

Michigan State Representative District 43

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)

ANDREA SCHROEDER, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Partner, Strategic Five Business Solutions

Education: Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship, Michigan State University; Graduate coursework in Education, Wheelock College; BS Child Studies/Early Childhood Education, Miami University.

Qualifications / Experience: two-term Independence Township Trustee, a former precinct delegate, a gubernatorial appointee to a state licensing and regulatory Board, and the Vice President on a charter school Board.

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Questions:

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

A: Continuing to grow and stabilize the economy through creating the proper environment for investment and expansion; focus education on workforce development by advocating for professional skills development and multiple career paths; improve infrastructure through continued investment in maintenance and repairs.

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: I support a multi-pronged approach that includes competency-based learning, expanding professional trade education, and focusing on giving our students multiple pathways to develop the skills needed to have successful careers.

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

A: It is critical to provide educational opportunities to students and mid-career adults that offer training or new skills development for 21st-century jobs. Economic development incentives should be fair and balanced, with standards that ensure businesses can thrive. Public/Private partnerships can be leveraged to benefit business, consumers, and workers.

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

A: I support voter ID laws and developing systems that keep voter information secure and ensure the integrity of our elections.

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 the principles of the recently enacted energy legislation and the new renewable energy goals.

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

A: As Vice President of a charter school for adjudicated youth, I advocate for juvenile justice policies focused on education to reduce recidivism and help support youthful offenders in becoming contributing members of society.

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Occupation / Current Position: I am a community organizer for Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network

Education: I have an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Magna cum laude and a culinary graduate

Qualifications / Experience: I have spent the last year and a half engaging, developing relationships and holding my elected representatives accountable, researching bills and asking them to support or oppose legislation depending on whether it helps or harms people. I have a strong understanding of the process of how legislation goes from being an idea, written, sent to committee and then brought to the floor for a vote.

Questions:

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

A: My top 3 legislative priorities for Michigan are our improving our roads, schools and job opportunities. Consumers are paying out of pocket on repairs while corporations don't pay their share. Our schools are underfunded which has led to dismal test results. Our teachers are overworked and underpaid. Michigan has a shortage of skilled workers to fill good paying jobs. Changing our tax structure to a graduated system would bring relief to middle class families while creating revenue to help fund our roads, schools and post-secondary training to get workers into good paying jobs.

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: I support incentives to attract and retain teachers in struggling schools. Longevity is key to good changes in low-performing districts. I support investing in early childhood programs. The foundation for student success starts at 3 years old. Michigan is one of 15 states that doesn't offer state-funded preschool. I support more affordable post-secondary education including free community college and low-cost skill trades training. There's a shortage of adults with skills needed for jobs that require more than a diploma but less than a bachelor's degree. We need an affordable path to train people to fill these jobs.

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

A: Michigan doesn't have a job shortage. It has a shortage of skilled workers. I support free or low cost skilled trades training to get people into these jobs which will improve their economic positions.

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

A: I support that military service members and overseas voters get their ballots in time for their votes to count. I support automatic registration to vote at the Secretary of State office whenever doing business there. I also support providing all registered voters access to an absentee ballot for any reason. I oppose Michigan's version of Citizen's United which opens the doors for increased political spending by corporations. Michigan doesn't need more influence from wealthy campaign contributors in our elections.

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 Michigan's renewable portfolio standard which supports 40,000 good paying jobs. As Michigan increases its renewable energy, it would have less reliance on energy sources such as oil which runs through Enbridge's Line 5. Line 5 has spilled 29 times and more than a million gallons since 1968. The only solution to prevent a catastrophic disaster is to shut it down.

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

A: Data has shown that people of color are overrepresented in prisons and jails. Michigan needs to reform its policies regarding pregnant women serving time. As it stands now, a pregnant woman will have to labor while shackled, without a support person present, will be handcuffed right after giving birth and will be separated from her child almost immediately. The babies born will be less likely to thrive and will affect their long-term development. Regardless how one feels about these women, they are still human and deserve basic human rights.

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