

## Michigan State Representative District 13

### 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)**

### **ANNIE SPENCER, Republican** Did Not Reply in Time for Inclusion

### **FRANK LIBERATI, Democrat**



**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative / Small Business Owner

**Education:** Bachelor Degree from Michigan State University

**Qualifications / Experience:** Currently serving second term in Michigan House. Owner of Liberati's Italian Deli and Bakery. Has served on the Allen Park School Board, serving as School Board President for most of those years. More than 16 years experience working with non-profit organizations. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Fragile X Association of Michigan. Fragile X is a genetic disorder.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** My priorities include standing up for the working families of our communities and state. I have also made it a priority of mine to fight for adequate funding for our schools and I will continue to make sure every student has the best opportunities to succeed. In addition, I will continue to work to make sure our roads are properly funded by updating our road funding formula to better reflect lane miles and usage.

**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:** As a member of the Lt. Governor's task force on special education financing I worked to develop recommendations to provide adequate funding for those with developmental disabilities. In addition, I support greater accountability and transparency for our states charter schools. High quality schools and an educated workforce will continue to help move Michigan forward and create good-paying jobs.

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

**A:** Educational opportunities are important in attracting businesses and employers to our state. State spending on our colleges and universities has been decreasing while costs have been rising. Supporting university and college research is imperative because they generate economic development and new jobs. I also believe supporting worker's rights like reinstating the recently repealed prevailing wage law.

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

**A:** I will continue to support legislation that encourages voter participation and will oppose legislation that suppress or disenfranchise voting. While I support checks and balances in the electoral process, I am concerned that many of our elderly and disabled may not have the ability to get to the polls and may be denied the opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

**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:** The health and quality of our environment impacts the health and quality of our daily lives. We need to be doing all that we can to protect our resources and promote a healthy environment in our state. Our energy providers have been working diligently to cut emissions and improve conservation efforts. The line five pipeline at the bottom of the straits of Mackinaw must be upgraded and rigorously inspected or entirely removed to ensure that the pipeline is never at risk for rupture or damage.

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

**A:** As a member of the Law and Justice committee in the Michigan House of Representatives. I have supported legislation to ensure all individuals are treated fairly. A package of bills protecting victims of sexual assault has been a priority. I have also worked on legislation to treat all individuals with respect and dignity. As a strong advocate for the disability community, I am proud to have legislation signed into law to prohibit the use of restraint and seclusion in our schools.

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