than the required 425,059 signatures as a citizen’s initiative. The organization sponsoring the proposal seeks to enshrine more voting rights into the Constitution. For more information, go to the websites of a ‘pro’ group, Promote the Vote 2022, and a ‘con’ group, such as Secure MI Vote.

Currently, Michigan Voters passed Promote the Vote in 2018 placing many voting rights in its Constitution. Various laws which regulate voting can be changed by the Legislature while voting rights that are in the MI Constitution cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

- A ‘Yes’ Vote Means:**
- Michigan voters will have additional constitutional rights and safeguards as listed above. These include the right to vote without harassment, require military or overseas ballots to be counted if they are postmarked by Election Day, require canvass boards to certify elections based only on the official results, allow for drop boxes and more.
 - Michigan elections will be modernized to enhance security and integrity to ensure that every vote counts, and that voting is more convenient and accessible for all.
 - The amendment will expand voting access - early voting, absentee ballots and ballot drop boxes, and allow voters to sign an affidavit to attest to their identity when they don’t have their photo ID with them.
- A ‘No’ Vote Means:**
- Voting policies regarding the rights and safeguards listed above will continue to be in the hands of the State Legislature.
 - People who forget their ID will be allowed to sign an affidavit and vote, following current state law, subject to change by the Legislature. Note: Current law states “Making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.”

Statewide Proposals

on November 8, 2022 Ballot - Continued

OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

Michigan Proposal 22-3: Reproductive Freedom for All

A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ☐NO ☐

Brief Explanation: This proposed amendment to Michigan's Constitution addresses the right to reproductive healthcare, including access to abortion prior to the stage of viability. It was placed on the ballot by initiative petition, gathering more than 735,000 signatures, thousands more than the required 425,059 signature minimum. For more information, go to the websites of a 'pro' group, Reproductive Freedom for All, and a 'con' group, such as Citizens to Support MI Women & Children.

Currently, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned on June 24, 2022, and Michigan must decide what the law will be regulating abortion. Michigan's 1931 law banning abortions was enjoined (prohibited from going into effect) by the courts.

A 'Yes' Vote Means:

- People in Michigan will have the fundamental right to reproductive health-care without political interference about all matters relating to pregnancy, including birth control, pre-viability abortion access, prenatal care, and childbirth.
- Michiganders will have the right to safe and respectful care during birthing, to use temporary or permanent birth control, and to continue or end a pregnancy pre-viability without punishment.

A 'No' Vote Means:

- The Michigan Legislature and the courts will continue to decide issues regarding reproductive rights, including abortion.
- Depending on the rulings by the courts, the 1931 Michigan law that bans abortion except to save the life of the mother and makes it a felony to perform an abortion may go back into effect.

For more nonpartisan information and analysis:
Citizens Research Council of Michigan - crcmich.org

Are you a voter with a disability?



**You have the right to
vote privately and
independently or to get
help casting your ballot.**

[MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS](https://michiganvoting.org/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS)

Election workers are Democracy's MVPs

"I learned how the poll inspector team works together to ensure the election process is secure."

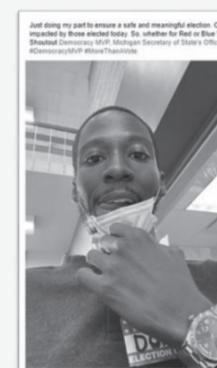
Frank, 2020 Election Inspector
Larkin Township



Election workers are Democracy's MVPs

"There are a lot of checks and double-checks in place that make voting secure no matter the method of voting."

Kathryn, 2020 Election Inspector
Texas Township



Be Democracy's MVP!

- ✓ **Get paid for your work** and help your community!
- ✓ **Receive official training** from a local clerk on how to run elections in compliance with Michigan Election Law.
- ✓ **Learn about extensive checks and balances** to ensure election integrity

Registered Michigan voters* can complete an interest form at

Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP

* Registered voters who have been convicted of a felony or election crime may not serve.

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 “provi- sional 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 documenta- tion 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 Cen- ter www.mi.gov/vote, by calling the nonpartisan Election Protection hotlines located in the box at the right, 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 located in the box at the right.

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 ma- chine is working again.

Call the nonpartisan 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);
يلى لى لصتا، ةيبرعلا ةغللاب ةدعاسم لل 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
For assistance in Bangla, Cantonese, English, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese, call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683).

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

BE A
POLL
WORKER



Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP

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** for 40 days,
September 29 - November 7, 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

FORMERLY INCARCERATED?

**YOU CAN VOTE
IN MICHIGAN!**

MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Citizens may register to vote right up to and including Election Day. Beginning on October 25 through Election Day at 8 pm you must register in person at your Clerk's office.

**You can register to vote online at
www.Michigan.gov/vote until October 24.
(You cannot vote online.)**

ALL registered voters can vote from home or in their local Clerk's office by absentee ballot after September 29.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Online at www.Michigan.gov/vote before October 24 (do not wait)

By mail - Complete a voter registration application and mail it to your local Clerk by October 24 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 serving a sentence in jail or prison 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’s office and submit in person OR take the ballot home, mark the ballot, and drop it off at the Clerk’s office or your Clerk’s Drop Box. Or Mail it back (1st class postage required) by October 24.

- After September 29, a person 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, November 8, to be counted. After October 24, 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 do not have it with you, you may sign an affidavit attesting to 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’s office prior to that day; in some instances, you may qualify for curbside voting.

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

VOTE

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

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REGISTER
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Care what your
government is doing?
Your Vote is Your Voice.
Make your voice heard
by voting.

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Find ALL your federal and state races online at [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org)
Including 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:**

Michigan State Senate and 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](https://vote411.org), enter your address, and see all the races and proposals on your ballot.

**Be an MVP.
Serve your democracy.**

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Sign up to serve as an Election Worker

Become a Democracy MVP! Election workers are the front lines of ensuring free and fair elections. They are the Most Valuable Players on Election Day, working at clerk offices and counting ballots. You can join the team helping to protect and defend Michigan's elections today by applying to serve at [Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP](https://michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP).



Secretary of State
Jocelyn Benson



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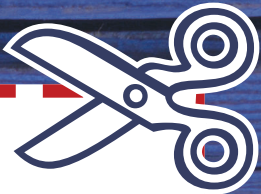
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Clip & take to the polls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 • Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In the PARTISAN section of the ballot, voters may check a box to vote a straight-ticket or split your ticket to vote for individual candidates of your choice in each race. Be sure to also vote the NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL sections.
In addition to the races below, there may be local races and proposals.

PARTISAN

Governor/Lt. Governor _____

Secretary of State _____

Attorney General _____

U.S. Representative _____

State Board of Education (2)	1) _____	2) _____
University of Michigan (2)	1) _____	2) _____
Michigan State University (2)	1) _____	2) _____
Wayne State University (2)	1) _____	2) _____

NONPARTISAN

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

Court of Appeals _____

State Ballot PROPOSALS 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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