

Michigan State Representative District 50

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)

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative for the 50th House District in the Michigan House of Representatives

Education: Graduate of Burton Bentley High School; Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a secondary teaching certification from the University of Michigan-Flint.

Qualifications / Experience: I am currently serving my first two-year term as State Representative in the Michigan House of Representatives. Prior to this, I served as

Legislative Aide for multiple lawmakers for over 30 years, including Rep. Smiley (2011-2016), Reps. Polidori, Accavitti, Clack, Hammel, and Gonzales (2005-2010); Sen. John D. Cherry, Jr. (1987-2002); and, Rep. Bob Emerson (1983-1987).

Questions:

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

A: 1) Jobs/Economy: Reinstate the prevailing wage and right-to-work laws, pass policies that enforce corporations pay their fair share, provide more support for small businesses, and make college more affordable for all students. 2) Transportation/Infrastructure: Further invest in our roads and bridges and work collaboratively with local leaders and transportation groups to provide more support for public transit and multi-modes of transportation. 3) Education: Invest in public schools, stop funding for-profit charter schools, hold accountable all schools that receive public funds, and make college affordable.

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 former teacher, I understand that funding for education is crucial to our student's and Michigan's future, and I know we need to better support teachers because they are educating our next workforce and community leaders. In order to have a quality education, we need to improve our education policies and invest in public schools to ensure that our students get the best education possible. We need to stop funding for-profit charter schools that are failing to educate our students, hold accountable all schools that receive public funds, and make college affordable for all students.

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

A: We need to reinstate the prevailing wage and right-to-work laws so we can provide workers a fair wage and help build a stronger community and economy. We also need corporations to pay their fair share and provide more support for small businesses. Lastly, we need to make college more affordable for all students and their families. By working collaboratively, we can increase economic development, expand educational opportunities, increase support for the skilled trades, create jobs, and help our businesses grow and succeed.

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

A: I believe that voting should be made easier for Michigan residents, for example there should be no excuse absentee voting. Residents should be able to vote absentee by mail or in person without giving a reason.

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: It's our duty to protect and maintain the environment to ensure our natural resources stay pristine for future generations to enjoy. We need to strengthen our protections for clean water and air, toughen penalties for corporate polluters, ensure that environmental concerns are heard, and adequately invest in our natural resources. Furthermore, we need more oversight and care for our Great Lakes, and that includes more oversight for Enbridge Pipeline 5. I'm proud to say that I co-sponsored legislation with my colleagues to provide greater state oversight for oil and gas pipelines.

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

A: To promote social and racial justice in our state, one major issue we need to focus on is criminal justice reform. I also believe in a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and I believe in equal pay for equal work.

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