

Michigan State Representative District 106

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)

SUE ALLOR, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 106th District

Education: BSN MBA

Qualifications / Experience: Cheboygan County Commissioner for 3 terms, serving as Vice-Chair for two years. Member of Willmot Township Board of Review for 5 years. As commissioner I served on North Country Community Mental Health, District Health Department #4, Area Agency on Aging, Local Emergency Planning, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Northern Michigan Counties Association, and Millage Approp Comm

Questions:

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

A: 1. Career Technical Education (CTE): Supporting and incentivizing school districts to develop CTE programs for students expressing an interest in learning a trade, health occupation, etc. 2. Economic Growth: Focus must continue in industries such as advanced manufacturing technology, autonomous vehicles, and tourism in addition to improving the state's infrastructure. I support lower taxes, auto insurance reform, CTE programs, additional funding for infrastructure, etc. 3. PFAS Contamination: Focus on remediation of contamination. Communication with stakeholders at state and federal levels. Additional funding.

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: Greater local control within school districts and allowing teachers greater flexibility in teaching methods. Continued support of CTE programs and the development of more school-to-work programs. Additionally, cross-district educational opportunities would improve collaboration between school districts, create economies of scale, and provide students with opportunities that have been lacking for quite some time. I also support charter schools, homeschool programs and shared time as these programs allow options to individualize the method of teaching specific to each child.

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

A: Reduction in Corporate Income Tax to reduce cost of doing business in Michigan, thereby increasing business growth, expansion and job opportunities; Reduction in Michigan Income Tax to increase personal income; Improved infrastructure (roads, internet) to enhance business development, business growth, and job opportunities; Reduction in regulatory environment to increase business development; Development of vocational programs in schools to increase workforce.

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

A: I support increasing the frequency of campaign finance filing during the 120 days preceding a primary and during the time between the primary and general elections. With regard to voting rights for Michigan voters, I believe that current requirements for an individual to vote (age requirement, citizenship, and residency) are essential. I strongly support presentation of a voter registration card and state issued identification at the time an individual desires to vote.

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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: I support further exploration of coal-fired electricity generation and hydro-electricity in addition to identification of an alternate location for the Line 5 pipeline to eliminate the potential of environmental disaster to our Great Lakes. As technology has improved, the amount of emissions from coal-fired electricity plants has decreased significantly but further reduction in carbon dioxide emissions is necessary. If this can be achieved, this type of energy source in addition to hydro-electricity may reduce or eliminate the need for Line 5.

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

A: As a female, age 63, having "lived through" the 60's, I have seen many forms of social and racial injustice. Each type of injustice results in a need for both social/political reaction and change. To promote social and racial justice one must be considerate and knowledgeable of the situation and most importantly, one must listen, so as to gain a thorough understanding of the situation. During this current session, I supported the "MSU bills" and sponsored a bill specific to the processing of rape kits, all of which are definitely related to obtaining social justice when harm has occurred.

LORA GREENE, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Owner: Law Office of Lora E. Greene, PLLC. General practice-family law. Alpena resident 23 years.

Education: Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor 1990; Michigan State University Bachelor of Arts - Business/Finance, 1987. Continued education as a board member on multiple non-profits over the years.

Qualifications / Experience: As an attorney of 28 years for individuals and businesses

I understand what we need from our government. I am an experienced mediator and know how to cross barriers to reach an agreement. It is time to be heard and get our fair share of the resources so we can grow and protect our communities. Together, we can do better! Please tell me your concerns and elect me to advocate for you. Thank you.

Questions:

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

A: 8 years of failed policies have hurt us. Supporting public education is key to healthy and stable communities and economy. We need to ensure every child has access to a good education. No one should have to choose between food and medical care—these skyrocketing healthcare costs must be stopped. We need effective treatment for the mentally ill, including substance abuse programs. I will work with local partners to identify and pursue job growth opportunities and vocational training to boost our economy. We must have clean water and safe roads and bridges. Let's shut down Line 5 and hold polluters accountable.

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: Our tax dollars for education must support our public schools, not charter schools that are not accountable to us. Per pupil funding must be fair. For our children to succeed, we must provide resources for learning in the 21st century. We need to pay our school personnel fairly; eliminate overcrowded classrooms; ensure informational sharing with parents; and we need to prepare our children with a strong foundation that extends to vocational training and affordable higher education. Our children in rural areas need broadband connections in their homes. Literacy needs to be a continued goal in today's world.

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

A: With our low, stagnant wages, our children have to leave us to get better paying jobs. We need to invest in our small businesses which support local economy. This includes apprenticeship and job training opportunities; encouraging businesses to make Northeast Michigan their home; and providing fair wages. I'm disappointed your legislator took away the prevailing wage and robbed us of our right to vote on minimum wage and sick pay. We should encourage wage growth. We need to adjust our taxes to provide fairness to working families and ensure the State is providing the infrastructure and services we need to thrive.

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

A: Voting is how we make our voices heard and ensure our government reflects our values as people. That's why I support modern methods that provide fair access to our ballot for all qualified voters, including our military service members and overseas voters; automatic registration of citizens; registration without time limits; use of absentee ballots without limitations; municipal IDs; and proper auditing procedures. Our campaign finance system undermines democracy. We need to reform our system so that the election is about the voters, not wealthy corporate donors. I support finance transparency with the PAC's

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: We live in the heart of the Great Lakes, yet our freshwater is tainted with contaminants and invasive species. Our air quality is substandard. We must repair and eliminate the damage. We must have clean drinking water for all. Giving away water to foreign corporations is wrong. It's wrong our legislature wants to give the federal government our state's control over environmental standards instead of taking responsibility. I support renewable energy investment. Enbridge Pipeline 5 is a threat to us all—a spill in our Great Lakes would devastate our economy, recreation and public health. I support removing Line 5.

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

A: I have represented many people in my 28 years as an attorney and see the inequities in our system. Those that are underpaid in comparison to others in the same job, still have the same expenses to pay but with less compensation. Many are disenfranchised of their basic rights. It should be common sense to treat humans fairly but, when they don't, the law should protect us. I will promote initiatives that help protect rights of citizens to housing, education, employment and health care. I support early education of children regarding diversity, discrimination and social justice so we can learn to respect each other.

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