

Michigan State Representative District 105

2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

Duties: The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Term: 2 years Vote for ONE (1)

TRISTON S COLE, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

MELISSA FRUGE



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Occupation / Current Position: marketing coordinator

Education: Bachelor of Science, journalism

Qualifications / Experience: I consider my life experience ample preparation for a career in politics. I am a single mom, working professional, and I volunteer to serve on the boards of several community organizations.

Questions:

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

A: Education, the environment and infrastructure. House Republicans passed a roads package in 2015 that raised taxes and fees for families but corporations weren't ask to pay a dime. It's time to make everyone pay their fair share. No company should operate at the expense of our children's' education and using our taxpayer dollars to increase their own profits. Public school programs deserve to be fully funded in pre-k through post high school. Our natural resources are not for sale, we need leadership who will put the environment, families and our health before the profits of wealthy corporations.

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 comprehensive, quality education is something *every* child in our state deserves, regardless of their zip code, gender, or unique learning needs. Politicians have no business setting curriculum. There are educators who devote their entire lives to learning and knowing how to best prepare our future generations. I will be fighting to make sure our teachers and public schools have the support and funding they need to make a difference in our children's education from pre-k through post high school.

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

A: Working Michiganders should be able to earn a wage that sustains a family, with the flexibility to take care of their families. We need to focus on education so our youth are able to fill the jobs of tomorrow. Increase minimum wage to at least \$15/hour, repeal Right to Work, and protect prevailing wage. We should be providing affordable healthcare programs to everyone. We need to focus on fixing things like roads, bridges, shipping channels, fiber optic networks, and education instead of offering handouts to out-of-state corporations using our tax dollars.

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

A: I support no reason absentee voting, the end of gerrymandering, secure online voter registration, and allowing voters to use municipal IDs and all legitimate forms of ID to identify themselves at the polls.

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: Line 5 is a hot topic in northern Michigan, particularly the district I live in and I fully support actively moving to decommission the pipeline the minute after I'm sworn in. Our ecosystem is a fragile thing. We need to be working on ways to protect it from environmental threats, invasive species and those who seek to exploit our resources for profit at the expense of our future. We should be actively working towards using clean energy; wind, solar, and geothermal solutions. I advocate for more stringent environmental policies and ways to promote alternative energy sources through government incentives.

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

A: As a freshman State Representative I will work tirelessly to undo the decades of systemic racism and oppression of minorities. I will fight to ensure everyone is treated equally in terms of civil and social liberties regardless of gender, race or ethnicity and laws are put in to place that will guarantee the ideal that all people are created equal.

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