

Michigan State Representative District 87 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)

JULIE A CALLEY, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

SHAWN MARIE WINTERS, Democrat

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Education: Davenport University - ITT - Diploma Kellogg Community College Working toward associates degree

Qualifications / Experience: Private sector citizen

Questions:

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

A: 1. Voting Ranked Choice Voting - Break up the two party system. No Question Absentee Ballot Support the efforts of "Voters Not Politicians" 2. Infrastructure Roads Rural High Speed Internet 3. Education Our schools are in a rapid decline. We are falling behind and rank in the bottom 5 among states in almost all important achievement metrics. If Republicans keep the gavel in the house, none of these issues will be addressed. The only thing that will be addressed is cutting taxes for millionaires. That is all they know how to do. If Democrats take the house, we can address voting disparity.

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 most important thing we can do is stop listening to Betsy Devos. We need to stop diverting tax dollars to for profit charter schools. Pre-k through a bachelors degree (or trade school) should be standard education level for all citizens. We need to give our teachers a substantial raise and quit messing with their retirement. We need to add teachers and reduce class size to under 20 students per teacher. We need to fully fund classroom support staff. Failing schools are not the teacher's fault, but the administrator's and the board's.

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

A: Raise the minimum wage. Lower the sales tax and tax services. Our economic fortunes are strong today, but it won't last forever. We need to invest in education and infrastructure now to avoid the worst aspects of the eventual economic downturn.

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

A: Voting is the most sacred principle in a democracy. As such, lowering the burden for our citizens to cast their ballot is my #1 priority. The two party system is breaking our republic apart, and the way we vote is contributing to that polarization. Creating Ranked Choice Voting is my top priority to try and break up the two party duopoly. Citizen's United is creating havoc. By ruling that money is speech, the very well to do have the loudest voices and our representatives are beholden only to those individuals and corporations who are financing their increasingly expensive campaigns. This has to stop.

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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: Investing heavily into a renewable energy infrastructure will create jobs and protect our environment. Enbridge line 5 needs to be shut down quickly, but the energy needs of our citizens cannot be compromised. Therefore, it is important for Enbridge to build another pipeline with another 50 year lifespan until that energy is no longer needed.

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

A: School District parity. Body cams on every cop every minute of every shift. Protecting women's rights. Universal healthcare. Increase funding for court appointed attorneys.

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