

Michigan State Representative District 7

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: 2 years Vote for ONE (1)

MARCELIS TURNER, Republican

Education: Wayne State University Urban Studies and Supply Chain Management

Qualifications / Experience: Twenty five years hands on experience in the urban communities of Wayne County and graduate of Detroit Public Schools. Work with churches and community groups to help provide assistance, programs and a platform to lower income individuals that may not have the services provided for them. I provide mentoring for young black males who are having issues at home, school, poverty and mental health.

Questions:

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

A: Economic development and job development in my district, city, county, and state. Unemployment is still a issue and the advancement of technology demands for more modern industries. Education is a huge issue with a large portion of high school graduates not being prepared and the need for a technical skill to be mastered before they graduate. More funding is needed in inner cities and more fields in agriculture and green technology. Healthcare, a increase in lead because of old homes and other sources is a concern, Mental health and other traumatic illnesses are not being treated or addressed as well as food options

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: A system that includes not just the teachers and school district but the parents. If a parent receive assistance they should be accountable for there child performance in the classroom making sure that they are doing the assignments and going to school regularly. Also a program where the parents also have homework and have to work together with their child to do so as some parents also received poor education and may have issues. Technical training should start in grade school and a career pathway decided by middle school similar to Germany education system. A full staff for mental health issues and community issues

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

A: Skill trade training, more funding for small businesses and the mass transit system to have easier access to the workplace and save on cost.

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

A: No comment at this time. I support the rights for all to vote and would like the public more educated on policies and issues. Graduating from high school(2011), I had textbooks speaking on Bush Jr. running for his first term and it spoke early US history not covering anything on the political voting system. The lack of education of voters should be addressed and a more transparent unbiased approach to educate voters should be implemented.

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: Address the fish and other invasive species invading the Great Lakes and more funding in keeping our water sources clean. Fund more in maintaining our forests and more building with alternative materials. Update the sewer systems and create a more energy efficient and clean system when it comes to dumping our pollution. A end to fracking because of the threat to our water source and a limit on pollution in the state . Pipeline five should be shut down immediately, its spilled 29 times in the past and had a spill in Kalamazoo the worst land spill in history. We should focus more on hydro, wind, and solar energy.

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

A: More education about other cultures in the school systems and classes on government . Introduce different races and cultures in cities that a majority race, more recreational activities for children and young adults to build friendships and destroy stereotypes. A program that issues everyone in the state has food and clean water in the state, being we are one of the largest producers of agriculture in country and have large water supply. An inclusion of factual history to address the misinformation and the lack of consideration of other cultural and ethnic groups and their histories.

LaTANYA GARRETT, Democrat

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

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