

Michigan State Senate District 2

2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

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

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

Term: 4 years Vote for ONE (1)

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Occupation / Current Position: High School and Middle School Teacher

Education: Bachelor of Music Education from Wayne State University Minor- Political Science Triple major in Vocal Performance, Organ Performance and Music Education Four Year Talent Scholarship

Qualifications / Experience: 8 years teaching in public and charter schools. Management experience in family owned restaurant business. Mother of six children, married 28 years. Founding Director of Annunciation Greek Language School. Volunteer experience as soccer coach and manager, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, breastfeeding and parenting support. High School and Middle School Choir Director.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Education - Eliminate Common Core and constant standardized testing, reduce federal mandates to free up education dollars for the classroom. Change Michigan Graduation requirements to allow high school students more freedom to pursue an individual path. Eliminate schools collecting personal data on our school children. Eliminate teacher evaluation and school evaluation tied to test scores and returning more power to teachers in the classroom. 2. Great Lakes and farms- Protect our precious resources and farmland from pollution. 3. Infrastructure- improve our roads, bridges and sewer infrastructure.

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

A: Eliminate the Common Core Standards that were not designed by educators. Greatly reduce standardized testing, restoring instructional time to classrooms. Stop the current comparison of schools by test scores and teacher evaluation systems tied to test scores and rubrics that force teachers to deliver instruction in a particular method. Change the Michigan Graduation Requirements that force high school students to study the same subjects regardless of interests. Promote CTE education. Hold all public and charter schools that are given tax dollars equally accountable and require an elected school board for both.

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

A: Policies that make it easier for small businesses and family farms to compete with large corporations. Low taxes attract business and people to live in Michigan. Changing the educational system is the key to attracting business and jobs. Amazon passed on Detroit because of a lack of educated professionals. Creating an educated populace will do much to spur the economy. Increasing CTE education will increase the number of skilled people in the building trades. Fixing our roads, bridges and sewer infrastructure will create jobs. Promote organic food and partnerships with Michigan schools, helping our farms.

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

A: Voter ID required at polls. Elections should be held on days that are declared holidays so that people can vote easily. Prioritized voting should be allowed for people that have jobs that cannot take a day off, i.e. police, fire, drs, nurses etc.

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

A: We must create policies that will protect our Great Lakes. Sewer infrastructure is critical. Pipeline 5 needs to either be redone or re-routed to protect the water supply. Citizens in the UP must have a reliable energy source. Getting the best engineers together to come up with energy policies that protect our environment while providing our citizens with reliable energy is critical. Opening up markets in the gas and electric industries so that people are not trapped with bad service with a single provider. Policies that encourage chemical free and organic farming will help our environment and economy.

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

A: Eliminating private prisons and reducing the number of non-violent offenses that are placing too many of our citizens in prison, creating a drag on the welfare system, and breaking up families. Policies that promote rehabilitation for smaller offenses, saving our prisons for serious offenders. Changing drug laws that disproportionately affect minorities. Rehabilitation for drug use, instead of incarceration. Change auto insurance laws so that everyone can afford car insurance.

ADAM HOLLIER, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Director of Government and Community Relations at the Michigan Fitness Foundation

Education: Masters of Urban Planning University of Michigan, Bachelors of Science Cornell University

Qualifications / Experience: 1LT US Army Reserve, VP Hantz Woodlands, Senior Project Manager Thomas Group, Legislative Liaison to the City Council, Chief of Staff MI Senate /Led negotiations for the Regional Transit Authority, Co-led team that created the Public Lighting Authority. More info can be found at <http://www.adamhollier.com/about-adam/>

Questions:

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

A: 1. Education has always been the path to a better life, we have to get back to building a generation of thinkers, builders, planners, and dreamers. We need an education system that develops young creative intellectually curious children into entrepreneurs, skilled tradespeople, leaders. 2. We must better fund public safety, clear blight from neighborhoods and ensure every block has working streetlights. During my career in public service, I helped create the Public Lighting Authority that has installed 65,000 new LED lights. 3. Finish the work I began with the Regional Transit Authority by fully funding it.

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

A: Universal free Pre-K beginning at age 1. The average cost of Day Care in the State of Michigan is roughly \$10,000 and more than the average per pupil allocation per student. We have got to spend more money on students and ensure those dollars are directed to instruction. We have to pay teachers more to ensure they can support their own families. Building upon increased access to early childhood ed we must further add skilled trades to middle schools and bring parity to skilled trades as post secondary education. All Michiganders should have the option of free 4-year college by serving 4 years in state service.

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

A: I am going to work aggressively with organized labor and the business community to get more citizens of the 2nd Senate District working. I will strongly support the reinvestment in our infrastructure to include roads, bridges, water and sewer, along with our electrical grid. These projects will support good jobs for Michiganders and lay the foundation for continued investment in our communities. I will also support fair pay and an appropriate maternity leave for women. Lastly, we need to build on our economic strengths in manufacturing, tourism, the creative arts, and agriculture.

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

A: 1) Online Voter Registration 2) Share voter rolls between local clerks 3) Cut wait times 4) More Early voting 5) Hold elections in schools 6) Update voting machines 7) Tabular audit posted after every election 8) Eliminate blocks between SOS data & clerks voter file 9) Promote high quality training for elections officials – particularly full-time staff 10) Line walkers to help the process before voters get to the front 11) Make all efforts to improve the voting process for Uniformed an Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voters 12) Recruit new poll workers 13) Train Poll workers 14) Create accessible polls

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

A: I pledge to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of our fresh water reserves. Dredging, drilling, the presence of invasive species, encumbrances of pipeline into our basins all threaten the vitality and health of our state and the surrounding midwestern states by extension. I will advocate for common sense practices and seek to make Michigan a national leader on public use and peaceful enjoyment of our land, air and waterways. I am prepared to do my part by pursuing policy that promotes clean energy and an independence from fossil fuels, coal and other draconian forms of energy generation.

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

A: There are many issues in this area of advocacy and policymaking that I am passionate about. Access to high quality education for all children and adults, equal pay for women, paid sick time, protected maternity and paternity leave time and expungement of criminal records on marijuana convictions top my list. We must also take an expanded view on protecting those in the LGBTQ Community. Any injustice that affects one Michigander ultimately affects us all.

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