

## **Michigan State Representative District 110**

### **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)**

### **GREGORY MARKKANEN, Republican**

**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

### **KEN SUMMERS, Democrat**



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**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Finance from Northern Michigan University

**Qualifications / Experience:** L'Anse Area School Board L'Anse Village Council Various Boards and Committees in Baraga County

#### Questions:

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

**A:** Education, Health Care and Infrastructure. Education - Changing per pupil funding. Investing more in Career Technical Education in High Schools. Health Care - I am a proponent of Universal Health Care. Infrastructure - From bridges to broadband. We need to rebuild our infrastructure and we also need people with education in skilled trades to do so. Right now we have a shortage of skilled trades men and women here in Michigan. Through better funding our education system we can close the skill gap. We also need high speed Internet in our rural districts, so our businesses can compete on the ever growing global market.

**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:** The current per pupil funding model does not work for Michigan especially our many rural school districts. Study after study shows that we are failing our students. We are alienating our teachers, underfunding our schools and as a result hurting our students. We have a choice to make here in the state of Michigan, we can adequately fund our schools like Minnesota and achieve results, or continue down our current race to the bottom with Mississippi. I envision a Pre-K through 14 system with multiple paths from College to skilled trades.

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

**A:** A top down strategy and trickle down economics do not work in the state of Michigan as well as our country as a whole. Therefore we need to invest in Education, Health Care, Infrastructure, Job and Skill training and build our society from the bottom up. In doing so we will drive Michigan forward.

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

**A:** We need to end gerrymandering, and establish automatic voter registration at 18. We need to take money out of politics, elections should be funded equally across candidates, not by corporate interests or billionaires. Our elected officials should spend more time legislating, not fund-raising. Elections should be fair and open so democracy can thrive.

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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:** We need to be stewards of our environment. We can use our natural resources in a way that creates job opportunities, and grows our economy while being responsible and preserving the water quality, and natural beauty of Michigan. In general I'm a proponent of green and alternative energies, but we also need to balance that with our energy needs.

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

**A:** There is no place for discrimination in Michigan. I am a champion of social justice and equality.

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