

## **Michigan State Representative District 37** **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)**

### **MITCH SWOBODA, Republican** **Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

### **CHRISTINE GREIG, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** University of Notre Dame, BA American Studies and Computer Applications

**Qualifications / Experience:** State Representative 2015-present, House Democratic Floor Leader

#### Questions:

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

**A:** My top legislative priorities are to develop comprehensive policies for public education, infrastructure and reducing poverty. My priorities will boost economic growth by creating jobs, improving public services, developing our workforce, and reducing reliance on government subsidies. Education policy starts with developing a strategy for the opening and closing of schools and modernizing our funding formulas. Infrastructure improvements begin with fixing the roads that we have but then addressing the great need for mass transit. Finally reducing poverty starts with education from preK-14.

**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:** We must continue to invest in early childhood education & invest more in wrap around services. We must make sure that our kids can get to school as well - transportation continues to be a barrier, particularly in rural and urban areas. We must also empower our teachers & treat them as the professional they are. I would also reduce testing & class size. Finally, we must improve workforce readiness and opportunities through job training programs, public/private partnership for apprenticeships, and address college affordability. I support tuition free community college to increase access.

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

**A:** Great jobs start with a great education. We must improve preK-14 education opportunities, affordability and outcomes. To attract new businesses to Michigan, we must start investing in our communities again - fix the roads and restore revenue sharing so our cities & towns can compete with other states. Regional transit is incredible important to remove barriers from employment and to offer alternatives for workers who don't or can't own a car. We must also expand healthcare - a healthy population is a healthy workforce.

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

**A:** I support the provisions outlined in the Promote the Vote ballot initiative: no reason absentee, register or vote by mail, same in person registration. I also support repealing Michigan's version of Citizen's United which increase dark money in politics. We must also require financial disclosure from all elected officials - we must know where there are conflicts of interest.

**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:** We must empower the Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ) & staff it with environmental professionals. Meeting our energy needs is a balance between energy generation capacity, Michigan jobs & protecting the environment. We must continue to invest in alternative energy sources like wind & solar as we decrease reliance on fossil fuels. I support a Line 5 replacement that ensures the UP has a reliable energy source & doesn't put the Great Lakes at risk. Let's explore developing a utility corridor that contains energy and communications infrastructure that can meet our needs today and in the future.

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

**A:** - Restore Earned Income Credit - Support Universal Pre-K - Provide at-risk services in our schools - Increase the Minimum Wage - Tuition Free Community College - End the Pay Gap - Prison Sentencing reforms - Increase access to affordable healthcare, including reproductive healthcare and mental health services

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