

Michigan State Representative District 26

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: Mathematics instructor

Education: Master's degree , major mathematics Master's degree , major school administration Bachelor's degree, mathematics + Courses in system engineering, Master level.

Qualifications / Experience: About 30 years teaching experience college level and high school level combined. taught at Oakland community college and Macomb community college

Questions:

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

A: a. Unrig The System a 1) Make sure the tax dollars that were collected for roads are actually being used to fix the roads. a.2) Stop the financial burden on the people of Michigan (high taxes, No-fault insurance scheme, driver responsibility fees, rising vehicle registration costs etc.) b. Education b.1) Stop college tuition hike b.2) Career tech high schools where students who are not interested in any college degree can register after 9th grade or 10th grade and get a degree in carpentry, plumbing etc. c) The burden of standardized tests must stop.

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: a. Support: a.1) Career tech high schools. a.2) Help school districts hire more student discipline officers so that teachers can have a chance to address academic skills. a.3) Raise the standards and teach more critical thinking starting from 3rd grade. a.4) More transparency and accountability in higher education institutions' budgets. b. Oppose b.1) Oppose college tuition hike b.2) Oppose public universities that favor out-of-state student registration. b.3) Oppose those failing non-profit k-12 public schools run by hidden for-profit businesses that suck money from public education.

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

A: Create a tax environment that is attractive to businesses

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

A: a) Campaign funding : We need more transparency in campaign funding. b) Voting Rights : Enforce the laws that already exist. We don't need more laws.

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: a) Environment : The people of Michigan in general and those in Madison Heights MI and Royal Oak MI are saying their health matters, that is why environment should be a common sense issue not an opportunity for a political trench warfare. b) Energy: People want the government to open the energy market to competition and let free market drive the prices.

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

A: a. No-one (including the government) is above the law. b. From point (a), Why should anyone else be immune from any prosecution when they violate other people's rights ? 3. People don't want anybody to be guilty until proven innocent. They want the other way (Innocent until proven guilty in a court of law) . Last but not least, every child in this state has the civil right to quality education in a clean and safe environment.

JIM ELLISON, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, 26th District

Education: Graduate, Royal Oak Public Schools

Qualifications / Experience: State Representative, 2017-Present Mayor of Royal Oak, 2003-2016 Royal Oak City Commissioner, 1991-1993 Construction Cost Estimator, Ronnisch Construction Group Construction Cost Estimator, Barton Malow Company Chairman, Royal Oak Planning Commission, 2002 to 2003 Founding Chairman, Woodward Dream Cruise Former President, Royal Oak Housing Commission Past President, Stagecrafters Community Theatre

Questions:

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

A: 1. Fixing our crumbling roads and infrastructure. It's time to cut our truck weights in half and work together to put a real plan in place. The cost of repairing our roads increases every day. 2. Investing in our communities. While other states have been investing in their local communities, Michigan is the only state to have actually reduced funding for local governments since 2002 and done so little for its major cities. 3. Stop the senseless tax breaks and raid on K-12 education funding. I've been leading this fight as a member of the Tax Policy Committee and will continue to hold my colleagues accountable.

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: Stop the senseless tax breaks and raid on K-12 education funding. I've been leading this fight as a member of the Tax Policy Committee and will continue to hold my colleagues accountable. It's time to invest in universal preschool for all in Michigan. Learning starts at birth, and we need to be doing everything we can to help our children realize their dreams.

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

A: Far too many families haven't seen a pay raise in years. Michigan's median household income has fallen dramatically since the late 90s. It's time to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour to raise everyone up. We must remain a world leader in autonomous vehicle research and development to protect our manufacturing sector and diversity our economy by attracting the tech industry. Continue to grow our renewable energy sector. We need to invest in our communities. Leading businesses locate where talented people want to live work and plan. Far too many of our children are leaving us for communities they can't find here.

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

A: Nobody should need a reason to vote, which is why my first bill was to allow for no-reason absentee voting. We also need early voting and automatic voter registration, or at least early voter registration when teenagers obtain their driver's license and Election-Day voter registration. We have to get corporate money out of our politics and reduce the influence of PACs on our government. The doubling of contribution limits and the resurgence of unlimited dark money has given a handful of very wealthy residents a firm grip on our state and federal government. This must change if we are going to advance good policy.

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: Protect our Great Lakes from invasive species and shut down Line 5. Institute a state-wide lead testing and abatement program to ensure every family has access to safe, affordable drinking water. Tackle Climate Change by increasing our renewable energy to 30% by 2030.

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

A: Make it right for the children of Flint by investing in early-childhood literacy programs and universal preschool. Amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Implement body cameras for our officers statewide and find new innovative approach to improve our sensitivity training for officers. We also need to incentivize police departments to hold community conversations, so there is a healthy, open dialogue.

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