Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 9
Candidates: 2 Republicans + 2 Democrats
Vote in one political party's primary only.

Duties: The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Term: 4 years   VOTE for ONE (1)

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Qualifications / Experience: Creative Planner, Ardent Problem Solver, Skillful Negotiator. Skills that I have developed over several decades on behalf of my employer and employees.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: *What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?*
A: Vocational / Technical training at the high school level. (See my response below) Concern and Care for Seniors and Veterans. The baby boomers have arrived as senior citizens along with the abundance of Veterans that served during the Vietnam era. The Veterans admin was not adequately prepared to attend to their aging needs and maladies acquired during their military service. I have also learned that many Seniors avoid medic care because of cost and do not want to be burdened with payments while just being able to survive on their retirement income. Insurance Reform; Change is needed

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: Vocational / Technical training at the high school level. Michigan is a manufacturing state, we design, fabricate, machine and assemble components for use in just about every industry. It has been a shame to waste away those early learning years of students with a basic academic education. Not every student is going to be "college material' and not every student will be able to afford a college education. However along with the academics we should also provide high school students with vocational / technical skills entering into a co-op job opportunity after the second semester of the 11th grade.

3. ECONOMY: *What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?*
A: Able bodied recipients of government subsistence need to receive some form of entry level job training to be eased / phased into the ranks of employment. More Education / Training …. Yesterday I heard from a representative from the IBEW (Electrical Workers) that 90% of their student and adult applicants fail the basic math tests. Another overwhelming percentage fail the drug test as well.

4. ELECTIONS: *What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?*
A: Campaign Funding in Michigan appears to be fair and firm and followed by a majority of candidates. Voting Rights for identifiable American Citizens. And …. The existing voters list need to be scrutinized and verified to eliminate those people no longer alive or not living at the listed addresses.. I was surprised to find that in my 9th Senate district alone there are 365 voters over the age of 100 … the oldest is 122 … and there are approximately 3,600 voters over the age of 90. I have to question when was the last time those people voted.

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: The threat of Asian Carp entering the Great Lakes The environmental policies and regulations seem to be ok for now I am aware of the Enbridge pipeline and the controversies about it but I do not know enough about the specifics to offer a reply.

6. JUSTICE: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?*
A: Since the 1960's there has been a more than sufficient amount of policies and legislation implemented to promote social and racial justice. I do believe that those efforts have achieved a lot of success making our society more aware of the need for human equality and respect for our cultural differences. Diligence is needed to minimize injustice. The issues of social and racial injustice may never go away. Much of the problems have been imported into our state. Brought to us by people who developed prejudice and bigotry towards certain people early in their life while they were living in other states or countries

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__Questions:__
1. PRIORITIES: *What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?*
A: As State Senator my top three priorities will be to draft common-sense gun laws, improve roads and infrastructure funding, and improve Michigan schools. There are too many holes in Michigan's current laws that regulate firearms. I will draft legislation reform that require the same point-of-contact checks used for handguns to all firearm purchase. Additional, I will fight to share more information with NICS and hold gun owners who do not properly secure their firearms accountable. Technology and increase funding are important ways to improve Michigan's infrastructure, and ensure that it lasts longer in future.

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 will advocate for an expansion of "world of three" and preschool programs to give more families the access needed to be successful in school. K-12 needs to model high preforming states and fund teacher training programs. Provide more funding for additional social workers and counselors, and incentives to teach. Make less emphasis on standardize testing and more on providing a well-rounded education. Expand vocational education for high schools. Expand and better fund community college programs. Force public universities to be more transparent about admissions and to use endowment money to keep tuition costs down.

3. ECONOMY: *What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?*
A: As State Senator I will support the repeal of Laws that limit workers rights to bargain for better pay and benefits. I will support laws that give power back to workers and unions to rebuild the middle class with better pay and job security. I will support legislation that improves schools an infrastructure to retain and draw in new businesses. I will support better funded community colleges and programs like Macomb Community College M-Tech to train workers in the skilled trades.

4. ELECTIONS: *What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?*
A: Campaign spending for nearly all elections is out of control, whether its spending tens of thousands for an unpaid school board or $14+ million to win a US Senate Race. Much of this money is donated to super PAC. Millionaires and Billionaires use these to spend an unlimited amount of money to sway election outcomes throughout the US, not just their home state. Ballot initiative "Promote the Vote" is an important step to protecting the right to a secret ballot, access by all voters to vote absentee for any reason, more timely ballots to our military service members and by auditing election results to ensure accuracy.

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 that Line 5 should be shut down and an alternate route should be used for its replacement that would not be such a threat to our environment. The line 6 spill into Talmadge Creek has cost over $1 billion; the damage Line 5 could cause is significantly worse. I support the agreement reached in May by Michigan's major energy producers to produce 25% with renewables by 2030. It is a good start to protecting our future. More needs to be done to clean up and protect our waterways, and to prevent invasive species from causing more damage to our trees, wet lands, and lakes.

6. JUSTICE: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?*
A: I believe in Equality for all people regardless of race, religion, age, body type, ethnicity, sex sexual orientation, sexual identity, political affiliation or any other sub-groups. As State Senator I will draft amendments to Michigan's Elliot Larson Act to included protection for the LGBTQ community. In addition to improving LGBTQ rights I will support legislation that combats racism and intolerance. I will also fight for Women's Rights in health care and the workplace.

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Questions:
1. PRIORITIES: *What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?*
A: EDUCATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMY: EDUCATION: Require that schools are fully funded. Return local control to school districts. Stop raiding the school aid fund. Ensure that more funding gets into the classroom with the following priorities: universal pre-school, hold charters accountable and fund vocational programs. INFRASTRUCTURE: Make big corporations pay their fair share, increase revenue funding to cities, counties, and townships, require road warranties from contractors. ECONOMY: Reduce taxes on the middle class. Reduce the fuel tax. Annual evaluation of the budget to confirm programs are cost effective.

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 candidate and parent with children in our public school system, I know that education is a top priority. Appalling legislation has been enacted with continuous raiding of the school aid fund. Michigan needs to do more to invest in education so our children can compete with students across the globe. Funding for K-12 has not increased significantly since I was State Representative. We must create universal pre-school, return local control to school districts, hold charters accountable, provide affordable college, fund vocational and alternative education programs and stop the raiding of the school aid fund.

3. ECONOMY: *What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?*
A: Our level of taxation on working families is too high. People are paying more in gas taxes and vehicle registration fees, but getting less. We need to be long thinking with our economic goals. Investing in roads, infrastructure, education and worker training is good for business and the economy. Tax incentives can help grow jobs in Michigan, but they must be structured fairly. We must support small businesses, helping them excel in a global economy and reward businesses that stay in Michigan. Focusing on job creation in the skilled trades, technology, renewable energy, life sciences and tourism is crucial.

4. ELECTIONS: *What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?*
A: Elections are the basis of our democracy. Repeal the voter ID law and get money out of elections. Unregulated money has taken away the voice of the people. Stop gerrymandering and institute no reason absentee voting. More transparency from individuals running for office. This means full financial disclosure from candidates and elected officials. I support a sit out period (perhaps two years) from legislators who leave office and enter the lobbying community. They should not be eligible for immediate appointment to certain commissions; i.e Liquor Control, Lottery, and Public Service Commission.

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: Decommission or close down Pipeline 5. I would support legislative measures designed to limit unregulated contaminants in our water supply. Future solutions include the replacement of all lead water pipes and reduction in the amount of chemicals from our Waste Water Treatment Plants. I oppose the extraction of Great Lakes water and Inland Waters; i.e. Nestle that pumps spring water from the White Pine Springs. Support legislation aimed at reducing agricultural runoff. Work with federal representatives on legislation that fights carbon pollution, opposes fracking, and funding for renewable energy sources.

6. JUSTICE: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?*
A: We need an environment that is welcoming to all people. This means equal protection under the law. We must update our civil rights laws and provide protections for vulnerable communities. Enact policies that provides fair treatment for workers that includes enforcement of workplace safety and anti-discrimination laws, and equal pay for equal work. Support policy changes that keep workers in the workplace, such as family paid leave. We need to end gerrymandering. I support the League of Women Voters and their lawsuit contending the Michigan's 2011 state legislative and congressional maps are unconstitutional.