

Michigan State Senate District 23

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)

ANDREA POLLOCK, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Senator

Education: Michigan State University, James Madison College

Qualifications / Experience: Ingham County Commissioner (2001-2008) Legislative Liaison, Department of Community Health (2005-2008) Ingham County Register of Deeds (2009-2015) 23rd District State Senator (2015-present)

Questions:

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

A: My top 3 priorities are investing in and protecting our workforce, investing in education, and investing in our roads and infrastructure. During my first term I have sponsored legislation addressing all of these issues and I'm looking forward to working with a new legislature to continue working and get more done for the people of Michigan.

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 support investing in our public education and initiatives to reduce the cost of college to increase accessibility. I also support investing in skilled trades training programs and expanding early preschool programs.

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

A: I support investing in our workforce, including investing in skilled trades training programs, increasing minimum wage, and protecting workers' rights, and other programs that would remove barriers to improved economic position, like more affordable childcare and education.

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

A: I support increased transparency regarding campaign funding and protecting and expanding voting rights, including automatic voter registration.

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'm proud to support policies that protect Michigan's natural resources for future generations. I support clean energy initiatives and am particularly passionate about clean water for all Michigan residents. I have worked with Clean Water Action and have received the endorsement of Sierra Club.

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

A: I am proud to fight for the civil rights of all Michigan residents throughout my career. I have been a vocal ally of the LGBTQ community, and I will always fight for social and racial justice for Michigan's most vulnerable communities.

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