

## Michigan State Senate District 37

### 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)**

### **WAYNE A SCHMIDT, Republican** Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

### **JIM PAGE, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** BS in Ed from CMU AA degree form MUCC

**Qualifications / Experience:** Six years in the Marines. 27 years of Teaching, MEA  
5 years in Retail.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Work hard to keep our Great Lakes and natural resources protected from invasive species, harmful pollutants and big corporations looking to profit from our water. I would decommission line 5. 2. Bring tax relief to our middle-class families and seniors by restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit, Homestead Property Tax Credit and \$600 per-child deduction and repealing the tax on senior retirement income. 3. Increase education funding so our kids receive the world-class education they deserve.

**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:** Increase funding for public schools for Career centers, Counselors, and general education classes. We need skilled workers just as much as we need professionals. We need to provide students the opportunity for a well-paying career. We need to have counselor in our schools to help students when needed at all ages. Early education is essential for student success throughout their career.

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

**A:** I support increasing the minimum wage. I support retraining workers for new skills at Career Centers or Community Colleges to produce more skilled workers. I support alternative energy production, new jobs in solar and wind power.

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

**A:** I would support new campaign finance laws to promote fairness, limiting PAC money from special interest groups. I support the elimination of Dark money from all campaign issues. I support non-partisan redistricting. I would support laws that allow more voter participation, easier voter registration and allow absentee ballots.

**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 will decommission Line 5. I will protect our drinking water, I support alternative energy sources. I believe that we have the technology to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels thereby protecting our environment. We should promote more recycling.

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

**A:** I support transparency in our government. All actions taken by all government agencies should be open to the public and be available to the citizen to evaluate. Social and racial justice is everyone responsibility. We have to stand up for fairness whenever and wherever it appears.

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