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About the League of Women Voters

www.lwvmi.org


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Voting

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

Voting Early by Absentee Ballot

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

Absentee Ballot Applications

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

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

Voting Absentee in the Clerk's Office -

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

Tips for voters

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

Voting on Election Day,
Tuesday, November 3rd

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

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

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

Michigan voters who feel uncomfortable voting in person on Election Day amid the pandemic have options: Vote by mail or drop box with an absentee ballot or vote in your Clerk's office by absentee ballot before Election Day, when crowds are expected to be less. Always check the office hours of your local Clerk.
United States President
4-Year Term – Vote for ONE (1)

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

U.S. Senate
Term: 6 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

GARY PETERS, Democrat
Website: http://petersformichigan.com/
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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senate Candidate, former Army Captain, President-James Group International
Education: Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems from Penn State University, Masters of Business Administration from the University of Miami
Qualifications and Experience: Michigan native, 20+ years experience in business, served in the U.S. Navy Reserve rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, served in elected positions in local, state, and federal governments.

JOHN JAMES, Republican
Website: http://www.johnjamesforsenate.com
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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senate Candidate, former Army Captain, President-James Group International
Education: Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems from Penn State University, Masters of Business Administration from the University of Miami
Qualifications and Experience: Ranger-qualified aviation officer, served in Operation Iraqi Freedom earning a Combat Action Badge (CAB) and two Air Medals while logging over 750 flight hours, leading 2 Apache Helicopter Platoons

VALERIE L. WILLIS, US Taxpayer
Website: http://willisforcongress.com
Occupation / Current Position: Licensed Insurance Agent-11 years; Wealth Advisor, IRA, Pensions, Annuities, Medical Care, more
Education: AA-Associate Degree in Fine Arts BA-Bachelor Degree Liberal Arts/Minor English MAC-Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Community Leadership BS-(unf) Business/English Lang & Lit
Qualifications and Experience: 11 Years Licensed Insurance Agent; Wealth Advisor; Medicare, Medical Coverage, Health Savings Accounts; Medicaid; Social Security Pensions; Annuities And Ira Rollovers; Farmer 19 Years Navy Wife 16 Yrs

MARCIA SQUIER, Green
Website: http://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/395494/marcia-t-squier
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DOUG DERN, Natural Law
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DONALD J. TRUMP
Running Mate: Michael R. Pence
Republican

JOSEPH BIDEN
Running Mate: Kamala D. Harris
Democrat

QUESTION 1
HEALTH CARE: What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country. I supported voter to be able to vote absentee with no reason.

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

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

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

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

I support giving a welcoming path to citizenship for all people without violent pasts. People with other types of criminal pasts should be eligible for citizenship after a probationary period. It should always be our country's promise of justice, prosperity and fighting so every Michigander can achieve our nation's promise of justice, prosperity and equality for all.

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

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I, Valerie Willis, supports the Willis plan for immigration and will take this plan with me when I win my race, and will fight for the right to finally get to true immigration reform. 1) Close all borders of the USA until we have immigration reform and reform until we secure jobs for the workers in our energy industry. Gas heating is too expensive for most people and needs to be lowered. Environment: Michigan is a chemicalized septic tank, there is no other way to describe our beloved state. Anyone who denies this is a liar. We are at the top in cancer in the nation and in Pfas contamination in the United states. We have contaminated fluoride water in water pipes in our homes.

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

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

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

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## U.S. Representative in Congress
### Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

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### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1

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

**Education:** Masters in Public Administration (MPA); Northern Michigan University

**Economics - Northern Michigan University**

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

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

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

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**MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2**

**BEN BOREN, Libertarian**

**Website:** [http://Don't have one](http://Don't have one)

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

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

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**BILL HUIZENGA, Republican**

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

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

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

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**Make your voice heard by voting.**
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**Systemic racism exists and we must enact policies that protect every person, regardless of skin color, gender, sexual orientation and religion. We must reform the “use of force” policies from law enforcement and implement strict de-escalation techniques. Community policing has worked in many areas, it created relationships between the community and law enforcement. We must make sure everyone has a right to vote and CAN vote safely and in a timely fashion. We must ensure inner cities and rural areas are no longer at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to healthcare, job opportunities, and education.**

**We must rejoin and recommit to the Paris Climate Accord and show that we are willing to be leaders in combating climate change. I support the goals of the Green New Deal and am willing to work to achieve those goals over the next decade and ensure future generations have a safe place to live. We must end corporate tax subsidies and breaks for fossil fuels and provide them for clean alternative energy options. I support bill HR 762, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, and would like to see a bill like this be implemented to facilitate our transition to cleaner energy.**

**We need immigration reform to acknowledgement that immigration is beneficial to our country, economically and socially. I support a clear path to citizenship for those looking to enter the United States as workers by creating a better system to match the workers with employers. I believe that as a leader in humanitarian issues, the US has a duty to assist those individuals and families fleeing unsafe and oppressive countries, either by welcoming them here or by working with other countries around the world to find a home for them. I also support DACA and the Dreamers. We should not be punishing these young people.**

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**Yes, and I will fight for a democracy where every American can participate and where every vote matters—nothing less is a betrayal of who we are. I believe that efforts such as gerrymandering and limiting access to the ballot are inconsistent with who we are as Americans, and must change. I am committed to: Overturning Citizens United and Buckley v. Valeo, if necessary by constitutional amendment. Moving towards a small-dollar matching system for federal elections. Enhanced Transparency - Voters deserve to know who is funding their elected officials. Making Election Day a national holiday.**

**The promise of this nation is the pursuit of life, liberty and justice... for all. For too long, however, it has clearly not been so. We must immediately address the structural and systemic inequities in this nation that are rooted in racial injustice. I am committed to: Listening. Making far-reaching investments in ending health disparities by race. Addressing disparities in housing, including increasing access to affordable housing and eliminating housing regulations that perpetuate discrimination. Fighting for COVID19 related economic relief for the minority-owned businesses that need it most.**

**We must take immediate steps to protect and renew our Great Lakes, and to manage the impacts of climate change on West Michigan’s communities. I am committed to: Fighting for continued investment through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Ending all federal subsidies and tax incentives for fossil fuel exploration, extraction, and development. Embracing technology and innovation and fund research into utility-scale renewable energy and storage. Supporting common-sense regulations that protect our water, our air, and our earth, while promoting economic advances.**

**I believe that it is possible for us to have immigration laws and border policies that are both compassionate and effective. We don’t need to sacrifice our humanity in the name of security, and we don't have to sacrifice responsible border security and governance in order to be compassionate. I am committed to: Protecting the unity of the immediate family and the best interests of children at all times. Restoring our global leadership in humanitarian relief for refugees. Respecting the God-given dignity of every person. Establishing a path toward legal status and/or citizenship for those who qualify.**

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**Slavery ended in the U.S. over 150 years ago; its time to move on. thousands of Black Americans are millionaires & billionaires; most crime & murders in cities are black on black; Pouring millions/billions into crap whole democratic run cities is a waste of tax dollars. BLM is an anti-white, racist, pro-communists, anti-Christian stain on the American Christian black community; it's a Marxists fraud funded in part by the Communist Chinese Party headed by 3 self avowed trained Marxist black women who want revolution; "if this country doesn't give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it" BLM**

**Drill, Drill, Drill; we need to produce more oil & natural gas. Thanks to President Teddy Roosevelt, we have a great national parks system which should be fully funded with low entry fees for all American citizens. Have non-US citizens pay triple entrance fees, I want all US Military bases, both home and abroad, cleaned up of all their toxins starting with Michigan. Go to American Free Press & Breitbart internet news, shun Google. Take out Antifa, which is a pro-democratic party, anti-American, violent terrorist organization; Q Vote against the pro-war, neocon Trotskyite commu- nist, anti-Secord Amendment Deep State.**

**I do not support mailing ballots to all eligible voters which is subject to fraud as President Donald Trump says. All voting for US House & US Senate offices should required an officials state ID to the standards of Mexicans voting in Mexico. Any non-US Citizens, legal or illegal, voting in a Federal election should be sent to prison, then deported. California’s electoral votes should be reduced because of the millions of non-US citizens residing there. No government funding of elections; I fully support the US Post Office; My grandfather spent 30 years as a rural rout carrier; Clean up Post Office operations now.**

**Build the wall; President Donald Trump will do it given a chance with no interference from the Baby killing socialist democrats. Fast track white immigration from South Africa. Over 40,000 South African whites have been killed - murdered since the majority black communists took over. Thousands of white SAI’s have been robed & raped. We need white South African farmers in the US as our farmers are ageing out. We need to think to the future about ensuring that we preserve our farmland & have good people to farm it. American needs these highly productive white South Africans, especially the farmers. Remember Rhodesia Jean-Michel Creviere.**

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U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2022.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2 (continued)

JEAN-MICHEL CREVIERE, Green

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Occupation / Current Position: Jimmy John’s worker / lutheran
Education: BA - University of Michigan 1989 2 year Certificate - Berklee College of Music 1987

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

HILLARY SCHO LTEN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: I am currently a public interest lawyer specializing in immigration and civil rights issues.
Education: I have a JD from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Gordon College.

Qualifications and Experience: I ran for same position in 2017/2018, former Chair and Vice Chair for the US House of Representatives and MI State Senate. Prior to that, worked as a chemist, small business administrator, and a school administrator.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

PETER MEIJER, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Self-Employed
Education: BA, Columbia University MBA, New York University Stern School of Business

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

JERRY HILLIARD, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Adjunct Faculty in Economics, Lansing Community College
Education: MBA University of Michigan-Flint, M.A. Central Michigan University, B.S. Central Michigan University

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

JOHN MOOLENAAR, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative
Education: Bachelors: Hope College Masters in Public Administration: Harvard University

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

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

Questions

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

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

Gerald T. Van Sickle, US Taxpayer

All Americans must be covered. Medicare for all.

Jean-Michel Creviere, Green

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

Hillary Scholten, Democrat

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

Peter Meijer, Republican

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

Jerry Hilliard, Democrat

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John Moolenaar, Republican

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

Absolutely! Reparations should be addressed. Defunding the industrial military complex and funding communities would be a great start.

Restoring the EPA, stronger measures for our water, specifically our Great Lakes. A plan that addresses removal of PFAS, not just containment.

No more prisons for profit. I support a path to citizenship for all who wish to live here.

Yes, I support mail-in ballots to all eligible voters. I support anything that makes it easier for people to vote, because voting is at the core of our democracy.

Yes, Congress has a role in addressing systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices. The economic disparity in our country has been widened by the 2017 tax cuts which would when, fully implemented, give 83% of its benefits to the top 1% while costing taxpayers $2 trillion. Congress should keep the tax cuts for working families while eliminating them for large corporations. This will help to ensure resources are allocated to our communities, particularly those that have long been ignored. We also need to restore the Voting Rights Act and pass protections for LGBTQ individuals.

Addressing climate change and driving new jobs in the clean energy sector will be one of my priorities in Congress. We urgently need to pass the PFAS action plan into law and replace lead-laden pipes to protect drinking water. In Michigan, the lakes and our outdoor resources aren't only important to our quality of life, but they also major economic drivers and must be protected. Part of the reason I got into this race was to make sure our water was safe to drink. This administration has destroyed important environmental protections designed to keep people from getting sick. I'll fight to strengthen those policies.

I worked for both the DOJ enforcing immigration laws and on behalf of immigrants trying to navigate those laws, so I know all too well how dysfunctional the system is--and how to fix it. We need comprehensive immigration reform that is focused on safety and security, the rule of law, and restoring the U.S. as a welcoming home to immigrants. These things are not mutually exclusive. I’ll work to invest in the right solutions to keep our borders secure while expanding opportunities for individuals to come to the U.S. legally. We need to pass the DREAM Act and create new opportunities in the agricultural sector.

I support building a physical barrier at the southern border to ensure our country has the ability to vet those who want to enter. I also support strong immigration policies as a means to foster and promote legal immigration through a safe, effective and reasonable process. To that end, I also support eliminating arbitrary and antiquated components of Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 to shift to a less onerous and convoluted process that emphasizes economic imperatives and creates more flexibility than either short-term visas or citizenship pathways.

The reality is, absentee ballots may be the only way for many voters to exercise their voting rights this cycle, although we must ensure that rolls are updated frequently so that our system does not allow room for voter fraud. I believe in no-reason absentee voting laws but to ensure the integrity of elections those ballots must be requested, like the laws passed in Michigan in 2018, and want an election process that allows every citizen an opportunity to vote and exercise their voting rights.

The events following the murder of George Floyd have exposed the persistence of deep racial inequality in this country. No one in this country should feel unsafe in their skin, and it is a tragedy that the legacy of racial discrimination endures to this day. I support initiatives to build trust at the neighborhood and community level between law enforcement and those they have sworn to protect, additional emphasis on de-escalation training for police, and expanding economic opportunities, school choice, and entrepreneurial training for communities that have faced historic marginalization.

I strongly believe that it is the duty of conservatives to act and legislate in order to conserve and protect the environment for future generations. All-the-above energy platforms are a key solution to help fight climate change, one which we can utilize to minimize emissions while continuing to deliver quality and affordable energy to all American families. I will fight to support policies that protect the Great Lakes, which are essential to our identity as Michiganders and sustain our thriving fishery and tourism industries.

We need realistic legislation that fixes our nation’s broken immigration system with compassion and kindness and does not leave immigrants as second class citizens. There is already a Democratic bill that has been introduced in the House to protect DACA and temporary protected status immigrants and would be a top priority for me. More work has to be done beyond that to fix our consensus, broken immigration system. It needs to include family unity as a priority goal. Also, it needs to protect our workers from an oversupply of labor that pushes wages down and uphold the rule of law.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

DAVID CANNY, Libertarian
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Occupation / Current Position: Retail Seafood Executive (Operations, Global Procurement, Marketing, Product Development)
Qualifications and Experience: Over thirty years of successful business experience running multi million dollar retail operations. 60+ years as a witness of Republican and Democrat mismanagement

AMY SLEPR, Green
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Occupation / Current Position: Nurse Aide Retired
Education: Bachelor’s in Psychology from CMU
Qualifications and Experience: Locals Liaison for the Green Party of Michigan

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

DANIEL T. KILDEE, Democrat
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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress, Michigan’s Fifth Congressional District
Education: Education: University of Michigan—Flint; B.S. Administration, Central Michigan University; Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow, Kennedy School, Harvard University
Qualifications and Experience: Whaley Children’s Center; Member, Flint School Board of Education; Member, Genesee County Commissioner, Genesee County Treasurer; President & CEO, Center for Community Progress

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JAMES HARRIS, Libertarian
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Occupation / Current Position: Retired
Education: Baker Flint Networking MCC Applied Physics
Qualifications and Experience: Veteran, Business Owner, Life Experiences

PRESIDENT: JAMES HARRIS, Libertarian
Qualifications and Experience: Baker Flint Networking MCC Applied Physics
Education: BA from University of Denver

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Universal healthcare—A community-controlled national health service No cost public education—Pre-K through College Secure retirement—double Social Security benefits Tax the top .01 percenters 35% No cost child and disabled adult daycare

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I fully support established absentee ballot processes that enable all voters to request a ballot and mail it in instead of going to a polling place to vote. Mail in voting is a growing option and some states have developed processes that ensure the integrity of the vote. With the issues that we have seen in some states rejected and lost ballots, dramatically delayed vote counts and results, and the potential for fraud by third party ballot harvesting handlers I do not believe that most states can put together a secure process, in a couple of months, that protects the integrity of the vote and have votes accurately counted.

First, eliminate the Electoral College. Then, change party ballot harvesting handlers I do not believe that states should have the responsibility for ensuring the integrity of the vote and results, and the potential for fraud by third party ballot harvesting handlers. I do not believe that most states can put together a secure process, in a couple of months, that protects the integrity of the vote and have votes accurately counted.

I do not believe that there is systemic racism in this country, however, I do believe that federal anti-poverty programs have a 50 year history of failure and the unintended consequence of expanding economic disparity that will require more than the government’s getting out of the way to resolve. The real cure is a vibrant economy that creates jobs, income and opportunity. School choice with options that focus on trades and life skills need to be supported for a long term solution. Economic opportunity zones will create business and job opportunities and reduce regulations that are barriers to creating businesses and jobs.

As a vibrant economy and strong national security depend on the availability of low cost energy I support all domestic sources of energy as long as they can compete in a free market without subsidies.

With a declining birth rate and an aging population there is a need to expand laws allowing for the increase in legal immigration. Specifically, there is a need for highly skilled workers as well as for H-2A agricultural visa workers. I support an expedited path to permanent status for these people and their families to be part of America. While I support increased legal immigration I believe that workers should not receive welfare benefits. These workers should be sponsored by family, employers, civic groups, etc. but should not be here at taxpayer expense. I support enforcement targeting those with final deportations.

Yes there is systemic racism in the U.S. Significant steps need to be taken in order to reverse and eliminate the ongoing abuses. We need to end the criminalization of the Black, Brown, and Native American communities, to eradicate poverty, to invest in education, health care and the restoration and protection of human rights, that it will repair the continuing damage wrought by the ideology of white supremacy which permeates the governing institutions of our nation. POC, LGBTQIA, and women, are all human and deserve to be treated humanely.

I support reduction in pollution, emissions and waste, e.g. emissions from transport, oil leaks and spills, excessive noise, heat or vibration generated by the activities of your business. reduce the use of all raw materials, energy and supplies. raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in environmental matters. I encourage Solar, Wind and Hemp energy.

All immigrants should be allowed civil process, if they want to become citizens. I do NOT support putting people in detention centers until they are convicted unless they are actual criminals. being an immigrant is not a crime and children should not be taken away from their parents simply because the parents want a better life.

Yes, inequalities exist and our elected leaders have a responsibility to act to make our society a more just, equal place. The coronavirus pandemic has shined a spotlight on the existing systemic injustices that have disproportionately affected communities of color. In Congress, I have supported criminal justice reform and voted for the First Step Act to help give nonviolent offenders a second chance to make a positive impact on their community. I have also supported removing unneeded emergency financial managers and instead allowing communities to elect their own leaders.

We must recognize climate change is a national security threat. I have opposed efforts to roll back clean air and water protections. I have supported efforts to protect the Great Lakes from pollution and stop invasive species. I also have led efforts to clean up danger- ous PPFAS chemical contamination and ensure every American has access to safe and affordable drinking water, including in my hometown of Flint. I introduced the Driving America Forward Act to expand the electric vehicle tax credits. Putting more electric vehicles on the road will reduce carbon emissions and protect our planet.

I support comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue. We can both secure our borders while recognizing America is a nation of immigrants. In Congress, I have voted for smart and effective border security, including smart technology and support for additional border patrol agents when necessary. We also need to update our visa system, expand the number of immigration judges and find a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers, young children who were brought to this country by their parents through no fault of their own. DREAMers contribute greatly to our economy, including working and paying taxes.

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental rights afforded to every American in our democracy. I support restoring the Voting Rights Act and have voted for H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which would expand voting rights for Americans, reduce the dominance of big money in politics, and ensures that public officials work for the people, not special interests. I support the Michigan ballot referendum, passed overwhelmingly in 2018, that expanded voting rights, including no-reason absentee voting. Especially during this pandemic, vote-by-mail options should be made available to every American.

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We need to secure our borders first before we adopt any plan to address the naturalization of any non-citizens living in America. I do not support extending constitutional rights or public assistance to those who have come here illegally.

No election should be conducted without the proper identification of an eligible American citizen and the explicit integrity of election officials. I do not support mailing ballots to all eligible voters.

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

As our economy becomes more unpredictable, financial security and stability is out of reach for Michiganders from all walks of life. The middle class of yesterday feels like it has been replaced with side hustles, benefit cuts, and outsourcing. In order to truly reinvigorate the middle class jobs, we need to find new solutions to the questions of the twenty-first century. We must create an American economy that invests in American workers — through a living wage, new training programs, and reinvigorated unions. America has tried tax cuts and special giveaways to the mega-corporations in our society. We need renewed investment in local shops, farms, family businesses to give our future a fighting chance.

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

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

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

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

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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

First of all, we have to accept as a society that the "glory days" of American economic exploitation of the world are not coming back. China is the world's new economic powerhouse, and it will remain that way for the near future. I fully support an expanded jobs program to train Americans and get them to work, but this alone is not enough. We need to look at systems of universal basic income, as well as the restructuring of our economic system to decentralize the power of mega-corporations in our society. We need renewed investment in local shops, farms, family businesses to give our future a fighting chance.
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Big money in our politics is standing in the way of progress being made on the issues that matter most to Michigan's working families. Whether it’s skyrocketing prescription drug costs, addressing the impacts of climate change, or investing in our nation’s crumbling infrastructure, our country is facing massive threats to our economic security and the future of our families. Instead of producing results, the politics and partisanship of Washington are making matters worse. We need to get big money out of politics, end the lobbyist-to-lobbyist pipeline, and partisan gerrymandering, to protect everyone’s right to vote.

All people should have the guarantee of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It’s past time to expand our nondiscrimination laws to ensure regardless of someone’s religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, familial status, or marital status, everyone has the same opportunity to work hard and succeed. We need to make sure we’re looking at the ways people have access to justice. We need to fight for a free and open internet. We need to resist new forms of censorship and protect our rights as technology advances.

Climate change is already resulting in intense and unpredictable natural disasters, changes in the health of our food crops, drought and water problems, and more. We must take urgent and bold action to address the climate crisis and invest in sustainable infrastructure to meet the energy demands of the 21st century. We need to pass a Green New Deal, invest in renewable energy and transition our nation off fossil fuels, and ensure clean water for everyone.

It is past time to fix a broken immigration system. We need comprehensive immigration reform. DACA and other enforcement reprioritization efforts have provided a much-needed safety net for children and young adults who were brought to the United States through no choice of their own. We must protect DREAMers and grant them a pathway to citizenship. We can end warrantless ICE holds, stop separating families, and build strong communities.

Every citizen has the right to vote, every citizen has the right to an absentee ballot if they request one. I do not support mailing unrequested ballots.

No, I believe that social injustice is an invention of the mainstream media, in an attempt to sow division, and increase their profits at the expense of we the people. Americans by and large, are kind people. Turn off the tv and talk to your neighbor.

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We must grant permanent legal status to the DACA recipients immediately, and provide a possible path to citizenship for them. Then we dismantle the welfare state that makes illegal immigration so attractive, and begin an increase of merit based immigration.

There’s absolutely no reason why we can’t mail ballots to every registered voter. And while we’re at it, every American citizen should be automatically registered to vote at the age of 18, end of story. If the Republicans care so much about encouraging Americans to vote in person, then why don’t they support a Federal holiday for election day? I support this. In terms of campaign funding. Citizens United really screwed the system that makes illegal immigration so attractive, and other enforcement reprioritization efforts have provided a much-needed safety net for children and young adults who were brought to the United States through no choice of their own. We must protect DREAMers and grant them a pathway to citizenship. We can end warrantless ICE holds, stop separating families, and build strong communities.

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Michigan voters in 2018 passed a “voter bill of rights” with Proposition 3 which allows for no reason absentee voting, same day voter registration, and a variety of other tools to increase access to the vote. I support broad legislation that expands voter rights, and support mailing ballots to all eligible voters. Further, I am endorsed by End Citizens United, and believe money shouldn’t be so salient in our politics.

Systemic racism and other social injustices are still significant issues that should be addressed by Congress. Flint, Michigan acts as a contemporary example where systemic racism and economic disparity allowed for widespread harm of countless communities of color. I support policies that invest within and protect minority communities.

Clean energy jobs are the future to a healthy earth and healthy economy. We need a more robust, affordable education system such that more can enter the clean energy industry.

I support guest worker programs, especially those in agriculture, to help supplement labor in markets that need more workers. I am supportive of a path to citizenship for undocumented people living in this country as I believe that immigrants are who help make this country great.
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**U.S. Representative in Congress**

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

**Michigan District 8**

**Elisha Slotkin, Democrat**

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Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/pg/elisasilotkinforcongress](http://www.facebook.com/pg/elisasilotkinforcongress)

Twitter: twitter.com/ElisiaSlotkin

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

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

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

**Paul Junge, Republican**

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**Joe Hartman, Libertarian**

Website: [JoeHartmanforCongress](http://joe4congress.vote)

Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/JoeHartmanforCongress](http://www.facebook.com/JoeHartmanforCongress)

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Occupation / Current Position: Tax Consultant

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

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

**Michigan District 9**

**Andy Levin, Democrat**

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

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

**Charles J. Langworthy, Republican**

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Occupation / Current Position: Underwriter

Education: some college

Qualifications and Experience: Previously appointed to Clinton Twp Historical Commission. Founder and Chair of Libertarians of Macomb County.

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**Question 1**

Health Care: What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

**Michigan District 8**

Elisha Slotkin, Democrat

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

**Michigan District 9**

Andy Levin, Democrat

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

**Question 2**

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

**Michigan District 8**

Elisha Slotkin, Democrat

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

**Michigan District 9**

Andy Levin, Democrat

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

**Question 3**

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

**Mike Saliba, Libertarian**

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

The full repeal of the 16th amendment in order to abolish the IRS, corporate tax, payroll tax, estate tax, and income tax. Make the United States where the entire world will want to do business and where the workers keep 100% of what they earn. The 16th amendment did not come about until 1913. We didn’t need the IRS when we were building ourselves into a gilded age and we don’t need it to do it again.
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**Question 3:** Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

I don’t take corporate PAC money, so my constituents know I work for them, not special interests. We need to curtail unlimited spending in elections, end partisan gerrymandering, and upend a culture of corruption. I have led legislation to prevent foreign interference in our elections by ensuring foreign governments can’t purchase domestic political ads. I supported the reforms MI voters approved in Propositions 2 & 3 and Secretary of State Benson’s efforts to ensure voters can vote by mail. I am a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure minority voters are given equal access to the ballot.

Congress must address systemic racism and inequality. I was a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which requires states to seek federal permission before making changes to election procedure that could impact accessibility for communities of color. We must address racial disparities evident in police abuses and in the disparate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. I support survivors of sexual assault and harassment, and introduced legislation to stop Secretary DeVos from making it harder for survivors to successfully come forward with Title IX claims. I also am a supporter of the Equality Act.

The development of clean energy technologies like wind and solar not only helps our environment, it also means economic potential. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will fight to make sure we’re in a position to welcome the next generation of high-skilled, well-paying jobs to our state. I believe access to clean water is a homeland security issue, because it is about the safety of our communities. I championed six provisions to protect against the “forever chemical” PFAS that were signed into law by the President. In Congress, I am a member of the bipartisan Great Lakes Taskforce.

Our immigration system is broken and not working for anyone. I’m committed to working on a bipartisan basis for reform that is key to the needs of our economy, including strengthening border security, reforming our temporary worker programs, and providing a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I wrote bipartisan legislation that passed the House to ensure humane treatment in immigration detention centers. I co-sponsored the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would establish a program for agriculture workers in the US to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment & contribution to the US economy.

The Libertarian Party presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and should be included in the presidential and vice presidential debates. Ranked choice voting sounds like a good idea. Based on the 10th amendment, I advocate for the passage of the Daylight Act, which would end federally mandated clock changing by allowing the laws passed by state legislatures to implement permanent daylight savings time.

The COVID-19 crisis is not just a public health and economic crisis, but a threat to our democracy. I’m glad that voters in MI set in place important safeguards like approving Prop 3 in 2018. This amendment makes it easier to vote by mail. In Congress, I have been proud to support election reform in H.R. 1, the For The People Act, which puts a stop to voter roll purging; shines a light on dark money by including my amendment requiring greater transparency for corporate contributions; and raises the bar on financial disclosures to root out potential conflicts and strengthen the enforcement of ethics laws.

Yes, of course! I support many policing and criminal justice reforms, increasing transparency of police records, and ending the militarization of police. I have been a lifelong advocate for working people, and will continue to fight the weakening of our labor unions who protect health and wages most especially for people of color. I cosponsored H.R. 8 to strengthen our firearm background check system, as our Black community who suffers disproportionate effects of gun violence. As Vice Chair of the Ed and Labor committee, I am committed to an equitable system of education across our classrooms and public universities.

We absolutely have to protect our air and water quality. I am fully against polluting. I am an outdoorsman that loves to fish and hunt. I want our water to be clean and chemical free. We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any green new deal policy’s not only are they airinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technologi cal advances.

**Question 4:** Social Injustice: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?

The most explicit example of systemic racism is the social security system. The taxes are confiscated from workers and benefits are paid to older people. The system disproportionately hurts low income workers by reducing their discretionary income. Based on the demographics of these groups, the outcome reflects systemic racism. Abolishing payroll taxes would be an effective way to reduce systemic racism and wealth inequality. Ending the drug war, ending qualified immunity, and demilitarizing the police would help to reduce the social injustice imposed by law enforcement.

I support policies that would remove the government barriers to replacing coal-burning and oil-burning power plants with safe, non-polluting, high-tech nuclear power plants. Generation IV nuclear power is an effective way to reduce carbon emissions. I also support deregulating the use of off-grid solar power.

We see the benefits of immigration in the diversity of our communities, and reflected in the productivity of our labor force. When it comes to consumer demands, especially agricultural and seasonal industries, New Americans contribute to an outsized level. I have personally traveled to our nation’s border to inspect detention centers, and I am outraged that the way we are treating immigrants does not reflect our values as a nation. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal immigration system to provide a pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, and protects our borders.

I advocate for expanded immigration and welcoming peaceful people to immigrate to the United States. A truly free market requires the free movement of people, not just products and ideas.

**Question 5:** Environment & Energy: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any green new deal policy’s not only are they airinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technologi cal advances.

I support stopping chain migration, and visa lotteries. We must have a MRST BASED immigration policy. We must stop the inflow of people coming in here illegally, illegal immigration drives down wages, takes resources from struggling American citizens and some of them commit crimes. We have to know who we are letting in our country and have the ability to prevent criminals from coming into our country. It would be nice to not need a wall, and we would not need one if there were no sanctuary cities and states that refuse to enforce immigration laws. Sadly that is not the case so we need a wall.

**Question 6:** Immigration: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?

We absolutely have to protect our air and water quality. I am fully against polluting. I am an outdoorsman that loves to fish and hunt. I want our water to be clean and chemical free. We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any green new deal policy’s not only are they airinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technologi cal advances.

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Systemic racism does exist in that we have a system made up of people and people are flawed. When racist people have some control over the system, the system can become racist. The solution is to limit the power of the government to the most basic needs. The fewer intrusions the government has into our lives, the fewer opportunities there are for bad actors to use those intrusions to create injustice with their own prejudice.

Create more energy by opening up nuclear energy. Limit pollution by scaling back the military, the biggest polluter on Earth. Protect water, air, and land by return public lands to the private sector. Many public lands that our leased for mining, oil production, or forestry are mistreated because the companies leasing them have no skin in the game once they are done. Force the companies to take care of the land by the financial incentive of holding it’s value. Neighboring land is polluted while government looks the other way. We need a way to give the private sector a financial reason to protect our natural resources.

Freedom of Movement is a human right. Free and open borders ensure this right. Our nation’s motto is E pluribus unum, From Many, One. Continue the tradition that made this country what it is. Open the borders to bring in the many to form the one.
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The Covid-19 pandemic has brought to light many of the social and health disparities we have seen in our communities across this country. This is the richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans in poor health. Medical insurance is a dream to many and a financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your pocket. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

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

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Education: After graduating from Seaholm High School, I earned a master’s degree in social policy and philosophy and a bachelor’s degree in political science and philosophy from American University.
Qualifications and Experience: Before being elected to Congress, I served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue Task Force. After serving in the Obama Administration, I worked in a manufacturing research lab.
The cost of health care, and prescription drugs in particular, is something I constantly hear about from constituents. In Congress, I have fought to expand access to affordable and high-quality healthcare. I helped pass legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, protect patients with pre-existing conditions, crack down on junk insurance plans, and lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies. I also support proposals to lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to help expand coverage to more Americans, and have fought against cuts to Medicaid.

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

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

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

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

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

Spending, tax policy, and regulations are now the playthings of politicians and the lobbyists who finance them. This has created a system that hurts the middle class, exacerbates inequality, eliminates jobs, and fundamentally rigs the economy in favor of the powerful and well-connected. We need an economic policy that focuses on jobs. That means we need a simpler tax policy that stops giving politicians the power to reward big businesses and industries. Finally America’s regulatory structure needs to stop punishing small businesses, which serve as the backbone of our economy and provide the best pathway to wealth.
Each election cycle there are vast amounts of money put into the campaigns of two political parties solicit- ing for votes. Legislation will not change how elec- tions have been run. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy will find a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the laws say. We have had systems in place to handle the mail-in process before being attacked and stripped. The election process does not address the concerns of the working class. The only way to combat this type of legislation is for workers to create their own political party that will advance workers’ issues.

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

Science has revealed different ways to produce sustainable energy without destroying the planet, but decisions are being made based on profit, not human- ity. Energy-producing methods such as fracking, are obviously destroying the planet, but more sites are popping up all over the country. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. Protecting our water, air and land means not exploiting them for individual gains. The changes that are needed to protect the laboring population are not going to come just through legisla- tion, but rather a fight from the working class.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Immigration policy is completely broken. The politicians play games and exploit the vulnerable. The American people have a clear view: secure the border, treat people decently, send criminals home, and evaluate legal immigrants in a fair and open process. Liberal politicians are part of the broken process. They want 11 million illegal aliens to cut to the front of the line and become citizens. At the same time, they want to shield from punishment illegal aliens who attempt to buy guns. That is nonsensical, and right now we need an immigration policy that makes sense and works for the American people.
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QUESTION 3: Elections: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

I support current law that everyone chooses how to vote. If that is not possible, I support secure drop boxes. I support public financing of elections and I am a leader in Congress on building a coalition to improve access to elections that are reliable and secure.

Government shouldn’t discriminate for or against any demographic group. Democrats & Republicans play identity politics & want to use taxpayer money to help groups they like. I don’t. I support everyone’s right to spend their own time & money helping whomever they want to help.

I was proud to co-sponsor H.R. 1, which expands access to the ballot box by allowing for automatic, online, and same-day voter registration and the elimination of unconstitutional voter roll purges. It also allows public financing of elections - we must get money out of politics. I am the Vice-Chair of the Democracy Reform Task Force, which worked hard for the passage of H.R. 1 and continues to work on reform. We must also secure our elections. I introduced the Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act to provide states with the resources needed to protect electronic voting systems and to update outdated infrastructure.

I do not have a problem with mail in ballots. It has historical short comings and suspicions intentions. Every one has the right to vote and we need to make easy, dependable options that make sure we protect that integrity. We need to assure the removal of fraudulent opportunities, while expanding the technological advances of a new age. We should be able to utilize these technologies without glitches and concerns. I also realize if we can wait in lines at the grocery store, we can practice social distancing at the polls. Something smells fishy of the continued double-standards and false information of confusion?

The banks, the corporations and the wealthy use their money to control the political process in this country. As long as a great disparity in wealth exists, the one per cent will use their money to determine the outcome of elections. The current attacks on the Post Office, the voting restrictions, the continuing attacks on voting rights are all designed to lower voter turnout among poor and working class people.

Black Lives Matter! The hundreds of thousands of people who went into the streets to protest the murder of George Floyd made a loud statement against police brutality and against racism. But the racism of this society goes way beyond police brutality. The black population, the most exploited section of the working class, has always faced higher unemployment, lower wages, underfunded schools, inferior housing. Institutional and systematic racism has been part of this country since the first slave was brought here from Africa. We must get rid of racism by fighting for a fundamental change in this society.

I introduced the 100% Clean Economy Act, which has 150+ cosponsors in the House and puts the US on a path to 100% clean energy by 2050. Clean water is a fundamental right, and PFAS contamination is the biggest threat to our Michigan water. That’s why I’m proud to have authored the PFAS Action Act to include PFAS in EPA Superfund Sites and set enforceable drinking water standards. I also co-chair the Great Lakes Task Force to protect water for future generations.

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

We need comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship while improving the process for those who are in the queue to enter the country legally and protecting our national security. This administration has instilled fear in communities by deporting people who have lived in this country for decades and have no more than a traffic ticket on their record. It’s wrong and is not reflective of American values. President Trump’s effort to end DACA was wrong and I stood up against it. I’m also proud to support the NO BAN Act and push back against this administration’s discriminatory immigration policies.

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There is green sustainable energy resolves, the elimination of land fills, and purging of brown districts, and water supplies being purified at affordable and profitable benefits. These have been hindered through current political sway of the 12th and lobbying dollars of the resolve. W.E.T. technology is not only affordable but proven to work. Prioritizing these efforts will bring a cleaner, more healthier future to our children, and them to follow. Let’s make this together with an amazing reward for us all!!

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Occupation / Current Position: I currently serve as the Congresswoman for Michigan’s 13th Congressional District.
Qualifications and Experience: I previously served in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative for six years and as a public advocate and attorney on workers' rights, immigration and community benefits advocacy.

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

ARTICIA BOMER, UST Taxpayer

Website: http://www.BOMER4CONGRESS.com
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ARTICIA.BOMER
Twitter: twitter.com/BOMER4CONGRESS
Occupation / Current Position: Currently running my campaign full-time with some contractual work on the side as a document Special Assistant
Education: Wayne County Community College, Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College, Le Cordon Bleu Culinary College, Detroit Community College
Qualifications and Experience: I meet the age requirement and citizenship qualifications to run as well as the requirement to serve the majority, the working people. It sets it up for the corporations. The government won’t solve our problems. But working people can do it. We have power when we stand together to fight. We can use our forces to impose what all people need. We need decent paying jobs. The first thing workers would do about the economy is to make sure that everyone who wants a job can have a job. Big companies make profit by keeping our wages low and by making fewer people do more work. Take money back from all the profits the big companies get, use it to increase our wages. Use it to hire people. Take tax money given to corporations, use it to fix things that need fixing. That would create jobs.

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

SAM JOHNSON, Working Class

Website: http://workingclassfight.com
Occupation / Current Position: I am a fighter for the working class. I believe our class can run this society to benefit everyone.
Education: Grew up under Jim Crow, Alabama, went to schools without new books, learned to survive by fighting. My mother taught me. Lived in LA, then Detroit, got GED here. Went to WSU Labor School for two years.
Qualifications and Experience: My whole life I’ve been a fighter. My whole life I worked. I had union posts in Chrysler plants, I was a rank-and-file militant. I know what working people can do when we bring our forces together.

Medical care means your life. No price should be put on our lives. The basic principle of health care should be that we all get what we need with no cost, and no restrictions should be put on that. But this government doesn’t act that way. It doesn’t set up health care to serve the majority, the working people. It sets it up to make money for big drug companies and hospitals. Too many people still don’t have care. Even if we have jobs and insurance, we don’t get the best care. A worker’s government would take profit out of health care. It would pour money into public health so we don’t have another virus crisis.

D. ETTA WILCOXON, Green

Website: http://www.dettawilcoxon.com
Occupation / Current Position: Publisher
Education: BA University of Detroit Political Science MPA University of Detroit Public Administration JD Cumberland School of Law
Qualifications and Experience: Wars & Victories: Won self & Congressman Conyers restoral to ballot, public dollars for public education, suing Pistons and Ilitchs over same & MI 5 Ct voiding prohibited items list = Ct access.

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

Margaret Atwood wrote: “We’ll be the first generation to inherit a planet that’s too hot for life as we know it.”

We live in a world where we are forced to take care of ourselves, where we are given less and less and we are given disease. We are sickened by pollution, by poverty, by fear. We are forced to fight for our lives. We live in a world that is not of our making, that is not for our benefit. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives. We are the victims of a system that is designed to destroy us, to destroy our health, to destroy our freedom, to destroy our lives.

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

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

Prayer Prayer and more Prayer. We are fighting a spiritual warfare. No matter how many trillion of dollars you give to military, the military could not stop Corona-Virus from coming into America and killing us. This is biblical. Healthcare is and should be a choice and always an affordable choice. If we sincerely put our faith in God. Believe in the Bible, then really, healthcare would only be used for extreme emergencys. The economy would boom if we cut back on the healthcare costs that are forced upon us each and every day. Have faith in God. Do our part to thrive as abiding citizens and work out, eat healthy.
I’m a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 1, which would expand access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants. We must also fully restore the Voting Rights Act. I am in favor of mailing ballots to all eligible voters. We must overturn Citizens United and end corporate influence in our elections. This is why I do not take corporate PAC dollars. Corporate greed has completely hijacked our political system. Citizens United has allowed corporations and wealthy donors to infuse money into campaigns and elections to influence them.

Money buys everything in capitalist society. So it’s no surprise our elections aren’t democratic. What’s democratic about voting for one of two candidates and neither one speaks for you? In a democratic society, everyone would get a hearing. Every working person could vote, whether you are working, retired or laid off, or are looking for work or a woman or man taking care of kids or of elders. We should all be able to vote just because we work. That won’t happen until the working class puts its needs first, until we fight for what everyone needs. That’s how we got everything we ever got, by fighting for it.

I support policies that encourage ease of access to voting. Same day registration and voting. Registration to vote when registering for license plates, etc. Compelling reasons for removing Americans from the ballot. Ease of reporting campaign contributions. Dark money should have no place in American politics. I do not support corporations being a part of the definition of a ‘person’.

I support a Black Lives Matter Movement just as long as African Americans are aware that I will not support the Communist fist symbol and what it symbolizes. The incumbent congress person we have in office right now supports the Communist fist and has used it in her campaigns when using her slogan “I’m Strong” I am wide enough to know that we as Blacks are being used for our name “Black” by others who want black people to go to war with the world and kill ourselves out to rule the world themselves. Not under my watch. I will follow the constitution and all of its contents and part of the constitution stands for freedom.

Is the system racist? Well yes, it’s been that way all through history, ever since slavery. There were always policies that created divisions among working people. Congress carries out policy for the class who benefits from keeping working people divided. If working people begin to stand up and say let’s do something about it, that’s when something will change. Black workers know the history of how changes were made. We know what we did. Why can’t we do it now? The whole working class has got to build on its history, coming together. We did it in the past. We can do it now. We have forces to do that. We have power.

The big oil companies and utilities look at how to produce energy to make a profit. If we got rid of profit, we could look at how to produce energy to give people what they need and how to do it so we protect the environment. With the technology we have, we could do all that. Scientists already know how to do that. If they were given the freedom to do what they know how to do, they would produce energy safely. But they can’t today because that interferes with profit. If we had a workers’ government, the first thing we would do is let technology be used. The problem isn’t energy or oil or even coal, it’s profit.

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U.S. Representative in Congress
Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

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

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

Michigan District 14

Brenda Lawrence, Democrat
Website: http://brendalawrence.com
Facebook: http://brendalawrenceforcongress
Twitter: twitter.com/brendalawrence
Occupation / Current Position: Congresswoman for Michigan’s 14th Congressional District
Education: She is an alumna of Pennington High School and, after attending the University of Michigan, she earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

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

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

Robert Vance Patrick, Republican
Website: http://vancepatrick4congress.com
Facebook: http://R Vance Patrick 4 Congress
Education: 2 associates degrees from Oakland community college. Bachelors of Science degree from Grand Valley State University

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

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

Lisa Lane Gioia, Libertarian
Website: http://lisaforliberty.org
Facebook: http://facebook.com/lisaforliberty
Twitter: twitter.com/lisaforliberty
Occupation / Current Position: business owner (patent and technical translations)
Education: Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

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

Philip Koody, Working Class
Website: http://workingclassfight.com
Occupation / Current Position: Retired from Michigan Civil Rights Dept. investigated complaints of employment bias & police conduct
Education: Graduate from Mumford HS, WSU, then U of M, majoring in history. Took part in Viet Nam war protests and Civil Rights protests. Was in France during May 1968, where I saw potential of working class. Qualifications and Experience: I was born into a working class family. My parents both worked in auto shops. I was active in union, worked on health and safety. I know the only friend the working class has is the working class.

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

Clyde K. Shabazz, Green
Website: http://clydeksb.com
Occupation / Current Position: Retired from the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies
Education: CLYDE K. SHABAZZ, Green Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

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

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

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

Why is government allowed to run up charges arbitrarily and infinitely, resulting in crippling debt for future generations and destabilizing our economy? Eliminating government bureaus, agencies and programs that are wasteful, redundant and inefficient, and returning that money to the taxpayers is needed to save the American economy. The three years prior to the COVID 19 pandemic saw an historic revival and expansion of the American economy. This was widely experienced across all sectors, including minority groups that too often are left behind. Most of this was due to the removal of regulations that impede the economy. The crisis put much of that on hold, and the fastest way to help all sectors of the economy rebound is to return to the process of deregulation as quickly as possible.

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

The economy needs a radical reconstruction for the benefit of all working people. Reforms proposed by both parties would only continue the present system, under the control and influence of the 0.1 per cent. Minor policy changes would only continue the illusion that the economy could finally work and benefit the working class. The Working Class Party aims for the empowerment of the working class, its control over the economy and health system, which is the only way improvements can be gained.

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<td>Brenda was a huge advocate for Proposal 3 and was very excited to see it pass. Voting in Michigan is easier in 2020 with the added benefits of straight-ticket voting; automatic voter registration; same-day voter registration; and no-excuse absentee voting during the 40 days before an election. We need to make these policies a nationwide trend and add universal mail-in ballots as the next important proposal.</td>
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<td>Everyone deserves the same rights and protections under the law regardless of who they are or who they love. Discrimination in housing, employment, and other facets of American life is immoral, hurts our nation’s fragile economy, and must be stopped. Brenda is an advocate of Black Lives Matter and is fighting to combat social injustices everywhere. Brenda is also a supporter of the Equality Act, which passed the House and prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas.</td>
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<td>Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked tirelessly to protect the environment and fight the damaging effects of climate change even in the face of reckless rollbacks of environmental protections by the Trump administration. She has opposed the Trump administration’s dangerous rollback of water pollution standards, has introduced legislation to help protect endangered wildlife, and continues the fight to have man-made PFAS chemicals declared as a hazardous substance.</td>
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<td>The United States is a land of opportunity. Our history has been written by generations of immigrants who have come to our borders looking for the promise of a better life. They have shaped our culture, our economy, and our national story, helping to make us the greatest of nations. Brenda has been a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress and has stood in strong opposition to Donald Trump’s cruel and inhumane immigration policies.</td>
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**State Board of Education – Two 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (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.

**QUESTION 1**
Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running.

**ELLEN COGEN, Democrat**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**JASON STRAYHORN, Democrat**

As the father of three children, I know the challenges that parents, teachers, support staff, and especially students are facing. Through my job I travel throughout Michigan and I see the disparity between school districts. There are children in Michigan who live on separate sides of a street, and depending on which side they live on will depend on whether they receive a quality education. If I’m on the Board I want to ensure that every child in Michigan receives a quality education.

**TAMI CARLONE, Republican**

Having 30 years of experience as a successful Corporate CPA & Process Improvement Expert, I am able to bring a professional level of fiscal responsibility, & problem solving to the Board. Skills that will be helpful to the Board given the role itself, as well as the status of education in MI. Being a national, state & local education advocate, activist, speaker & writer, for 20 years, I have built up an exceptionally unique set of skills to bring to the Board. I know education law, policy, funding, methods, standards, the players & more. I am running to give the students of MI Truth & Excellence in their education.

**MICHELLE A. FREDERICK, Republican**

I have been an education advocate for 17 years, founding board member at Michigan Parents Involved in Education, and a leadership team member at Stop Common Core in Michigan. I am running because I have witnessed and experienced the quality of my own children’s public education deteriorate over the years. This is not an isolated incident. Michigan’s current reading proficiency is at 44% and math proficiency is at 38% which demonstrates this is a systemic problem throughout our great state. Michigan’s parents deserve a voice that represents them on the State Board of Education, not another politician.

**BILL HALL, Libertarian**


**QUESTION 2**
What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

**ELLEN COGEN, Democrat**

As the father of three children, I know the challenges that parents, teachers, support staff, and especially students are facing. Through my job I travel throughout Michigan and I see the disparity between school districts. There are children in Michigan who live on separate sides of a street, and depending on which side they live on will depend on whether they receive a quality education. If I’m on the Board I want to ensure that every child in Michigan receives a quality education.

**JASON STRAYHORN, Democrat**

We need to look at equitable funding, and when I say that I don’t want to “steal from the rich and give to the poor,” I want to help give struggling schools the resources they need to educate our children. I would also use the position on the Board to be a bully pulpit to advocate for children who need additional services, such as special education and English as a second language children.

**TAMI CARLONE, Republican**

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.

**MICHELLE A. FREDERICK, Republican**

The actions and policies I would recommend to improve our education system is a thorough examination of teacher training, professional development, standards, and all standardized tests at each grade level. There must be a deficiency somewhere along the chain from development to delivery when Michigan’s children are testing below the national average. Parents and children should not be subjected to a broken system with life-long consequences when problems should be identified and rectified within a reasonable amount of time.

**BILL HALL, Libertarian**

Support freedom of choice in education. Competition from schools of choice, charter and private schools and home schooling pushes traditional public schools to innovate and better educate, and saves taxpayer dollars. Don’t mandate a “common core” curriculum. Give parents more freedom to choose schools and schools more freedom to choose their own policies. Support fiscal responsibility. Replace underfunded defined benefit with defined contribution retirement plans, State funding should follow the student, let poorly performing schools fail rather than bailing them out, re-deploy funds to focus on academic achievement.

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

**ELLEN COGEN, Democrat**

Being on the State Board of Education isn’t about being a Democrat or Republican. It’s about doing your best so every kid in Michigan has an opportunity at a great education. I want to remove any partisanship from the Board and ensure that we have one voice advocating for every kid in Michigan, no matter their race, religion, gender identity, or zip code.

**JASON STRAYHORN, Democrat**

All one must do is look at the results to know MI is in trouble regarding education. MI education spending goes up each year despite declining enrollment & declining results. The Wall Street Journal summed it up perfectly 1/2/2016, “Few state school systems report worse achievement metrics than MI”. We must focus on academic achievement and not political agendas. 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 dollar must have a positive impact on classroom learning. Education policy makers must be held accountable for results.

**TAMI CARLONE, Republican**

An immediate but temporary pressing issue is the mass exodus from public schools due to the virtual learning platform that was not designed for all students in mind. There are students that do not have reliable access to the internet and/or the equipment needed, some students are not developmentally capable to navigate a virtual learning format due to age and/or disability, while other students are just not able to learn through this type of platform. I would like to have all public schools opened for children with virtual learning as an option for parents who are not comfortable for their child to attend in person.
## State Board of Education (continued) — Two 8-Year Terms — Vote for TWO (2)

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

**RICHARD A. HEWER,** Libertarian
Occupation / Current Position: Retired Professor / Professor Emeritus
Education: MBA - Grand Valley State University, BBA - University of Michigan, Dearborn Diploma - Garden City High School

I just retired last week after teaching Computer Information Systems classes for Ferris State University at Big Rapids, on-line, and at various Community Colleges, Dual Enrollment High Schools and ISDs. Teaching these classes showed me students need more options and should not be locked into the school system for their education. My background would bring a unique prospective on educational options some students have and ways those could be expanded to all students.

**KAREN ADAMS,** U.S. Taxpayer

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**DOUGLAS LEVESQUE,** U.S. Taxpayer

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**MARY ANNE HERING,** Working Class
Website: [http://www.workingclassfight.com](http://www.workingclassfight.com)
Occupation / Current Position: college teacher, Henry Ford College
Education: formal education from Michigan State University, M.A. Psychology and through life experience at factory gates and in working class communities

As a long time teacher I have been a steadfast advocate for students, their families, teachers, and the support staff who make sure schools function. I have also organized a working class for decades. I can speak for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate young people, and whose wages and benefits are reduced because the state cuts money from education. I can give voice to workers who see their children deprived of a decent education because of those cuts. I will be saying a tidal wave of money is needed to guarantee quality education for all and safe in-person schooling.

**HALI MCEACHERN,** Working Class
Education: Henry Ford College, University of Michigan in Dearborn, restaurant worker for eight years

I am a junior at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. I am getting my bachelor’s in secondary education in history. As a teacher and board member I will use teaching best practices. I work as a server in a restaurant. I know the needs of workers and their children. I am running because I know the resources are there to give every student in the state the best quality education. I went through the public schools in Allen Park. I want better for teachers and school workers. My main focus will be to facilitate the most student learning and to improve the working conditions of teachers and school workers.

**TOM MAIR,** Green
Twitter: [twitter.com/TraverseGreens](http://twitter.com/TraverseGreens)
Occupation / Current Position: Manager - Personal Artist Manager
Education: K-12 Southfield Public Schools; Western Michigan Univ - Major Business Administration Minor Marketing; Grand Valley State Univ - International Business; Ferris State Univ - International Business

I am drawn to public service in Education and to Health Care as immediate needs for Michigan’s K-12 students so that the get the excellent education they deserve. COVID-19 has become the ‘new school’ and to prosper we need to work within the existing system of education adding higher health care standards to be safe. Not just safe learning, but safe living in our Michigan communities. I am an experienced & qualified administrator. I was elected in 2016 to a seat on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners. I understand how to work in & with government. I was a manager at a federal agency.

Currently, I am in Michigan are under a State of Emergency and we have a pandemic. I believe that the Public School Districts should have the authority to decide how school will be delivered. From online to hybrid to face-to-face. When a case is discovered in a face-to-face classroom, then all the students should be in quarantine at home for 14 days. I will encourage special education students (students with disabilities) at Intermediate Schools to be in the classroom. Teaching can be done one-on-one if necessary. I believe Public Schools should be online - online is preferred for health safety reasons.

### QUESTION 2
What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

**RICHARD A. HEWER**

Allow ALL students in Michigan to have a choice on their type of education and have the State money go to the education choice they make. Increase Vocation Education, Industry Certification and Dual Enrollment education options and make those available to all students, not just a select few. Not require all public schools have the same programs and teaching method but allow them to specialize. Let the students choose the school with their specialty and teaching method that fits their learning style, not just the ones that are available from their local public schools.

**DOUGLAS LEVESQUE, U.S. Taxpayer**

Making a quality customizable education available to everyone in Michigan. I would not require students to attend failing school systems but allow students to have an online education or do other education choices. Providing guidance to school systems on how to educate graduates that will fulfill the job requirements needed in Michigan. I would allow the students to pick their education options and be required to go to a cookie cutter local class. I would have more industry certification, Vocational Education and dual enrollment options available.

**MARY ANNE HERING, Working Class**

Stop the cuts to school funds. Stop the policy of raiding one school budget to give to another. The money is there. All these attacks could grind to a halt by ending tax cuts, subsidies and outright gifts handed over by the state, to major corporations and real estate speculators. I think the educational system can be transformed when those most affected – school employees, parents and students – organize together to demand that the money the laboring population pays, disproportionately in taxes, be used for public education. And I would stand with them and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight.

**TOM MAIR, Green**

Two big issues facing public schools are the COVID-19 pandemic & school funding. We must ask (demand) our state & federal elected officials for more funding than we received in the last budget. Funding for added costs this year should be disbursed by the State Treasury from the CARES Act and more should be included in the next federal COVID-19 Stimulus Bill. I understand how to work with elected officials without political party getting in the way. On every board I have served on (20 years on over 12 major boards) I have worked as a team member for that organization. I’m a Green and I’m independent of the two parties.
## University of Michigan Board of Regents – Two 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)

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### QUESTION 1
**Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. What, specifically, makes you an asset to a University Board?**

**MARK BERNSTEIN, Democrat**
Type: Regents, University of Michigan
Education: University of Michigan B.A., JD, M.B.A.

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

**SHAUNA RYDER DIGGS, Democrat**
Type: Regent, University of Michigan
Education: University of Michigan–Inteflex Program-combined 7-year undergraduate and medical school program BS Biomedical Science and MD

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

**SARAH HUBBARD, Republican**
Type: Government Relations and Business Consultant
Education: 1990-Bachelors of Political Science and Psychology (double major), University of Michigan 2007 - Masters of Business Administration, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

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

**CARL MEYERS, Republican**
Type: Raymond Jams Financial, Senior Vice President of Investments, Financial Advisor, WMS.
Education: University of Michigan - Dearborn, School of Business, BSA, 1979

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

**JAMES L. HUDLER, Libertarian**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## QUESTION 2
**What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?**

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

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

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

## QUESTION 3
**What recommendations would you propose to make university education more accessible to all Michigan’s residents?**

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

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**12 billion-dollar-plus endowment. Our daughters and sons should have access to a U of M Education!**

**The greatest challenges facing U of M today are: #1 – To provide a safe education and campus experience in a COVID-19 environment and #2 – To maintain academic and institutional excellence with a constrained budget. As public health and science permits, the entire University should return to pre-pandemic levels as soon and safely as possible. The Board must control growth of the budget for efficiency to assure continued excellence, affordability, diversity, and inclusion. While navigating Covid-19 and budget, the Board must be more transparent. All business should be conducted publicly, with digital access. Freezing tuition will address the greatest barrier of entry for our resident applicants. U of M is now one of the highest cost public universities in the country. Unabashed, the Board increased tuition during the...**
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### ERIC LARSON, Libertarian
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> As an alumnus of the University of Michigan and life time Michigander, I have a good feel for the place that the University of Michigan plays in our state. It is a national leader in academics, research, and athletics and is an economic asset to the state. We need to preserve these attributes and I am uniquely qualified to handle these decisions. I have been in private medical practice for over 16 years and also served in leadership positions within the hospital system and our physician group. As president of our group for four years I gained experience in strategy, business, and HR that would be useful as a Regent.

### RONALD E. GRAESER, US Taxpayer

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### MICHAEL MAWILAI, Green
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> Asian Pacific Islanders are among the largest groups attending the University, but we haven’t been represented among the Board of Regents. Neither has poverty. I’ve walked door to door in Detroit’s poorest neighborhoods to save families from losing their home to tax foreclosure, and having been a four year student at U-M, I know what getting their kids to become graduates would do for their family. From Kim Wong Ark to Vincent Chin’s murder, I’ve learned from history and see the future of what’s possible, because if Princeton’s Board brought down South African apartheid, some poor Michigan can change the world.

### KEITH BUTKOVICH, Natural Law

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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**Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy.**

Poll workers are the people who make our democracy run. Poll workers are the staff that open and close polling locations, process voters, and process ballots. Unfortunately, most communities struggle to recruit enough poll workers to make Election Day run smoothly. Without enough poll workers, voters can wait in long lines and even be disenfranchised.

Poll workers are trained and paid for their work. Registered voters and 16 and 17-year-olds can serve as poll workers.

The voters and election officials of Michigan need you to become a poll worker. As a poll worker, you will be on the front lines ensuring Michigan has a voting system that works for all.

Have questions about being a poll worker? Email the non-partisan Election Protection Coalition at: [pollworkers@michiganvoting.org](mailto:pollworkers@michiganvoting.org)
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**BRIAN MOSALLAM, Democrat**  
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Occupation / Current Position: President Spartan Wealth Management  
Education: B.S. Engineering arts, Michigan State University.

MSU has gone through one of the largest sex abuse scandals in the history of this country. In May of 2018 I issued a plan of reform (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1345f3e353uvaXCeNtGFA1QeOUpYrNGLD6h3y7/edit?ts=556b6d838k...tp2_check=true&pli=1) and many of my initiatives have been adopted, including an escalation policy of all Title IX reports to the Board, the creation of the Audit, Risk and Compliance (ARC) Committee and the hiring of a Chief Compliance Officer, who reports to the ARC. I know what it takes to fix MSU and that is why I have survivors and their parents supporting me.

**REMA ELLA VASSAR, Democrat**  
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Occupation / Current Position: Associate Professor Michael G. Morris endowed Chair Eastern Michigan University  
Education: PHSUrban Schooling University of California, Los AngelesWith Honors Distinction  

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

**PAT O’KEEFE, Republican**  
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Education: Michigan State University - Bachelors in accounting, Graduated Cum Laude - Wayne State University - MBA in finance  

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

**TONYA SCHUITMAKER, Republican**  
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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney  
Education: Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctor Cum Laude Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration  

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

**WILL TYLER WHITE, Libertarian**  
Website: http://willytylerwhite.org  
Education: Lifelong student, technically still an under-graduate at MSU.  

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

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

**Michigan State University Board of Trustees – Two 8-Year Terms – Vote for TWO (2)**
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**Question 1**
Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. What, specifically, makes you an asset to a University Board?

**Brandon Hu, Green**

My experience in the education field is that I helped establish two proprietary schools in Lansing. I was a Program Director and instructor so I understand funding sources for education. Many of my students were eligible for the WIA program which helped to get individuals receiving Sate aide into vocational fields so that they could be self sufficient. I found that many of my students lacked basic reading and math skills. They had very little understanding of government or history. I set up tutoring classes in reading and math skills outside of the program and recruited volunteers to help me. All my students passed!

**Question 2**
What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?

Campus safety is a number one issue at MSU. Safety from exposure to covid, sexual predators, racism, discrimination, and failure to thrive as students. Safety is a huge umbrella. As a Trustee, I will work tirelessly to make sure that umbrella covers all our students. Students can not learn if they do not feel safe. Faculty needs to feel safe in order to effectively teach. I will be that Trustee that walks the campus and reaches out to the Spartan community. I will use that old business model...managing by walking around which I learned at MSU. I would advocate for tuition being cut 30% for on-line classes.

**Question 3**
What recommendations would you propose to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?

I believe that any student who desires to go to University should be allowed to do so. I would work to bring the New Green Deal to MSU which calls for free college tuition. Until this could be implemented, I would advocate for a tuition freeze. I would also work towards a 30% tuition reduction and free net for all students who are not attending classes on campus due to the pandemic. Under my watch MSU would create a University Corps of advanced students to work with at risk youth to prepare them for University in exchange for tuition reduction. I would be there with the students helping them prepare future Spartans.

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**Women’s Suffrage and the League of Women Voters**

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

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

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

### EVA GARZA
**DeWeaelsche, Democrat**

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**Education:** B.G.S.D. University of Nebraska 1990 • B.S.B.A. University of Nebraska 1997 • B.A. and Master’s in Education '91, Wayne State University; Fellow of Michigan State Political Leadership Program; Community Exec. Leadership Program, Harvard University

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

### SHIRLEY STANCATO
**Democrat**

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**Education:** BA, Wayne State University; MA, Wayne State University; Honorary Doctorate, University of Michigan

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

### DON GATES
**Republican**

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

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

### TERRI LYNN LAND
**Republican**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

### JON ELGAS
**Libertarian**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

### CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ
**US Taxpayer**

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

**QUESTION 1**
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What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?

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What recommendations would you propose to make university education more accessible to all Michigan’s residents?

**SUSAN ODGERS, Green**

Twitter: twitter.com/TraverseGreens

**Occupation / Current Position:** Professor; Northwestern MI College, Columnist; Traverse City Record Eagle

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


Students: Restore hope/opportunities, mental health needs, school re-imagined via Covid, affordability, personal safety, alumni outside Det. more connected to WSU, Jubilee on debt, provide free internet & address other barriers, vets/disabled/BIPOC/LGBTQ & international students beget greater support.

Leadership: Wider participation/decision-making by all, challenging enrollment & funding issues more fully addressed, teacher needs higher priority. As the 2010 Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year, I witnessed the value of civility. Without students=no WSU. Problems & answers lie w/the univ.’s most marginalized people.

Ask students what they want to create, not just do for a living. Students MUST be a larger part of WSU’s creative process & decision making. Students question higher ed. cost to benefit ratio with good reason. Increased flexibility in the when, way & what they learn. Listen to students & their families...they have the answers. Increase WSU connection to the community & entire state; needs & resources. Take $ out of politics (including at the university level), no greed, no privatization, no forgotten employees or students. Period. Common sense governance. My WSU education prepared me well for BOG.
Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Two 8-Year Term – Vote for TWO (2)

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

**QUESTION 1**
Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?

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Occupation / Current Position: Senior Assistant Prosecutor, St. Clair County
Education: Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science

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Website: http://www.facebook.com/MaryKKellyforJustice
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MaryKKellyforJustice

Occupation / Current Position: Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science

**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian party.
Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Two 8-Year Term – Vote for TWO (2)

The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts. The court has 7 members.

**Question 1**

**Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?**

**Brook Swartzle**

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

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

**Elizabeth M. Welch**

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

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

**Question 2**

**Do you believe the current process for selecting Supreme Court Justices is the best path to fair and impartial representation – including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated? Please explain.**

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

Our partisan nomination process is confusing. An alternative is a non-partisan commission/appointment by Governor/retention election process. Importantly all judges should face voters in elections to ensure safer communities. Additionally, we have a crisis in our court system; the vast majority of litigants can afford it. Simply put, justice that is too expensive is not justice. We must make access to justice cheaper for everyone, from the single mom to the corner store-owner to the adoptive parents to the low-income juvenile to our biggest employers. So, (1) the Michigan Supreme Court needs to reform its court rules to make pretrial matters (e.g., fact discovery, motion practice) quicker and cheaper, and (2) the Court needs to work with the Legislature and other groups to provide juveniles who enter the justice system with early and effective intervention.

**Question 3**

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

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

Michigan Appeals Court

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

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All candidates are unopposed and were not sent questionnaires.
Statewide Proposals on November 3, 2020 Ballot

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

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

This proposal would:

• Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches $800,000,000.

• Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

• Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.

• Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ YES ☐ NO

(Source: Michigan Secretary of State)

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

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

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

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

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

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications. (Referred to the Ballot by the Legislature)

This proposal would:

• Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.

• Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

Should this proposal be adopted?

☐ YES ☐ NO

(Source: Michigan Secretary of State)

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

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

No organized groups for or against this proposal have been formed as of September 8, 2020.
(Source: Ballotpedia)

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all, age 16 and older.
For information about joining the League, please contact us at (517) 484-5383 or by e-mail: office@lwvmi.org.
Frequently Asked Questions
MichiganVoting.org - Michigan Election Protection Coalition

What if I want to vote before Election Day, but have not requested an absentee ballot yet?
Visit your city/township clerk’s office as soon as possible, fill out an application for an absentee ballot, and submit it to the staff. Complete the ballot while you’re in the office, place it in the envelope provided, sign the outside of the envelope with your official signature, and submit it to the staff.

What if I requested an absentee ballot but never received it?
Prior to Election Day, visit your city/township clerk’s office as soon as possible to cancel your first absentee ballot and request a new one. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 by 4 p.m.

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

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

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

What if I have my absentee ballot, but I don’t have enough time to mail it back to my clerk?
Your absentee ballot must be RECEIVED by your city/township clerk by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 to be counted. To be sure it arrives on time, you should bring your completed absentee ballot to your city/township clerk’s office or deposit it into a drop box provided by your clerk. You can call or email your city/township clerk to find out whether they have a drop box. To find your city/township clerk’s contact info, you can visit www.mi.gov/vote.

What if I have my absentee ballot but decide to vote in person on Election Day?
If you decided not to vote by absentee ballot, take your absentee ballot to your polling place on Election Day and surrender it. You will then be issued a new ballot that you can vote in the polling location.

What if I mailed my absentee ballot to my city/township clerk, but I am concerned that it won’t arrive in time?
You can track your absentee ballot at the Michigan Voter Information Center - www.mi.gov/vote - to see if your clerk has received it. If your absentee ballot has not been marked as “received,” visit your clerk’s office, ask to spoil your original absentee ballot, and request a new ballot. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 2, 2020 by 4 p.m.

Where is my city/township clerk’s office, and when is it open?
You can find the location, hours, and contact info for your city/township clerk at the Michigan Voter Information Center - www.mi.gov/vote (Click on the “Your Clerk” tab on the left-hand side and then “Search By Address”). Or call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

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

Call the Election Protection hotlines for assistance at any time.
For assistance in English, call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683);
Para recibir ayuda en español, llama a 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682); 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287) :بمس قلا الب بلاقلاقلا: (888-274-8683);
For assistance in Bengali, Cantonese, English, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683).
What if I registered to vote but I'm not on the voter list at my polling place?

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

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

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

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

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

What if I go to the wrong polling place?

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

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

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

What if someone challenges my right to vote?

Step 1: Ask to be sworn in by the poll worker,
Step 2: Answer whatever questions are necessary to establish your eligibility to vote, and,
Step 3: Vote.

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

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot right away. You have the right to start over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drop Box Locations: www.Michigan.gov/vote

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MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

VOTER REGISTRATION

By mail - Complete a voter registration application and mail it to your local Clerk by October 20 or sooner.
In person – First call your local or county clerk’s office or Secretary of State branch office. Find your clerk www.Michigan.gov/vote.
When applying for services at state agencies that provide public assistance (such as Medicaid, WIC and food stamps) or services to people with disabilities.

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

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

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

What if I’m incarcerated or have been convicted of a crime?
• Only persons who are currently incarcerated and serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or felony conviction are prohibited from voting.
• You can register and vote if you are on probation or parole.
• Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released, but please update your address.

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

Where is my polling location if I vote in person?
Visit www.VOTE411.org and enter your address.
ABSENTEE BALLOTS –

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

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

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

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

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS - SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE.

Your signature will be checked and matched.

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

TRACK YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT www.Michigan.gov/vote

IN PERSON VOTING

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

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

VOTE 411 ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED


• You may bring someone with you to help (translate, read, etc.), if he/she is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer/agent of your union.

• Every location MUST have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) that has several options to help you vote.

• If you have a concern about accessibility on Election Day, you should contact your Clerk office prior to that day; in some instances, you may qualify for curbside voting.

EXAMPLE OF DROP BOX

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

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Clip & Take to the Polls

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

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

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