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STATE GOVERNOR – Four Year Term Vote for 1

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.

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

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

Name: Bill Schuette

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Attorney General of Michigan

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney General of Michigan

Education: I am a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and studied at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. I received my law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law.

Qualifications / Experience: Before becoming Michigan's 53rd Attorney General, I served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, a State Senator representing the 35th District, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and as a United States Congressman. My experience means I understand our state and know how to work with the legislature, local leaders and other partners on needed reforms to advance Michigan.

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

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

Name: Gretchen Whitmer

Party: Democratic

Candidate for Governor

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Governor

Education: Michigan State University College of Law Michigan State University, BA Communications

Qualifications / Experience: Michigan State Representative from the 69 th District 2000-2006 Michigan State Senator from the 23 rd District 2006-2015 Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate 2011-2015 Ingham County Prosecutor July 2016-December 2016

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

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

Name: Bill Gelineau

Party: Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Owner and Licensed Title Agent for a Grand Rapids based real estate title insurance agency.

Education: Attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Pre-law student majoring in English and Michigan History. Extensive professional certifications and currently hold a state license.

Qualifications / Experience: Read personal biography at: <https://liberty4gov.org/about-bill/> This provides extensive personal background from growing up in Downriver Detroit to my long professional and political career in Michigan. All of that training provides a balanced perspective needed to develop cooperation in Lansing.

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

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

3. **ECONOMY:** What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: Todd Schleiger**Party: US Taxpayers**

Transportation Specialist/Manager

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Occupation / Current Position: Driver/ Fleet Manager

Education: High School Online Business classes

Qualifications / Experience: I manage equipment under federal guidelines along with 23 drivers. I deal with customers on daily basis, whether good or bad I have settle their complaints with compromises or a remedy of other sorts. Such as a refund or credit towards their next load of product.

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

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

Name: Jennifer V Kurland**Party: Green**

Biographical Info:

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Occupation / Current Position: Radio Personality - The Offensive Feminist with Jenny K - currently on hiatus

Education: Associate's Degree, Liberal Arts, with Honors - Schoolcraft College Bachelor's Degree, Political Science Public Affairs - Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: Redford Union School Board elected 2012 term of 2013 - 2018, served as President for 3 1/2 years, current Treasurer. Elections pollworker/chairperson since 2006. Appointed - Redford Township Festival Committee since 2012, served as Secretary for 2 years. Redford Jaycees - multiple executive positions, 60th President. Michigan Junior Chamber - District 4 Director, 2015.

1. Flint, Public Education, and Prisons/Policing. Flint is the canary in the coalmine for our crumbling water and sewer infrastructure on top of our crumbling roads and bridges. We need to replace all lead water lines statewide. We must properly fund public education, earmark general fund money for Pre-K-12, and include funding for infrastructure, curriculum, and technology. We must end the war on drugs and mass incarceration. Ending solitary confinement, raising the age for prosecution of minors, requiring community policing, and ending the cash bail system will help fix our broken criminal justice system.

2. We must bring technology to all classrooms around the state, and fund professional development for teachers. We must properly fund school infrastructure and fund early childhood opportunities. We can make public colleges and then public universities free for all Michiganders while expanding college and trade opportunities to high school students. We must end the for-profit charter school system and school of choice, both of which has been increasing segregation in our schools. We must properly fund a statewide ALICE program, end abstinence-only education, and stop the school to prison pipeline.

Name: Keith Butkovich**Party: Natural Law**

Retail Management

Biographical Info:

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

Occupation / Current Position: Retail Management

Qualifications / Experience: Common sense

1. Reduce auto insurance costs by eliminating no fault and other requirements. I would also make carrying insurance optional, as the government should not be able to force you to buy anything. Eliminate the income and property taxes, then the sales tax, and other charges. Taxation is theft. Legalize drugs, not just marijuana and alcohol, without taxation. Stop jailing people for victimless crimes.

2. Part of the problem is the federal Department of Education, which I would constantly lobby to remove their regulations forced upon the state. I would eliminate state regulations, allowing education to return to the local level and the people. Other options, such as online school, home school, etc. would be encouraged instead of pushing a government school program. Post-secondary would not be subsidized by the taxpayers. This would force these institutions to cut costs and remove bloated administrations.

STATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – Four Year Term Vote for 1

- (1) to serve as acting Governor while the Governor is out of state;
(2) to become Governor in the event that the Governor is unable to serve due to death, illness or incapacitation; and
(3) to preside over the Michigan Senate.

Duties: There are three main duties assigned to the Lieutenant Governor:
Qualifications: A Lt. Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years. Lt. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

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

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

Name: Lisa Posthumus Lyons - Running Mate: Bill Schuette**Party: Republican**

1. No Response

2. No Response

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

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

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

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

3. We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr immediately, and permanently fix the minimum wage to other indicators like inflation, housing, and food costs. Climate change is real and green jobs are the jobs of the future. We can put our tradespeople to work making wind farms, solar panels, and becoming innovators of hydro power. We must transition to a more diverse economy by creating grants for Michiganders who wish to start new businesses without personal capital. The legalization of marijuana and subsequent ability for our state to grow industrial hemp will also create new economic opportunities and industries.

4. We must completely transition over to clean, green, renewable energy. We can fully meet our energy needs with wind, solar, and hydropower. We must charge the full cost of pollution permits to include the health effects to the public, cleanup, and require full disclosure of all chemicals and pollutants released. We must immediately shut down and decommission Enbridge Line 5, and halt all current pipeline projects for future, stringent environmental assessments before future approvals or completion of any pipeline projects. We need to recombine the DEQ and DNR, and create legislation to allow for permit denials.

5. We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr. We need to end abstinence-only education and begin teaching age-appropriate consent to all students. We have the ability to create legislation that will end the wage-gap in Michigan, and we must enshrine equal rights for all into our state constitution. We must fully protect abortion rights as part of women's health care, and end the "women tax" on items like sanitary products. It is imperative that we treat the LGBTQIA community with equal protection, including housing rights, job protection, adoption rights, and health care.

6. We must give the Michigan Civil Rights Commission teeth. This includes expanding Elliot Larson to include all LGBTQIA citizens, and the ability to have some level of enforcement capabilities. We must end the drug war, end the cash bail system, and transform our prisons and police policies to those of community policing. We must work to end gentrification by requiring community benefit agreements to coincide with local business tax breaks, create new economic opportunities for those in impoverished communities with a grant program for small business and fix inequities in public education.

3. Let people keep the money they have earned. Taxation is theft. I would also remove burdensome regulations on businesses. The economy will explode because government will be out of the way.

4. Common sense. Don't dump into streams and rivers. The government is one of if not the largest polluters, so reducing government would be a major key in this. The officials involved in Flint, both local and state, should be sued if the people choose to go that route. No immunity. Pipeline 5 needs to be repaired. I would not ban pipelines and drilling, provided they are safe and companies clean up any problems they may cause. The residents would be the ones who could sue. I would not ban nuclear energy.

5. People should have to stand on their own merits. Sex, race, religion, etc. should not be a factor in any hiring. I am against affirmative action. Smart employer realize this, and would not underpay someone just because they are a woman or otherwise, because they know good people are in demand by many companies.

6. Government should get out of marriage. Adults should be allowed to marry who they wish, and however many people they wish. A marriage license is just another tax. All people should be treated equally in court. Police officers should not be given special treatment just because they wear a uniform. Murder is wrong, no matter who commits it. Self defense must be thoroughly proven in court.

3. **ECONOMY:** What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

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

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

3. No Response

4. No Response

5. No Response

6. No Response

Name: Garlin D Gilcrest II - Running Mate: Gretchen Whitmer
Party: Democratic

1. No Response

2. No Response

Name: Angelique Chaiser Thomas - Running Mate: Bill Gelineau
Party: Libertarian

Business Owner and Operator

Biographical Info:

Running Mate: Bill Gelineau

Website: www.liberty4gov.org

Occupation / Current Position: Chief Operating Officer

Education: B.S. Political Science - University of Detroit Mercy J.D. University of Detroit

Mercy School of Law MBA - Northwestern University Certificate in Change Management - Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Deeply versed in Public Policy, Michigan Law, and Administrative Systems.

1. No Response

2. No Response

Name: Earl P Lackie - Running Mate: Todd Schleiger
Party: US Taxpayers

1. No Response

2. No Response

Name: Charin H Davenport _ Running Mate: Jennifer Kurland
Party: Green

1. No Response

2. No Response

Raymond Warner - Running Mate: Keith Butkovich
Party: Natural Law

Retired

Biographical Info:

Running Mate: Keith Butkovich

Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: Graduated Redford Union 1965 Attended Highland Park College and Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: Twenty years of civil service Political activist since 1964

1. No Response

2. No Response

STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE –

Four Year Term Vote for 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.

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

2. What voting reforms do you support?

Name: Mary Treder Lang
Party: Republican

1. No Response

2. No Response

Name: Jocelyn Benson
Party: Democratic

CEO & President Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE)

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Occupation / Current Position: CEO & President Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE)

Education: Wellesley College Harvard Law School

1. I have over a decade of experience as a national leader in election law and administration and have authored, "Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process," the first major book on the role of the Secretary of State in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. I have a proven track record running organizations including the Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE) and the Wayne State University Law School, where as dean I froze tuition for incoming students and increased scholarship funding that led to a 14 percent reduction in tuition for all students.

2. I believe it should be easier to vote and harder to cheat. My plan includes online voter registration, automatic voter-registration, no-reason absentee voting, early voting, and new laws to prohibit voter intimidation. My election security plan includes risk-limiting post-election audits (RLA); improved poll worker training, recruitment, and accountability; the convening of an Election Security Commission; tough, new penalties for equipment tampering; and strengthening the accuracy of the Qualified Voter File by joining the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC.)

3. No Response

4. No Response

5. No Response

6. No Response

3. No Response

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5. No Response

6. No Response

3. What are your top priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?

3. No Response

3. The people of Michigan deserve a Secretary of State who works as hard as they do. No one should have to spend more than 30 minutes to renew their driver's license, register their vehicle or cast a ballot. As Secretary of State I will set a goal for a "30-MINUTE GUARANTEE" for services administered and overseen by the Secretary of State. Additionally, I will fight to BAN FEE INCREASES that have hit families hard in recent years; will implement a plan to SECURE OUR ELECTIONS, PROTECT our sacred RIGHT TO VOTE, and take Michigan from worst to first in ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY.

Name: Gregory Scott Stempfle
Party: Libertarian

Medical Technologist

Biographical Info:

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Occupation / Current Position: I currently work as a Medical Technologist in the Henry Ford Hospital System and live in Ferndale.

Education: Stempfle has a BS in Clinical Laboratory Sciences and MS in Molecular Biology, both from Wayne State University.

1. I have been involved in Michigan politics and the Libertarian Party for over 20 years. In that time, I have run for public office, and been a campaign manager and treasurer. When the Libertarian Party of Michigan qualified for the 2018 primary election for the first time, I chaired the committee that re-drafted the party bylaws to bring them up to date with current Michigan election law. This experience has given me a unique insight into Michigan's election and campaign finance laws and how to improve elections to make them more fair and representative of the voting public.

2. I support expanding the absentee voting program. All voters should be able to request an absentee ballot for any reason, including those who find themselves working long hours or unable to get transportation to the polls on Election Day. I support adopting ranked choice voting, an election reform that requires a winning candidate to receive a majority of support in order to win a primary or general election. Ranked choice voting reduces negative campaigning, encourages the election of candidates that are more representative of their district.

Name: Robert Gale
Party: US Taxpayers

Self Employed Businessman

Biographical Info:

Occupation / Current Position: Self Employed Businessman

Education: Attended MCCC and MSU

1. I am a taxpayer not a professional politician like my opponents I accept no special interest money and I am not obligated to no one I am the owner of a very successful business for over thirty years built from the ground up I will get the job done

2. This will be put under review

STATE

ATTORNEY GENERAL – Four Year Term Vote for 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.

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

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

Name: Tom Leonard
Party: Republican

Speaker of the House

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

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

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

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

3. My top priority will be to encourage the Michigan Legislature and Governor to enact voting and election reforms. I would also like to conduct an audit of the state election system to look for potential flaws and increase accountability. As a hospital laboratory technologist, we are always trying to find ways of process improvement and increase accuracy. I will use this understanding to work towards streamlining and automating Secretary of State services.

3. Downsize by closing nonefficient and outdated Secretary of State offices throughout the state and opening new smaller efficient locations and kiosks in high traffic areas such as major box stores and shopping malls with a major emphasis on doing business online from anywhere the current system is all over the map with no definite plan in place lines are to long and employees are to negative towards customers it is time for a complete overhaul by saving taxpayers money in wasted dollars



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

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

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Occupation / Current Position: Democratic Nominee for Attorney General

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

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

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

Name: Lisa Lane Gioia**Party: Libertarian**

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

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

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

Name: Gerald T VanSickle**Party: US Taxpayers**

1. No Response

2. No Response

**Name: Christopher Graveline
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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Michigan Attorney General / I had to quit my job as a federal prosecutor to run.

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

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

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

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

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

3. No Response

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



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CONGRESSIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR – Six Year Term Vote for 1

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

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

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

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

Name: John James

Party: Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: President of James Group International and CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics

Education: United States Military Academy, Bachelor of Science Penn State University, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems University of Michigan, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Qualifications / Experience: I spent half of my adult life serving this country. I led two platoons in Iraq and brought all my men home to their families. The other half of my adult life was spent serving my community and creating jobs right here in Michigan. I served on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Board of Directors of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

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

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

Name: Debbie Stabenow

Party: Democratic

U.S. Senator

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senator

Education: Michigan State University, B.A., MSW

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

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

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

Name: George E Huffman III

Party: US Taxpayers

1. no response

2. no response

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3. HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?

4. ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.

6. ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

3. We need to look at everything that comes in between a patient and their doctor. We must keep the decision making ability in the hands of doctors and health professionals. After that, we need to look at everything that happens after that patient walks out of the doctors office and has to pay for the care. We need to focus on patient-centered, market based solutions. Mothers and children across Michigan deserve better. Our Veterans deserve better.

4. Michigan is one of the most innovative states in America. We are home to some of the most innovative manufacturing innovators in the world, and one of the most diverse agriculture sectors in the nation. Both of these important industries are sensitive to government regulation, tax and trade policy. The best thing the federal government can do in many cases is get out of the way. That means reducing regulation instead of increasing regulation. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs.

5. Our Great Lakes are a national treasure. They support a robust fish and tourism industry here in Michigan. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure such as the Soo Locks to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I will champion policies and programs that protects environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protects them from invasive species like Asian Carp. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in this state and need to guarantee it for future seasons.

6. As a cadet in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Voting and sharing our opinions and values is how we pass on our democracy to future generations. We must protect the integrity of our elections and protect against voter fraud. It is equally important that we maintain a campaign finance system that is honest, transparent and accessible by every American citizen. When you take away an American's right to vote or their right to share their views, you hurt our democracy.

3. Health care is a human right and everyone should have affordable, quality health care. I helped lead the fight to stop Republicans from dismantling our health care system and taking away health care from millions of Americans, and am focused on lowering health care and drug costs for Michigan families. I led bipartisan efforts to increase funding for community health centers and extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, which 100,000 children in Michigan rely on, and am working to pass my Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act to provide funding for new partnerships to improve maternity and infant care.

4. Everyone deserves a fair shot to work hard and be successful. And right now, that fair shot is not available to everyone in Michigan or our country. Work should be rewarded - in our tax code, in our wages, and in our quality of life. If you work full time, you should not be in poverty. I know that not every young person will pursue a four-year college degree. I am working with businesses, building and construction trades, parents, students, and educators to promote job opportunities in skilled trades and technical careers. If we make things and grow things in Michigan, our families will be able to stay in Michigan.

5. I have lived in Michigan my whole life and understand that our Great Lakes are vital to our economy and Michigan way of life. That is why I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which has been successful in cleaning up our waters. I will continue working to protect the Great Lakes for the next generation. We can protect our environment while creating new clean energy jobs. It's critical that we reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should continue investing in clean energy technologies - a wind turbine is made with over 8,000 parts, every one of which can be made in Michigan.

6. All voters must be able to cast their votes without barriers, fear, or intimidation. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, and will continue pushing to make sure elections are fair and transparent. It's so important that we reduce the influence of special interests in our election. I strongly oppose the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. I also cosponsored and voted for the DISCLOSE Act that would cut down on dark money. You can count on me to continue fighting for the people of Michigan every day in the U.S. Senate.

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4. no response

5. no response

6. no response



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Qualifications / Experience: *2 Terms on the Board of Directors for Ingleside-Grossedale Park Association (2nd Vice President & former Chairman of the Board)*

2016 U.S. House Candidate for Michigan's 14th District *Lifelong Michigander who cares more about People than Megacorporations*

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

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

Name: John Howard Wilhelm**Party: Natural Law**

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: Ph.D., Economics University of Michigan 1974

Qualifications / Experience: By training a Soviet/Russia specialist in addition to my training in economics. I have been working with third parties, the most recent the Modern Whig and Modern Whig and Green Parties, on the issue of voting system reform to open up our political processes to third parties.

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

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

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS –

Four Year Term Vote for 1

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

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

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

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

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Occupation / Current Position U.S. Representative

Education Gustavus Adolphus College (BA) University of West Florida (MBA)

Qualifications / Experience Small Business Owner Union Airline Pilot for 22 years. Highest-ranking combat Veteran ever elected to the United States Congress. Served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 40 years. Began military career flying the CH-46 in Vietnam and retired as a Three Star Lt. General. Grandfather to eight.

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

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

3. Millions of people are not getting the health care they deserve because of cost. We deserve Medicare for All & access to life saving remedies. We should shift funding away from more death & destruction and towards more worthwhile endeavors like healthcare & education. We are dying from lack of proper healthcare, while millions of people overseas have also died as a result of our weaponry & interventionism. Right now, we offer publicly funded healthcare to minors, seniors, & pregnant women. We need to stop discriminating against everyone else and ensure their rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness too.

4. I support publicly funded health-care for All people, regardless of age, and education for All, from preK to PhD, plus skilled trades. I support a jobs program focusing on what I call #HIRE, which stands for Health-care, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We should be our healthiest, most educated selves in order to reduce income inequality and further civilization.

5. I want to shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable off-grid energy, which would bring an end to all the leaky oil pipelines that criss cross our waterways and land, causing pollution and environmental damage. We should offer incentives and tax breaks to small businesses that are in the environmental and energy industries. This would be very beneficial to the future of the Great Lakes, as well as the environment as a whole.

6. I support banning SuperPAC's and Corporate donations, lowering the voting age to 16 or 17, and having automatic voter registration, up to and including election day. I also support hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, not machine-counted ballots with government oversight. In addition, I'm the only candidate for US Senate in Michigan who has pledged to file for recounts in any and all suspicious precincts in my race, since our voting machines and central tabulators are extremely easy to manipulate in order to produce fraudulent results.

3. My concerns is that we have done a very poor job of intelligently discussion this issue. If elected I would support a bill putting a sunset on Obama Care, if and only if as part of that effort a hard copy of David Goldhill's 2009 Atlantic article on health reform were given to every American taxpayer. That would make it much more difficult for the two parties to peddle a lot of nonsense about this issue which is dumbing down our electorate and preventing us to get good health care for all of these categories.

4. None. There are certain strata whose economic position public policy ought to help. But besides this all the evidence indicates that we are consuming beyond sustainable levels, especially given impending peak oil. On this score, our compelling need is to develop stabilization policies for a sustainable economy. If elected, I would push for the Joint Economic Committee to initiate a discussion of this issue. As Tim Jackson of the British Sustainable Development Commission has pointed out we have virtually no economic scholarship on this vital issue.

5. A stiff carbon tax with the revenue going towards supporting good public transportation in central cities like Detroit, research on alternative sustainable energy sources and reducing our blooming national debt

6. Our most important voting right in addition to the right to vote is to have a good voting system not our current plurality voting system which is the worst. I support approval voting (see my website www.nationalrenewal.org) to open up our political process to third parties. On campaign finance reform. We need to repeal all campaign finance laws and start over again. The current ones are very discriminatory against third parties and have done a lot to undermine the effectiveness of our political system. Our focus has been on the supply side, not on the demand side of the problem. I want to change that.

3. HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?

4. ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.

6. ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

3. In the 115th Congress I was proud to successfully fight for the longest term of continuous funding for CHIP (Childrens Health Insurance Program) and for full funding for our Community Health Clinics. I will continue to support these successful programs, which have such a drastic positive impact on First District constituents. We must continue our work to find free market solutions for our broken health care system. Under the ACA, insurance premiums and deductibles are skyrocketing, leaving First District families with minimal options and insurance they can't afford.

4. Since August of 2017, the unemployment rate in all 32 Counties of the First District has dropped. For years, families and small businesses in Michigan's First District have been suppressed by an overbearing tax code and burdensome regulations. One of my top priorities in congress has been, and will continue to be, rolling back over-bearing regulations, and ensuring the hardworking men and women of the First District keep more of the money they've earned.

5. Bringing our energy infrastructure into the 21st century is critical as we seek to protect our environment and economy. When it comes to the Great Lakes, we cannot do anything that would risk the quality or health of our most treasured natural resource. This is one reason I've advocated at the Federal level with our partners at the State level and energy entities like Enbridge to find forward thinking solutions, such as utilizing a tunnel, as we look to rebuild and protect our energy structures.

6. Voting in a free and fair election is one of the most sacred privileges we have as Americans. Bad actors, such as Russia, looking to interfere in the integrity of our elections must know that their decisions will have lasting repercussions. That's why I strongly supported the House effort to implement the harshest sanctions ever enforced on Russia, following their effort to meddle in the 2016 election.

Matthew W. Morgan**Party: Democratic**

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Occupation / Current Position Retired Marine Corps officer

Education University of Illinois

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE STATE SENATOR –

Four Year Term Vote for 1 - 38th District

Duties: The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

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

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

Name: Ed McBroom**Party: Republican**

Dairy Farmer

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Occupation / Current Position: Dairy farmer

Education: BME & BS- Social Studies Education; history minor

Qualifications / Experience: State Representative '11-'16, Waucesha Twp Board of Zoning Appeals, Michigan Farm Bureau State Young Farmer Committee and Policy Development Committee.

1. More high school curriculum flexibility is a top priority. I was the first to get some back in 2014 but only for career tech. Schools that are doing well should have much more freedom to tailor education to their local needs & professional judgements about individual students. 2 Reducing the cost of auto insurance. The current system is unaffordable & unfair- particularly those with less money. We need reforms that set a fee schedule for medical care, offer capped benefits, reduce fraud & cap attendant care. 3 We need greater transparency in government. FOIA for the Gov & the legislature & a permanent ethics committee.

2. Providing more opportunities for students to interact with real world options is critical- students need to see achievable goals for their time in school & catch a vision of the value of succeeding. I also believe too many pressures are placed on students to do more toward their weaknesses, rather than their strengths, so they can pass tests for rankings & other arbitrary measurements. We ought to abandon these measures as the most critical indicators of successful students & schools. Many students should be encouraged to work before college. We also need to greatly increase our efforts & funding for adult education.

Name: Scott Dianda**Party: Democratic**

State Representative

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative Michigan's 110th House District

Education: Lake Superior State University, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

Qualifications / Experience: Village of Calumet, Trustee and President. 3 Term State Representative

1. Job creation, education, and tax fairness. I would support the development of the high tech sector in the Upper Peninsula, such as the MTEC SmartZone, to grow innovative small business. I would promote vocational education and the building trades, as well as partnerships between high-schools and community colleges to give students the chance to graduate with college credit. I will support the repeal of the senior pension tax and the restoration of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which would lower the tax bills of millions of Michiganders and boost our local economies.

2. First, I support increasing the funding of our schools to appropriate levels. The State Constitution requires that we fund our roads, prisons, and most importantly our schools. Our state has underfunded our schools for too long, which has to change. Second, our kids are entering the workforce in a new type of economy. For some, preparing for a four year degree is the right choice, for others a career in agriculture, manufacturing, or the trades is their shot at a good future. I believe local school boards should have the flexibility to develop new ways to educate kids, and that we should give them the tools to do so.

3. Rising costs and higher drug prices make access to health care difficult for more Americans every year. Putting corporate profits over patient care has a disproportionate impact on women and children, and is a principal factor in the United States ranking worst among developing countries in maternal mortality rates. Real, lasting, systemic change requires broad bi-partisan support and cooperative efforts, so that programs like Children's Health Insurance Program are never again used as a political bargaining chip.

4. In order to have an economy that works for all people, we need to start with the building blocks for success: improving public education. This includes increased access to localized technical training, which in turn increases access to higher skilled, better paying jobs in communities. In addition, history has proven that one of the most effective ways to protect wages is to give workers more flexibility to organize, and collectively bargain, for contracts that are in their best interests. We also need real tax reform that is equitable. It must balance the burden, instead of shifting it away from corporations.

5. The United States has a responsibility to be a global leader on the environment, and this begins by fulfilling our obligations under the Paris Climate Accord. We have the opportunity to do so via a Carbon Fee and Dividend program, which could reduce carbon pollution and create jobs, while protecting citizens from increased energy costs. Michigan's 1st Congressional District touches three Great Lakes, and therefore, we have an obligation to lead on these policies and protect our freshwater resources.

6. Campaign finance reform begins with getting corporate money out of politics, which is why I have refused to accept any corporate PAC money. Broader legislative reform is necessary to end the ever-increasing influence large corporations play in deciding government policy, including a need for absolute transparency in the way campaigns are funded. We must ensure we are protecting the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and encouraging all states to implement automatic voter registration, and better access to the polls.

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

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

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

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

3. We need to continue to reduce the incredible burden of regulations in this state. In trucking alone, the Michigan regulations are about 500% greater than other states with no obvious reward to citizens but much higher costs to truck drivers and those paying for shipping. Reducing the cost of auto insurance would save every driver money and any business with vehicles- because they pay the fees on every owned vehicle. We must continue to promote the responsible use of our state's natural resources as they generate significant job opportunities across the state.

4. Issue advocacy should not be an opportunity for persons to shield their electioneering. All legitimate speech and actions have costs and responsibilities therefore donors to issue advocacy should be subject to the same disclosures as those giving to direct candidate/voting advocacy. I support the right of all citizens to vote in their elections.

5. I support science based, legislatively driven environmental policy. Mandates for renewable energy are currently being met primarily by industrial wind farms. I believe this effect has been detrimental to our rates & the peace of many communities & while it meets needs, the same amount must be readily available from base load resources. I support doing more to promote local & residential opportunities such as micro-grids, residential wind/solar, & a rewarding net-metering program. I support replacing Line 5 with a newer structure, especially tunneled beneath the straits- no other option for UP propane needs exists.

6. I will support any policies that further promote and protect the civil rights of all residents of Michigan. Greater transparency in government allows all residents oversight of their government's actions. I authored bills extending FOIA to the governor's office and a similar law to the legislature. I was the lead house member investigating the Flint Water Crisis. During this event I saw first hand how the government can become apathetic and dismissive to people its agents deem lacking in enough value to serve. We must have a cultural change in elected and bureaucratic officials to care about our neighbors.

3. I support creating good paying jobs by making wise use of our vast timber and mineral resources to grow our economy, as well as by refining and manufacturing goods right here in the Upper Peninsula. On top of our region's traditional industries, I also support the development of high tech sector jobs in the Upper Peninsula. We can leverage the human capital of the UP to grow innovative small businesses that sell products and services to companies around the world. In today's connected society, the next big tech idea could develop from any office in the Upper Peninsula.

4. I believe strongly in transparency in government. I have introduced legislation that would make voting on legislation when a conflict of interest exists a felony. I have also introduced legislation that would prevent the House or Senate from entering into a contract to purchase, develop or lease a building or grounds if the building or grounds also houses a lobbyist or lobbying firm as defined by Michigan law. I support the expansion of voting rights, including ballot by mail and allowing holders of a concealed pistol license to use their CPL as a photo ID with which to vote.

5. I strongly support wise stewardship of our land and resources and am proud to be a sponsor on a bipartisan package of five bills which would promote clean energy production in our state. Renewable energy is crucial to a clean Michigan future and we should encourage people to power their homes through green energy resources such as solar. In 2014, the Upper Peninsula faced a devastating propane crisis, one where U.P. families struggled to stay safe and warm during a harsh winter. We need to find solutions when it comes to Pipeline 5 that won't leave our residents out in the cold.

6. I continue to support the expansion of the Elliott-Larson Act, which prohibits discrimination in Michigan. I also support closing the funding gap between school districts which are less well off, and those of better means. Many rural schools in my district are adversely affected by this funding gap, left with hidden costs such as the high price of bussing, and leaving their students with less opportunity.

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Education: Wide variety of employment during and post High School in a variety of government and private industry positions later attended Northern Michigan University and studied sociology and criminal justice.

Qualifications / Experience: Government employment as a classified State of Michigan Civil Servant and my previous government and private industry employment has provided me with a broad range of experiences from which to draw not only an understanding of issues, but their impacts on the daily lives of working people. Personal experience has provided me with a unique understanding of the political, legal and medical fields

1. Implementation of a universal state regulated single payer healthcare system that provides comprehensive healthcare, inclusive of dental and vision to every Michigan resident. Licensing and regulation of leases of State owned lands to be utilized for the agricultural production of industrial hemp. The licensing and regulation of leases for deep water offshore floating wind turbines in Michigan's territorial waters of the Great Lakes, for placement a minimum of 10 miles from the lake shore and the necessary easements for connecting infrastructure on the lake bed and shoreline to connect these turbines to the grid.

2. A complete decentralization of elementary and middle schools, replaced with a network of walking distance neighborhood educational centers that will dual function as social support centers for children and families in urban and most rural communities to reduce classroom size and reduce transportation costs. Public school systems must fully utilize IT, allowing students to select their own curriculum and advance at their own pace. Existing centralized school buildings should be integrated into a decentralized State University system offering low/no cost post-secondary education in concert with existing high schools.

LEGISLATIVE

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE –

Two Year Term Vote for 1 - 110th District

Duties: The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

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

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

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1. no response

2. no response

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Qualifications / Experience: L'Anse Area School Board L'Anse Village Council Various Boards and Committees in Baraga County

1. Education, Health Care and Infrastructure. Education - Changing per pupil funding. Investing more in Career Technical Education in High Schools. Health Care - I am a proponent of Universal Health Care. Infrastructure - From bridges to broadband. We need to rebuild our infrastructure and we also need people with education in skilled trades to do so. Right now we have a shortage of skilled trades men and women here in Michigan. Through better funding our education system we can close the skill gap. We also need high speed Internet in our rural districts, so our businesses can compete on the ever growing global market.

2. The current per pupil funding model does not work for Michigan especially our many rural school districts. Study after study shows that we are failing our students. We are alienating our teachers, underfunding our schools and as a result hurting our students. We have a choice to make here in the state of Michigan, we can adequately fund our schools like Minnesota and achieve results, or continue down our current race to the bottom with Mississippi. I envision a Pre-K through 14 system with multiple paths from College to skilled trades.



3. Diversifying and decentralizing electrical power production. By building an interconnected network of micro grids that will more efficiently distribute renewable energy, we can utilize locally available and sustainably harvested biomass, wind and solar to end our current dependence upon fossil fuels extracted outside the state and particularly our 38th State Senate district; thereby stemming the flow of our energy dollars out of our regional economy. This will create new employment opportunities within the state and reduced energy costs will stimulate new growth and raise living standards for Michigan residents.

4. On 09/20/2017, our Republican Governor signed into law Senate bills 335 and 336, that sailed through the legislature and fundamentally codified "Citizens United" into Michigan law; allowing unlimited contributions to candidates for the state legislature to prevent the rise of progressive major party candidates and minor party candidates. We must end corporate and PAC contributions entirely. Both major party gubernatorial candidate committees will receive over a million in matching contributions from the state in 2018. I support Prop 3 - 18, ending matching funds from our state treasury and ranked choice voting.

5. A phased, but complete transition off fossil fuels to renewable energy and technologies by Michigan state agencies and vendors by 2025, with the goal of transitioning all county, municipal and township governments as well to provide the impetus to largely replace fossil fuels in Michigan's economy with renewable energy and nuclear by 2040. Michigan's potential to meet the bulk its energy needs with wind and solar are unique to this state's geography and we should be leading the nation in its development and deployment, thereby eliminating the need for and utility of aging infrastructure such as Enbridge Line 5.

6. Social justice is dependent upon economic justice. Michigan's ever widening wealth gap can be addressed by investing in grass roots economic development rather than corporate and business tax relief and subsidies. Universal access to comprehensive health-care for all is a first step and implementation of a statewide universal basic income may well be the next. The wealth of the commons belongs to all residents, not just those who have accumulated the capital to lobby for access and control for private profit. Public investments in renewable energy can fund programs to end poverty and provide employment to all.

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

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

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

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

3. no response

4. no response

5. no response

6. no response

3. A top down strategy and trickle down economics do not work in the state of Michigan as well as our country as a whole. Therefore we need to invest in Education, Health Care, Infrastructure, Job and Skill training and build our society from the bottom up. In doing so we will drive Michigan forward.

4. We need to end gerrymandering, and establish automatic voter registration at 18. We need to take money out of politics, elections should be funded equally across candidates, not by corporate interests or billionaires. Our elected officials should spend more time legislating, not fund-raising. Elections should be fair and open so democracy can thrive.

5. We need to be stewards of our environment. We can use our natural resources in a way that creates job opportunities, and grows our economy while being responsible and preserving the water quality, and natural beauty of Michigan. In general I'm a proponent of green and alternative energies, but we also need to balance that with our energy needs.

6. There is no place for discrimination in Michigan. I am a champion of social justice and equality.



STATE BOARD

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

– Eight Year Term Vote for 2

Duties: 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.

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Occupation / Current Position: Co-President, State Board of Education, 2017-2018 Pastor, St. John's Lutheran, Taylor, since 2001

Education: D.Min. Detroit Ecumenical Seminary; Ed.Spec. Wayne State; MDiv Concordia, Ft. Wayne, IN; MTS Harvard Divinity, Cambridge, MA; MA Rackham, UofM; BA Valparaiso Univ, IN; 2 Unit CPA Detroit Sinai-Grace

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Education: PhD - Oakland University - 2002 Education Specialist - Oakland University - 1997 Master - Oakland University - 1994 Bachelor of Arts - Oakland University - 1988 Associate of Arts - 1971

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

2. What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Education: Norwich College (in progress), Master of Arts in International Relations-International Development; and University of Detroit Mercy, MBA 2014

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

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

Name: Scotty Boman**Party: Libertarian**

Professor

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Education: Wayne State University: Teaching Certificate (1998) and MAT (1999). Western Michigan U: MA in Physics (1987), and BS (1985) Majors: Physics and Philosophy. Minor: Mathematics.

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

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

Name: John J Tatar**Party: Libertarian**

Retired Teacher 31 years, Retired lieutenant colonel, army reserves

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: BS Education WSU, MS Ed Administration, Vocational endorsement, Command & General Staff USAR,

1. I have spent many years in a classroom and on a construction site where the students built a house. The Home Construction class built 15 homes in Livonia. I also taught Command & General Staff College to officers in the army. I experienced why students learn and have been successful teaching/training for 31 years. I believe that education has fallen off the rails of its true intent, to give our youth a vision of all that life has to offer through critical thinking and what it means to be a citizen in our Republic(s). My experience is invaluable to the education of our youth & future of our Republic(s).

2. Eliminate Common Core, no child left behind, Return to the arts, industrial arts, home and family living, the trades and basic skills etc. Teach the Constitution, civics, what it means to be a productive citizen living in the Republic(s). Teach true and accurate history; for those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Education should be a general study of many areas of life so that students can choose their own pathway for their future. Return to the basic principles of our Declaration of Independence/Constitution and the important part every citizen must play to maintain our liberties.

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Education: Bachelor's degree from Kuyper College

1. Lots of experience in the teaching field! Think of me as Laura Ingalls, having taught several different subjects at several different grade levels at one time, only over a 28 year period, and mostly in my home, which functioned as a one room schoolhouse. I have also helped and supervised the education of other students who had been floundering in the system. I have had children in the public school system, in private school, and home-school. I have taught 4 years as a tutor with Classical Conversations, as well as numerous other enrichment classes. I understand the dynamics of teaching and the classroom setting.

2. OK, ready to get radical? Greatly reduce the teacher/student ratio! Teachers are put at an extreme disadvantage when asked to actually impart information to 25 or more students at one time. But this is not "new" radical, this is "old, tried-and true" radical. We used to be the most literate nation in the world. Small schools and good student/teacher ratio worked, and it can work again. What is more important--buildings or true learning? Let's put aside the false security of bigness and get back to really teaching Michigan's precious souls with personal attention and care that teachers want to give, but can't.

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

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

3. Get the federal government as well as the state influence out of curriculum. Return the curriculum back to local boards of education and the parents. Teach the youth of our nation to be self-reliant, self governing, and self controlling, the corner stone of our Republic(s), where the people are the government and we delegate authority to those we wish to govern us- - by the people and for the people. I also feel that the electronic technology, wi-fi, cell towers on school property, 5G, etc. being pressed upon us needs to slow down until further investigation/research is conducted to see that it causes NO HARM to us.

3. Apathy--or worse--the feeling that nothing can be done to really improve the education of one's own community, because the all-important decisions come from the top-down. It is time the State Board of Education quit allocating responsibilities to itself that actually belong to parents and local school boards. Let's give those responsibilities back where they belong. The State Board of Education has become an octopus, with tentacles reaching in areas that have nothing to do with education. Let's keep it tight and efficient!



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1. no response

2. no response

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 Education: Assoc. Arts, Grand Rapids Jr. College; B.A. Education, K to Jr. High, minors Spanish, Political Science, Michigan State University; J.D. Law Degree, Wayne State University.

1. Attended public schools in Detroit, rural Kent County. Due to "teacher surplus," teaching certificate expired. Instructed intro. law classes, wrote a text. Presented Esperanto at foreign language teacher conferences. Involved parent at schools, ran for local school board, elected to city charter commission. I do my "homework:" attend State Board of Education and school board and related meetings across Michigan to listen and learn. "Poverty is the biggest obstacle to education"-children must be our primary investment, with the community not corporations at the forefront. An attorney on the board would be an asset.

2. Prioritize, not profitize, our public schools-for-profit charter schools need to be abolished and "innovative" schools be authorized by the local school districts. Provide wrap-around services so children do not come to school hungry, traumatized. Special education needs to be proactive, not waiting for the "squeaky wheel." Schools should be cooperative advocates not adversaries with all parents so "Every Student Succeeds," "No Child is Left behind," become realities not slogans. The legislature needs to support education and not lose federal monies, such as that lost for Early Childhood Enrichment by not matching.

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 Education: B.A. University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) M.A. Ecological Psychology, MSU. Extensive education through organizing in the working class in Detroit Metro area and through ties with co-workers.

1. As a long-time teacher, I have been a steadfast advocate for students and their families, the support staff of the college, as well as part-time teachers who are the backbone of the teaching staff, with lower pay and no benefits. I have also organized in the working class for decades and can give voice to workers who see their children and grandchildren deprived of a quality education because the state cuts money from public education. I can speak up for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate young people and whose wages and benefits are reduced because of those cuts.

2. Take a page from history, including recent history, where teachers, students, school employees and people from their communities organized to fight for their right to have better wages, working conditions, and more resources in the schools. I think the educational system would be improved when those most affected organize to demand that public money go for public education. And I would stand with those people and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight. Because that is what it took for the working class to ever have the right to public education in the first place and it's what it will take again.

Name: Logan Smith
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1. I've lived in Detroit all my life. I was a student in the Detroit Public Schools where I saw firsthand the problems that children of working people had to deal with. I feel that as a person who has actually had to deal with our education system here in Michigan myself, I am very qualified for this position.

2. The solutions for the problems that our school system faces are not difficult to figure out: fund poor schools. Provide supplies, fix the broken buildings, hire more teachers, and raise teachers' pay. Make public colleges and universities free for anyone who wants to attend, so that people can get a degree without going into crushing debt. To pay for this, take the wealth back from corporations that were bailed out with money taken from our schools.

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3. no response

4. no response

5. no response

6. no response

3. Increasingly, corporations control education across the USA--that pressure must be resisted. The Green Party is a progressive party, not a caucus; a stronger, not corporate-bought voice needs to be on the Board and push it to take its concerns to the people and request their active support to insist that the legislature come through for our children--the money can be found. (Search "482 Forward"). The legislature mandated that children be able to read by 3rd grade or be flunked, but it is not funding that mandate. Preschool programs are predictors of success but underfunding keeps women workers poor and turnover high.

3. Crumbling infrastructure in the schools. The handing over of public money to for-profit charter schools. Abysmal test scores reflecting the tremendous disparity that exists in our public school systems. I would stand up and say, enough is enough! The issue is money: Tax breaks to corporations and money to private schools means public money is being stolen from our public school systems. All school districts need high funding and districts that have more problems, need even more. The actions I would recommend would be to support people in their communities to organize to stop the theft and demand full, high funding.

3. Schools need all the money that's been stolen back, and much more. Not enough textbooks, underpaid teachers, and huge class sizes are just some of the issues that students of working people face thanks to a vastly underfunded educational system. The State Board of Education does not have the power to fix that; in fact, no politicians have that power. The only way that things are going to change is if ordinary people, teachers, students, parents, organize together and disrupt business as usual to stand for what's right.



STATE BOARD**REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
GOVERNOR – Eight Year Term Vote for 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.

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University of Michigan Regent

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Occupation / Current Position: Director, Borden Dairy Director, Prime Flight Aviation Consultant, Delta Air Lines

Education: J.D., George Washington University National Law Center 1983 B.A., with honors, University of Michigan 1979

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

1. I care deeply about public education. Through service, I have gained the perspective and the experience to know what it takes to ensure that the University of Michigan continues to be the greatest public university in the country and that it is affordable and available to all Michigan families. My work experience is an asset; I have spent my career in senior management at Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and as a partner at a leading law firm and am currently serving on two corporate boards. My service on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and NACIQI has further prepared me to serve the University.

1. no response

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Education: U-M B.A., 2006 American University, J.D. 2010

1. I'm proud to have a range of experiences in the public and private sector: having worked at Homeland Security, in the Personnel Office of the White House, and now in a small business, where I'm responsible for a multi-million dollar marketing budget. But these boards are also in need of fresh perspectives. I would be the first board member (and am the first nominee of either major party) to have graduated from college this century. This is a perspective that is needed in the room.

1. I have two degrees from UofM and teach a course on finance and business there. I sit on many private and public boards including the League of Conservation Voters and the Michigan History Foundation. I was the VP of Capital Markets at MEDC where I helped build our State's economy by leveraging talent and innovation out of UofM. I am a small business owner and help companies bring UofM research to the public. I'm running because since my opponent has been on the board tuition has increased 600% and African American enrollment has decreased 50%. I want to use my experience to decrease tuition and increase diversity.

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

2. It is critical that we make Michigan affordable for all Michigan families. The University can improve processes for managing existing resources. It can and should be aggressive about fiscal stewardship - in procurement, public private partnerships, eliminating overlapping functions, and centralizing functions wherever sensible and efficient. The University should also focus on growing the endowment, reviewing its management for best practices and continuously developing new sources of revenue. There are growing opportunities in supporting tech transfer, research and campus startups and other innovative work on campus.

2. no response

2. We must increase the spend level from the endowment, back to 1990s levels. While Michigan's endowment has almost doubled from its 2006 level, to \$11+bn, Michigan has cut the spend toward the general fund (including on student aid, recruitment, and other programs) from 6% of the endowment to 4.5%. The first thing we must do with this expanded pool is to expand the Go Blue Guarantee to all three campuses, finally making a Michigan education within reach in Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn. We must also make transferring credits between campuses easier.

2. There are many things we can quickly do to make UofM more affordable. UofM could increase scholarships by over \$50M per year if it went back to taking 5.5% a year out of the endowment. UofM has run an average annual budget surplus of over \$300M the last ten years. The University endowment could refinance graduates student loans at below market terms. These "investments" would be comparable in return and risk to others in the endowment's portfolio. UofM must roll back ballooning administrative costs. Lastly, UofM must help lead the effort to convince the electorate and the administration to increase spending on education.

Name: Paul Brown**Party: Democratic**

Finance

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Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner at eLab Ventures - We invest in and support new and lifesaving technologies.

Education: Petoskey High School University of Michigan, B.A. (history) Wayne State, J.D. University of Michigan, MBA

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

3. The first is making the University affordable for all Michigan families and students. The University belongs to all of us and must therefore be available to everyone. Growing the endowment and managing resources efficiently are key to succeeding in making sure anyone who wants a Michigan education can afford one. The second is supporting and preparing University of Michigan graduates to lead in this economy. The economy is changing rapidly; the University should embrace it, harness our broad and deep talent to grow the entrepreneurial curriculum and projects at the university which will help graduates succeed.

3. no response

3. The Regents must work to expand the presence statewide of the University statewide, and to be more affordable and accessible. The Regents must make sure that the University serves Michiganders first, and should work to make sure that Michiganders from underrepresented areas, like Macomb County, Detroit, and the U.P., have access to a University degree. Finally, the University must do better when it comes to transparency. I believe we must make serious changes to avoid some of the issues that have plagued not just other Universities, but also our own.

3. Public universities like UofM were created to be affordable and accessible to the students of Michigan, no matter what community they came from or the wealth of their families. We must hold down tuition, increase the availability of scholarships and we must construct admissions policies that grant students admission based on their ability and performance regardless of their opportunity. Lastly, UofM must focus on extending its positive economic impact throughout the state both through its educational and healthcare systems.



Name: James Lewis Hudler
Party: Libertarian

1. no response

2. no response

Name: John Jascob
Party: Libertarian

Legal Editor

Biographical Info:

Occupation / Current Position: Associate Managing Editor, Securities, Wolters Kluwer Legal and Regulatory U.S.

Education: A.B., University of Michigan (1987); M.A.T., University of Massachusetts Amherst (1990); J.D., Concord University School of Law (2002); LL.M., University of Alabama School of Law (2015)

1. I am running because I am deeply committed to the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of free academic inquiry in a free society. I will bring to the board a background in the areas of law, finance, and education. I work as a securities law editor at a leading legal publisher, after having spent many years in financial services, and I previously taught Latin at both the university and secondary levels. I am a member of the State Bar of California, Phi Beta Kappa, and American Mensa.

2. The cost of university attendance has skyrocketed over the past generation, forcing many students from middle and lower income families to incur crushing levels of debt to obtain a college degree. Similarly, taxpayers face the prospect of increasing tax burdens to fund a state-sponsored institution that is largely immune from market forces. As Regent, I will oppose tuition increases, while seeking to reduce administrative costs by privatizing non-essential, non-academic services. I also advocate decentralizing the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses to reduce overhead and increase student and faculty autonomy.

Name: Joe Sanger
Party: US Taxpayers

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Crystal VanSickle
Party: US Taxpayers

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Kevin A Graves
Party: Green

Teacher

Biographical Info:

Occupation / Current Position: Teacher

Education: University of Michigan-Biochemistry and Psychology

1. I graduated with a double major (Biochemistry and Psychology) from the University of Michigan. Then, I went to work at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in research laboratories and earned 5 biochemical research publications. Through the years, I've had my share of problems with administration and have heard complaints from other students and workers. So, because I personally faced discrimination at the University of Michigan I would be an "asset" to protect the rights of students and workers.

2. I would propose free college tuition for students with family gross income of \$50,000 or less for the previous year before entering college and have student loan forgiveness for graduates with gross income of \$50,000 or less per year. So, for most so poorly paid teachers they would receive student loan forgiveness.

Name: Marge Katchmark Sallows
Party: Natural Law

1. no response

2. no response

STATE BOARD

TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY –

Eight Year Term Vote for 2

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.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

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

3. no response

3. First, the University must zealously protect free speech and open debate on campus and resist attempts to silence unpopular points of view. I strongly oppose speech codes or other attempts at prohibiting expression protected by the First Amendment. Second, tuition costs continue to escalate, foreclosing educational opportunities for many potential students. I will oppose further tuition increases, while advocating privatization, decentralization, and student cooperatives to reduce costs and increase student and faculty participation in university governance.

3. no response

3. no response

3. On the most pressing issues facing the University of Michigan is the high cost of going to the University of Michigan and the other most pressing issue is discrimination. My "position" on the high cost of going to the University of Michigan; to college is that the high cost of college is a deterrent to even the thought of going to college: parents know that they can't afford it, so they may not encourage academic excellence as readily. As such, we must lower the cost of college! As a minority, my "position" on wrongful discrimination (sexism, homophobia, and racism) is obvious: I'm against it! I'm for Equal Rights!

3. no response

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



Name: Dave Dutch
Party: Republican

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Mike Miller
Party: Republican

Vice Chairman of the Board Orchid Orthopedic Solutions

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Occupation / Current Position: Vice Chairman of the Board Orchid Orthopedic Solutions

Education: Mike graduated in 1971 from Michigan State University with a BS in Labor and Industrial Relations.

1. I founded a company twenty-nine years ago. We started with four employees and grew that company to its current size employing two thousand people with thirteen manufacturing plants around the world. We have 900 Michigan employees. Similar to building and succeeding with a large commercial enterprise, leadership of a big university requires exceptional skill and experience in the areas of critical thinking, financial acumen, team building, human resources and corporate governance. These are experiences and skills I can bring to MSU. I have also served on many boards, both for profit and non-profit.

2. Tuition hikes in excess of inflation are not sustainable. World class businesses and universities face the same cost challenges: salaries, supplies, healthcare, capital, etc... Yet every day world class industries do more for customers without charging more, often by seeking out superior technology. A world class university must do the same or it will cease to be world class. Productivity improvements must become the norm at MSU, not an exception. In the years to come, working class Michigan families must find the price of an elite education at MSU to be more affordable, not less.

Name: Brianna T Scott
Party: Democratic

Attorney

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney in Private Practice and Business Owner

Education: Michigan State University, B.A. Marketing; Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctorate

1. As a MSU alum who struggled to pay tuition, former Asst. Prosecutor and attorney with 18 years experience, woman of color and parent of a current MSU student, my experiences have allowed me to be able to relate to and understand the struggles of many college students. My unique legal background will be an asset to the Board in dealing with the legal issues at hand. Additionally, my credentials and professional experiences on Boards, as President of the Muskegon Rotary Club and extensive community activism have prepared me to be an effective Trustee with the ability to lead MSU through the current crisis and beyond.

2. As a parent paying tuition for a current MSU student, in addition to making my voice heard on this issue with our Legislature, my plan would involve providing college Freshmen with a Tuition Freeze for 4 years. This will allow parents and students the ability to budget for their time at MSU, without the concerns of ever increasing rates each year. As well, I'd like to institute a plan similar to what U of M offers through its endowment, enabling families that meet certain income requirements to qualify for free tuition up to four years. I'd also like graduated loan forgiveness for graduates who stay in MI for 10 yrs.

Name: Kelly Charron Tebay
Party: Democratic

MSU Board of Trustees

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Occupation / Current Position: Relationship Manager, United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Education: BA International Relations with Muslim Studies Specialization MS Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis with Certificates in Homeland Security and Critical Thinking

1. I am a passionate MSU alumnus who is not far removed from my time on campus. I feel the pain that students are facing today and share the frustration with the university's handling of its cultural problems. As a survivor of sexual assault that I experienced at MSU, I understand this pain that many students have gone through. I have 10 years of professional fundraising experience. I currently connect private sector organizations with those in-need at the United Way for SE Michigan. I help those who don't have opportunity gain access to it, and I see how hard life is when you don't have economic privilege or education.

2. We start by streamlining financial aid to ensure that every in-state student who comes from a household with income of less than \$65,000 is guaranteed free tuition. For students who come from households with income of less than \$120,000, but above \$65,000, we must target grants and scholarships to ensure that their tuition remains proportionately priced. Combined, these two ideas form the basis for my Go Green Guarantee. But we can and must do more than just focus on tuition. We must address housing and meal affordability and access, and also streamline credit transfer from other colleges.

Name: Bruce Campbell
Party: Libertarian

retired

Biographical Info:

Website: <http://michiganlp.org>

Occupation / Current Position: advocate for the poor, leadership in community

Education: BA from MSU, post grad work, Paris, FR and Lausanne, Switzerland. charter member Justin Morrill College

1. Teacher social worker postal clerk/ Master 30 yrs.; union treas. & steward 2 yrs.; curriculum adviser 6 yrs.; Downtown Development, chaired subcommittee 1 yr; advocate for poor (took homeless in) lifetime; fund raiser for charity 15 yrs.; leadership in civic and religious organizations 53 yrs.; various occupations from farm work to assembly, bus driver to lifeguard - managed city pool, reading tutor, working with gifted and talented. With a vast field of experience, being able to listen to all sides, do research and find viable solutions are major reasons for running for Trustee and are valuable assets to this work

2. Some ideas to help make college education cheaper would include: 1) cut the budget 10% across the board, eliminate duplication; 2) expand work/study program, create with business community apprenticeships, or internships; and 3) allow more credit approval for classes taken at community colleges, AP classes and the 13th high school year (even vocational tech) towards undergraduate courses.

3. no response

3. A.) Hiring an exceptional new president for the next decade to guide MSU. B.) Healing the wounds caused by the Nassar crisis and creating an environment of safety for all students. Stakeholders deserve a more open and transparent board. As a result of recent events (Nassar) it is imperative that the board more closely comply with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Past compliance has too often meant obeying the letter of these laws. We must do better and adhere to the SPIRIT of these laws, erring always on the side of openness rather than evasiveness

3. (1) Finding and hiring the next President that has the integrity, temperament and experience necessary to lead MSU forward. I want to have active student, faculty/staff involvement in board activities and decision making to provide important feedback, concerns and opinions to help administrators improve the quality of their decisions. (2) Taking the lead in creating and maintaining a campus culture of care and safety & providing resources that support those efforts. Ensuring departments work collaboratively with each other, off-campus service providers and law enforcement so that all investigations follow protocols.

I cannot summarize this in 2 reasons, so I've narrowed it to 3. I have listed 10 of them at kellytebayforMSU.com 1)To rebuild the public's trust that has been broken through holding the board accountable and transparent with decision making, and by making them be as accessible as every elected official should be. 2)To change the culture on campus, from the way the university handles sexual assault to the way it deals with affordability and diversity issues. 3)Making MSU more accessible and affordable to all Michiganders, focusing on reducing financial hurdles, increasing credit transfer and improving campus diversity.

3. MSU Trustees are in the process of hiring a new university president. This person should have varied experience in business and education. This person should be thoroughly vetted and not political. A person who loves to work with students and is available to all with an open door. How to handle future sexual scandals and avoid "cover-ups" is a major issue that still plagues our school. Policies should be in place and enforced to provide a safe environment for all persons; i.e. zero tolerance for sexual harassment, bullying and hazing. We need to be fiscal responsible, accepting and pro peace.



Name: Tim Orzechowski
Party: Libertarian

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Janet M Sanger
Party: US Taxpayers

Technical Service Specialist
Biographical Info:

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Occupation / Current Position: Technical Service Specialist

1. I have worked in the Michigan power industry for over 30 years. I take a common-sense approach in all that I do. My wife and I have home educated our children for 18 years, and I am familiar with a variety of educational options.

2. The university should expand digital platforms that reduce cost and staffing.

Name: John Paul Sanger
Party: US Taxpayers

Technical Service Specialist
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Occupation / Current Position: Technical Service Specialist

1. I have worked in the Michigan power industry for over 30 years. I take a common-sense approach in all that I do. My wife and I have home educated our children for 18 years, and I am familiar with a variety of educational options.

2. The university should expand digital platforms that reduce cost and staffing. This would also allow more students to access a college education.

Name: Aaron Mariasy
Party: Green

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Bridgette Abraham-Guzman
Party: Natural Law

1. no response

2. no response

STATE BOARD

GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY –

Eight Year Term Vote for 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.

1. Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

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

Name: Diane Dunaskiss
Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

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

Occupation / Current Position: Public School Educator, Retired Small Business Owner
Education: BA Elementary Education - Wayne State University MA Reading & Special Education - Oakland University Educational Administration - Wayne State University

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

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

3. no response

3. I see the board's most pressing issues as providing affordable, quality education, and ensuring student safety. I believe we need to expand our educational delivery options to reach more students, and at the same time reduce tuition costs. As for ensuring student safety, I would like to see all assault allegations turned over to an impartial law enforcement agency.

3. I see the board's most pressing issues as providing affordable, quality education, and ensuring student safety. I believe we need to expand our educational delivery options to reach more students, and at the same time reduce tuition costs. As for student safety, I think that all assault allegations need to be turned over to an impartial law enforcement agency.

3. no response

3. no response

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

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

Name: David Nicholson**Party: Republican**

President and CEO PVS Chemicals, Inc.

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

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

Education: BA in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Madison 1992

MBA - Strategy/Finance from the University of Chicago 1997

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

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

Name: Bryan C Barnhill**Party: Democratic**

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Anil Kumar**Party: Democratic**

Urologist

Biographical Info:

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

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

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

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

Name: Jon Elgas**Party: Libertarian**

Tester

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Occupation / Current Position: Tester at Refrigeration Reserch

Education: BBA from Saginw Valley State University

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

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

Name: John T Hargenrader**Party: Libertarian**

Electrical Engineer

Biographical Info:

Website: www.johnhargenrader.org

Twitter: twitter.com/JohnHargenrader

Occupation / Current Position: Product Applications Engineer

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

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

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

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

3. no response

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

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

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



Name: Christine C Schwartz
Party: US Taxpayers

1. no response

2. no response

Name: Marc Joseph Sosnowski
Party: US Taxpayers

1. no response

2. no response

STATE BOARD

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

GOVERNOR – Eight Year Term Vote for 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.

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

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

Name: Samuel Bagenstos

Law Professor/Civil Rights Attorney

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

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

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

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

Name: Megan Kathleen Cavanagh

Attorney

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

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

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

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

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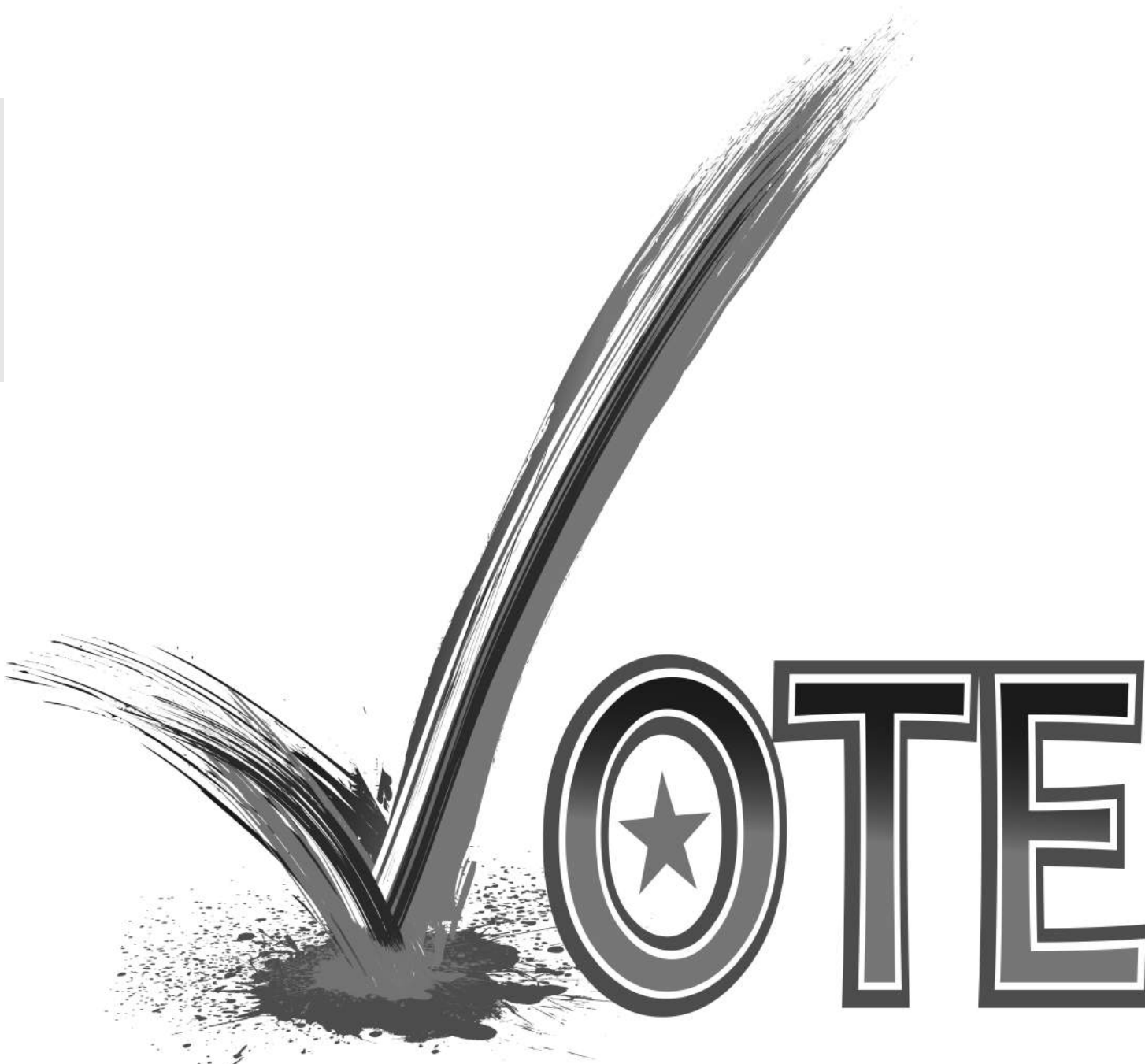
3. no response

3. no response

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

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

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



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Occupation / Current Position Justice of Michigan Supreme Court

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

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

Name: Doug Dern

Lawyer

Biographical Info:

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Education: Jd from Cooley law school

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

2. No

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Attorney

Biographical Info:

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

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

Name: Kurtis T. Wilder

Biographical Info:

1. no response

2. no response

Appeals Court, District 4 – Six Year Term Vote for 1

The Michigan Appeals Court is the primary appeals court of the state.

Stephen L Borrello**Unopposed. Questionnaires not sent to candidate.**

Appeals Court, District 4 – Four Year Partial Term Vote for 1

Name: Brock A Swartzle

Unopposed. Questionnaires not sent to candidate.

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

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

3. 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.

3. no response



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