

## Michigan State Representative District 107

### 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)**

### LEE CHATFIELD, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

### JOANNE SCHMIDT GALLOWAY, Democrat



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Farm-Business Owner and Community Organizer

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Advertising and Public Relations

**Qualifications / Experience:** Joanne Galloway is a farmer by profession, but her impact on the diverse communities that she serves cannot be measured by her agricultural products alone. Galloway's understanding of the issues comes from first hand experience, gained while working with friends and acquaintances, helping them to resolve problems that have become all too common throughout the 107th district.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** Technological Infrastructure: I would propose a much greater public investment in fiber optic networks and cell towers, especially in rural areas. This is an essential precursor to economic development, better access to education, and rural healthcare. Education: Teachers must have the right to collectively bargain and public schools must be better funded, so that teachers may prepare students to become actualized adults who exercise their rights responsibly. Healthcare: I believe that healthcare should be a right and endorse Medicare-for-All, and the expansion of rural healthcare networks.

**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:** Teachers must have the support of state government and, instead of demonizing public educators and public education, elected leaders must make investing in public education a priority. More money must be dedicated to public primary and secondary schools. Legislators should expand the fund through the adoption of legislation that reflects the findings of the 2018 study, "Costing Out the Resources Needed to Meet Michigan's Standards and Requirements." Our teachers have long been asked to do more with less and have been vilified for not performing miracles, and it is time we changed that paradigm.

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

**A:** The State of Michigan must commit to fully investing in the development of green industries, including the manufacture of the equipment and systems needed for windmills and solar panels. Developing information systems in Northern Michigan, especially a fiberoptic network, is also a cornerstone of my plan to spur job growth and sustainable economic development. Connecting our communities to global markets through safe, secure fiberoptic cable will cultivate local entrepreneurs and make our region all the more attractive to entrepreneurs seeking to relocate their businesses.

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

**A:** I am a fervent supporter of Voters Not Politicians, districting that ensures that the vote of every person, regardless of their party affiliation, is weighted equally. In that same vein, I support the development and implementation of voter registration policies that do not disenfranchise marginalized populations, and fully endorse the efforts of Promote the Vote and other groups that are hard at work protecting the voting rights of our citizens. Neither social nor economic standing, nor any other quality, should be factors that prevent US citizens from exercising their right to vote.

**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 absolutely believe that Line 5 should be shutdown immediately and that, until we can fully harness renewable resources for our energy needs, every effort should be made to ensure that the risk posed by fossil fuel extraction, disposal, and transport is minimized. From the perspective of policy, this means developing stringent safety standards and fully investing in the agencies needed to ensure that those standards are met. It also requires ensuring that the penalties for violating safety standards and protocols are valid deterrents and that the costs of clean ups are borne solely by polluters.

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

**A:** I will take steps to ensure that our elections are protected and that the will of the people is faithfully expressed in those elections and have been a longtime supporter of Voters Not Politicians and Promote the Vote, which are initiatives that seek to end gerrymandering and ensure that rights of enfranchisement are protected. I will also work to enact policies and laws that ensure the justice system serves every segment of the population equitably, that environmental racism is mitigated, and that marginalized communities receive the resources they need in order to thrive.

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