

## Michigan State Senate District 3 3 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)**

### **KATHY STECKER, Republican**

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

### **SYLVIA SANTANA, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** Eastern Michigan University, BA Finance, 2007

**Qualifications / Experience:** 15 years in the financial services industry. I serve on the Appropriations committee and oversee the largest state budgets, i.e. Corrections, Department of Health and Human Services, and License and Regulatory Reform and Insurance Financial Services.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Lowering the cost of auto insurance requires the elimination of non-driving factors as the determination of rate structure, elimination of red-lining, providing transparency to Michigan catastrophic claims funding, and the creation of fraud authority. 2. Repealing Pension Tax - eliminating corporate tax breaks. 3. Increasing education funding - Today's per-pupil allotment is approximately \$7,000 and I would like to increase the amount to \$10,000 by transferring savings from MDOC to education. Michigan expects to have a sharp reduction in prisoner population in the future.

**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:** I propose that the legislature stop trying to re-write education policy every election cycle. Secondly, we must treat teachers respectfully by paying a decent salary. Lastly, we must hold parents accountable for the success of the children.

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

**A:** We have to continue investing in skill trades, STEM and find ways to lower the cost of college.

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

**A:** I support state policy that requires campaign finance reports to be posted earlier in June or July during the campaign cycle. As a State Senator, I plan on introducing legislation that tightens up the language regarding voting suppression tactics.

**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 supported a bi-partisan bill package to place regulations around air quality. In the wake of the Flint water crisis, we need to revisit policies around water quality and infrastructure. In the state budget, I fought to protect the funding going to Flint for families.

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

**A:** I am one of the many sponsors of the Raise the Age bill package. Michigan is still 1 of 4 states that sentences youth under the age of 18 as adults and sends them to adult prison. I am an outspoken opponent of the " English Only" bill.

## **HALI McEACHERN, Working Class**



**Website:** <https://www.workingclassfight.com/>

**Education:** Student at Henry Ford College

### Questions:

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

**A:** There are many issues the working class needs addressed. To mention three, I will say the condition of education, health care, and our communities. Many Michigan residents suffer from poverty and poisoned water. To fix these problems, the wealth produced from worker's labor, needs to go to our public services.

**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:** To improve education we have to take our tax money from subsidized profit and spend it on public education. Take the money the government uses for war and prisons- use it to improve the quality of education for students and higher wages for school employees.

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

**A:** Take back the wealth the capitalist class steals- it could provide a decent standard of living for all of us. Take the money the state gives to the corporations and banks, use it to create jobs that are necessary for a civilized society to run.

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

**A:** I support an election system that does not solely benefit the wealthy members of society.

**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:** The drive for profit by oil companies and other corporations, is causing global warming and the destruction of the environment. Decisions that affect the environment and humanity's future should be decided socially and not dictated by a few wealthy individuals.

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

**A:** To promote social justice the working class has to be united. We need all of our forces to stand together, black and white, young and old, immigrant and native born, women and men.

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