

## **Michigan State Representative District 38**

### **3 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)**

### **Kathy S Crawford**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** 2-term State Representative (38th District); Small Business Owner: Kathy Crawford Communications

**Education:** High School Graduate; Professional career (before politics) was in the field of aging for more than 30 years: Served as OLHSA (Oakland/Livingston) Director of Programming for 35 senior citizen centers

**Qualifications / Experience:** After my professional career, I've been a public servant and political advocate for more than 10 years: spearheaded the development of the Novi's Senior Center (Meadowbrook Commons); founding member of Michigan Association of Senior Centers; assisted state in writing rules to certify professionals in field of aging; appointed by former Michigan AG Mike Cox to conduct senior citizens workshops.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Roads; 2. Education; 3. Health Care: Michigan must continue to cultivate a thriving and globally competitive economy, so that new jobs are created in southwest Oakland County. To help accomplish this goal, I will continue to support additional road funding, and I will support additional dollars to local municipalities to assist in road improvements. Michigan children are our most important natural resource. I will continue to support additional investments in public education. I am committed to patient-centered (and patient rights) health care solutions, with a special emphasis on the opioid crisis.

**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 local control of public schools with locally-elected school boards. We also need to insure a level playing field (including transparency reporting requirements) for both traditional and charter public schools. Michigan schools (and its curriculum) should focus on developing JOB READY SKILLS, instead of qualifying students for colleges/universities. We need to better prepare our students for 21st Century careers (advanced manufacturing, IT, computer services, coding, technology for the mobility revolution, etc.), rather than preparing them for 4-year university liberal arts degrees that aren't marketable.

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

**A:** I'm proud to support Republican policies that have led to 540,000 newly-created private-sector jobs since December 2010. Now, our great State has a talent gap. Currently, 85,000 skilled trades jobs are available in Michigan – and we don't have the talent to fill those positions. Michigan must compete in the global race for the best talent in the world. I believe the concepts presented in the Marshall Plan will help solve this problem. We know the state that best "closes the talent gap" will have a competitive advantage over others when companies look at places to locate, expand and create jobs.

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

**A:** Financing political campaigns should focus on the public's right to know and to participate in the process. Candidates should compete equitably without corruption, pressure or unethical influence from lobbyists. Residents have become more concerned than ever about the security of our elections. We must ensure our voter rolls are updated promptly and efficiently when someone passes away or moves to another state. We must eliminate the possibility of voter fraud. Legislation recently was approved by the House to accomplish this objective, and to participate in a multi-state programs that share voter information.

**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 believe the state should stop allowing the Enbridge Pipeline 5 to run beneath the Straits of Mackinac. The threat of a pipeline rupture is too great of a risk to our environment. An oil spill could create permanent damage to our Great Lakes. The State House is waiting on a "risk assessment" report and an "alternative recommendation" to Pipeline 5 before proceeding. That's why I supported additional funds in next year's state budget for new safety measures to protect our straits and the lakes.

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

**A:** I have been a life-long supporter – and advocate – for equal rights and equal opportunity, especially in the areas of pay equity for women, education, fair housing and racial discrimination. We must have expanded opportunities in apprenticeship and skilled trades training, so that everyone has a fair and equal opportunity for high-wage jobs. We must focus on "closing the talent gap" in our state. We also must continue to promote laws that support equal pay for equal positions, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation.

## **KELLY A BREEN, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney / Novi City Council Member

**Education:** Northville High School - 1995 Michigan State University / James Madison College - 1999 Wayne State University Law School - 2002

**Qualifications / Experience:** I currently serve on Novi City Council and sit on three committees. As an attorney, I have represented abused children, injured workers, and large employers. While in school, I worked as a legislative intern, a constituent liaison, and a litigation supervisor at the Free Legal Aid Clinic. I have studied law and policy extensively and have a keen understanding of how we can make it work better.

### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Fix revenue sharing. The state cannot balance its budget on the backs of cities, towns and villages. Local communities know what needs to be fixed in their area, and the money should be returned to them so they can fix local roads and improve public safety. 2. We need to rebuild our infrastructure - Eliminate massive tax breaks for big corporations, insist that they pay their fair share, refigure our tax code and give funds back to local communities. 3. Safety in our schools. With the numerous school shootings and shootings at public places, this has become fore-front on my mind and I hear it from my community, too

**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:** Protecting our kids is protecting our future. I believe maintaining our commitment and level of investment in our schools is not just a sign that you care about kids, it shows good business sense. Schools are one of the most important factors a family considers when deciding where to move. I have attended both private and public schools. I am the daughter of a public school teacher and wife of a charter school teacher. I understand there is a time and a place for private education, so commitment at all levels to all students by ALL PEOPLE is one of the most important factors we can engage in as elected officials.

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

**A:** Create "green and blue" jobs - focused on emerging economies like renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and water conservation. Use the resources Michigan already has in place. The grants and the money generated from revenue sharing and a graduated income tax structure to kickstart small businesses with these two items. I have found that the ones that want these "green and blue" jobs are either young people starting out, or people starting a second career. We need to keep our talent here and retrain people whose jobs have been outsourced or lost to an evolving economy.

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

**A:** Election tampering isn't a myth. Its a reality. I do believe that the recent decision to purge voters for "inactivity" is not a right decision. We need better engagement and we can have that by broadening the availability of those that chose to vote by absentee be allowed that choice. We can broaden voter engagement by bringing truth and transparency back into our government. Too many disillusioned voters causes lack of voter engagement. No-reason absentee voting, redistricting by a fair and impartial commission, automatic registration, continued straight-party ticket voting, and early voting options for all.

**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:** As I stated above, creating and encouraging green and blue jobs will help save and sustain the environment. We can all agree that our Great Lakes are an invaluable resource that must be protected. Tourism, recreation and our economy rely on maintaining the Great Lakes as the precious resource they are. While we explore all clean energy options, Line 5 needs to be fixed using skilled workers and monitored for safety with inspection and reporting to prevent a possible spill from line 5.

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

**A:** In my current position as a member of the Novi City Council, I proposed changes to the current city charter that put language in place to specifically protect those that identify as LGBT/Q. The proposal passed 4-3. I did this because I was reviewing a service provider's contract and noticed that they had language for those protections, yet Novi's city charter did not. I worked with our city attorney to create the language before presenting it for discussion and approval of the full Council. I will do the same protecting for any marginalized group, which would include redefining Elliott Larson and its associated laws.

## **BRIAN R WRIGHT, Libertarian**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Author, editor, independent publisher, Web columnist/reviewer, medical tech-driver—retired engineer

**Education:** BSME, Wayne State University

**Qualifications / Experience:** Have long been active in liberty groups and causes, studied major issues of public policy. Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for several years. Firm understanding of Robert's Rules of Order. I understand and stand for First Principles of our country, esp. for people taking direct charge of public officials via independent people's grand juries—to investigate and indict corruption.

### Questions:

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

**A:** ) Michigan is the most corrupt government in the union at all levels [Center for Public Integrity, 2015]. My book, The Accountability Project (in progress) shows how to practically end this corruption. 2) The people are pushed around by a corporotocracy who buy public officials and violate our basic rights to 'life, liberty, and property.' I shall see to it the violators are indicted, tried, and convicted for any corruption and crimes. 3) All healthy societies require a grassroots engine of production. Nullify federal trade and production restrictions on agricultural hemp and marijuana. Benefit: 10s of \$billions/year.

**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:** Education, like religion, is not the business of the state. The percentage of Michigan state school attendees grades 3 thru 8 with proficiency in math and reading for 2014-15 was a whopping 38.5%. Compulsory factory state schools are NOT going to improve. Home schooled children—now more than two million strong—are 5-10 years ahead in their ability to think. End mandatory attendance laws. As a transition, keep state schools as a last resort for parents who cannot afford anything else. For legacy K-12 schools, form cooperatives of the parents to procure them and run them as they see fit. Let dinosaurs go.

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

**A:** The vast potential of the hemp-marijuana market is certainly far greater than even the most imaginative of our people realize. The industry must remain unburdened by state-privileged global corporations. It MUST be an industry for the people themselves and independents, not the oligarchy. We also need much better infrastructure in our education and transportation fields to support the grassroots engine. Fiat automotive is another pothole-laden dinosaur. Rail and minirail alternatives, use a coop authority model for highway trunks. Apply insurance incentives to improve driver performance. Stress individual excellence.

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

**A:** Increasing numbers of prominent Libertarians, liberty people, (and I) support practical polices and strategies that lead to an EXTREMELY MINIMAL state apparatus. By that I do NOT mean allowing our First Principles' rights to be steamrolled by monopoly corporate interests. First Principles' grand juries of the people should keep any global corporation operations in Michigan on a tight leash. We shall have no corporate monopolies. State public officials are bound by oath to secure our rights. That doesn't take much time. They can cut ribbons, be ceremonial, help out citizens. Election by lottery is worth considering.

**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:** In my novel, The Truman Prophecy, I describe seven high priority 'high-crime assaults' that adherence to First Principles will undo. Four of these: 1) Toxic geoengineering: ionospheric heating and dumping of air contaminants w/o consent 2) Toxic foods: GMOs and deceptive, nature-and-human-hostile agricultural practices 3) Toxic meds: killer psych drugs and vaccines conferring immunity solely from liability 4) Toxic (and intrusive) waves: 'smart' meters, 5G networks, that 'fry & spy' us to death With grand juries I shall help to end criminal behavior. Energy: end suppression of alternatives, respect property rights.

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

**A:** We are being lied to... by powerful interests that want to take our wealth, our health, and our rights. Corrupt state officials go along with these interests. Honest officials are overworked. First Principles' grand juries (FPGJs) will bring such corrupt interests and officials to justice. Until then: 1) Kill 5G Assault Bills SB 637 and 894 in the House Energy Committee 2) Pass Meter Choice Bill HB 4220 out of the same committee 3) End civil asset forfeiture in Michigan and retribute its victims Convene FPGJs in prison counties; sole purpose: release and retribute those who have not committed any act of aggression.

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