Michigan State Senate District 10
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)

MICHAEL MacDONALD, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Doctoral Researcher/Vice President of Michigan Air Force Association
Education: B.S. Bachelor of Exercise Science M.B.A Master of Business Administration D.H.A. Doctor of Health Administration
Qualifications / Experience: Exercise Physiologist Personal Trainer Financial Representative Northwestern Mutual Doctoral Researcher and Mentor Vice President of the Michigan Air Force Association 15 years of college

Questions:

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

A: -Roads are a matter of addressing inefficiencies with costs. Truck limit laws are a product of WW2 and Act 51 only works under idealistic circumstances that simply are impossible. Researching and providing data on comparative cost analyses of states with similar weather conditions and superior roads seem like a no brainier. -Auto insurance is a matter of researching the catastrophic fund, providing a cap on medical expenditures, and providing more options of coverage to put some of that money back into our pockets. -Being the VP for Michigan AFA gives me reach to drive 100 billion dollars of aerospace jobs to MI.

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 have a Doctoral Degree, and am trying to facilitate manufacturing and aerospace jobs thorough my contacts within the Air Force Association. I believe strongly in the importance of the STEM fields, which AFA does specific work with through programs like StellarXplorers, CyberPatriot, and Civil Air Patrol. Driving so many jobs into Michigan will create an immediate need for both vocational training and High Tech training which which will give kids in my district more direct access to success than ever before.

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

A: i would like to first focus on cost efficiencies through more public/private partnerships, and then hope to drive aerospace jobs into Michigan to work hand in hand with the auto industry. We have a cost advantage in Michigan being North of the 45th parallel which would save billion on fuel costs, and with a backlog of a 1000 launches in the country already there is commercial opportunity in space that could be worth billions to Michigan. Macomb Twp, Clinton Twp, and Sterling Hts. which are aerospace heavy. This would partner perfectly with the auto-industry making this a no brainier for Macomb County.

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

A: Did not respond in time for inclusion

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: Did not respond in time for inclusion

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6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?
A: Did not respond in time for inclusion

HENRY YANEZ, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 25th House District
Education: Degree in Fire Science and General Studies from Oakland Community College
Qualifications / Experience: Former firefighter and paramedic of 28 years. Lifelong public servant. Former chairman of the 10th Congressional District Democratic Party. Husband, father of four, grandfather of 3. Lifelong Michigan resident. Volunteers with Clinton River Watershed, Meals on Wheels, and the local VFW. Recognized leadership by the Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, and Guardian Association.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?
A: 1. Invest more in education. We need to prepare our students with the skills they need to compete in the global economy. Sixty-one percent of employers say they can't fill jobs due to a lack of qualified applicants, and 51 percent say our workforce doesn't have the necessary skills for existing job opportunities. 2. Implement mandatory statewide paid family and medical leave time. 3. Increase the minimum wage and ensure equal pay for equal work.

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: Funding for K-12 education must be expanded. Foundation allowances must be expanded and we must increase equity payments to close the per-pupil funding gap. The extra funding must be used to hire more teachers and paraprofessionals to decrease class sizes and increase the quality time each student spends with their instructors. We also must focus on investing in early childhood education and wraparound services especially for students in underserved populations.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?
A: Increased investment in K-12 education, community colleges, and universities is key. We must also invest more in the skilled trades and job training for displaced workers. The state needs to invest more in our crumbling roads, bridges, and water systems. . I believe we must also increase the minimum wage. Helping control health care costs in the sate would also help to alleviate stagnant wage growth. Implementing a Metro-Detroit mass transit system would also encourage more businesses to locate and stay in the state. Reducing the cost of child care would also help individuals to rejoin the labor force.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
A: In order to preserve the principle of "one person, one vote," we must significantly reduce the outsized influence of money on our politics. At the state level, we must reduce the campaign limits for individual contributors and PACs. We must also work with Washington to crack down on the role of Super PACs. We also must make it easier, not harder for individuals to vote. We should pass no-reason absentee and early voting, and continue to allow straight-ticket voting to reduce voting wait times.

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: Enbridge Pipeline 5 should be shut down, period. We must work to completely eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels. Not withstanding the ecological threat posed by climate change, we must be diligent about protecting our air, water, and land for the health and well-being of ourselves and our children. As a former firefighter, and now as state representative, I have spent my career fighting to protect the public health and well-being. I believe we must strive to hit 30% renewable energy by

2030. We must invest in wind, solar, geothermal, and in energy efficiency programs to reduce our energy consumption.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?
A: Women deserve equal pay for equal work. I fully support a woman's right to choose. I believe in marriage equality. Members of the LGBTQIA community should be legally protected from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. We need to do more to address the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. We also need to bridge the wage employment, and education gap that people of color face. We are a nation of immigrants. Our strength as a nation is commensurate to our diversity. Everyone should have the opportunity to live the American Dream free from prejudice

MIKE SALIBA, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Clinton Twp Historical Commission
Education: High School and Broadcast School
Qualifications / Experience: Not being a member of the two party duopoly

<u>Questions:</u>

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?
A: 1) End Prohibition of Marijuana and Hemp This will reduce our overpopulated prison system and free-up law enforcement to focus on actual criminals, those who violate the rights of others. The economic benefits of legalization are numerous, and related industries will potentially employ thousands of Michigan residents. 2) Repeal No-Fault Auto Insurance Libertarians support repealing no-fault insurance and returning to a tort-based auto insurance system. Repealing no fault insurance will create reasonable prices while giving drivers more choice in their coverage options. 3) Cut Taxes and Spending Taxation is theft!

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: Libertarians opposes the one-size-fits-all system mandated by the Department of Education. Its failure is evident, as numerous students exit unprepared to enter the workforce, pursue higher education, or enter trade schooling. Since government schools fail to educate, and frequently indoctrinate and interfere with the free choice of parents and students, we condemn compulsory education laws and call for their repeal. We also support the repeal of tax laws that support public schools, as they place an undue burden on non-parents, who have no obligation to support others' children.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?
A: Cut Occupational Licensing Requirements. In Michigan, over 20% of workers need a license to hold a job. State requirements for licensing (often including an annual renewal) provide no added value to the public and unfairly exclude those with non-violent criminal records. Most occupational licensing is for the purpose of restricting competition in order to inflate consumer costs. If occupations believe that some sort of credentialing would be beneficial, they can create their own certification boards and exams.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
A: Libertarians support adopting Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), a method where, rather than vote for a single candidate, voters rank each of the candidates. If nobody receives a majority of the vote, the last place person is dropped and the votes cast for that candidate are given to the voter's second choice. This is repeated until a winning candidate receives a majority. This system has been implemented in Maine as well as several large US cities, and was approved by voters in the Michigan city of Ferndale in 2004.

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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: Instead of putting our environment int he hands of bureaucrats, Libertarians encourage private ownership. Owner profit most when they harvest their forest sustainability; for example, bureaucrats profit only when they sell out to special interests, such as those wishing to clear-cut our national forests. IN a Libertarian society, polluters must restore the property they damage. The possibility of working such onerous restitution effectively deters most polluters. I therefore would not support any version of Enbridge Pipeline 5 that would involve them taking advantage of public property and shirking the responsibility

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

A: Civil asset forfeiture is theft by law enforcement agencies under the guise of lawful seizure. Libertarians believe that no one should be subject to loss of property, unless the owner is convicted of a crime involving the violation of rights of another person and the property is the product of that crime. In cases of civil asset forfeiture, property taken is unrelated to the alleged crime and/or taken without warrant, a violation of due process. This is a direct contradiction of the Fourth Amendment.