

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 10
Candidates: 3 Republicans + 1 Democrat + 1 Libertarian
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)

JOSEPH BOGDAN, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Engineer

Education: Oakland University, Bachelor of Science in Industrial & Systems Engineering, Summa Cum Laude (top of my class). Macomb Community College, Associate of Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude (top of my class).

Qualifications / Experience: Sharing a Message of Love & Healing: Combining the Best Ideas of All the Candidates to Fix Our Nation's Issues—a "Shared Vision of America" to reunite us. My life's purpose: tackle society's problems & fix as many as I can. Lifetime Member of the Italian American Cultural Society. Endorsed by Macomb County Taxpayers Association and Right to Life—"Simply the Best!" Bogdan means "God-given."

Questions:

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

A: Voters tell me they want Michigan's roads fixed, affordable insurance, & honest government. Combining the best ideas: transparent bidding to substantially optimize rebuilding of our roads; "best-value" approach for better materials & increasing road life longevity; correcting funding formulas; & using multiple-choice bills/proposals, Build-A-Budget, & Corruption Slayer to eliminate waste & redirect toward road projects. CureCare—best value for healthcare, also conscience-friendly & business-friendly! Corruption Slayer: making it easy to remove corrupt officials, fix bad policies, & streamline government. And more!

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: Combining the best ideas: use an approach similar to Montessori—but combined with technology—to rapidly accelerate children's learning ability, incorporate technical education into the high school curriculum, use an approach similar to Khan Academy to pool the resources of our schools/maximizing resources available to students, fix college funding so degrees for in-demand careers are less expensive/free, optimize school funding with multiple-choice bills & ballot proposals, cut bureaucratic waste with Build-A-Budget, fix educational policy and remove corrupt officials easily with Corruption Slayer, & more!

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

A: Combining the best ideas: restructuring taxes to favor Michigan/American businesses & workers over foreign competitors, expanding technical training in high schools & partnerships with businesses to fill the talent shortage, a self-sufficient work program to eliminate unemployment & teach workers the skills they need (eliminating unemployment taxes for businesses), fixing college funding so degrees for in-demand careers are less expensive/free, genuine tort reform, fixing Michigan's roads to attract more businesses, eliminating the average citizen's income tax to make Michigan's workforce more competitive, & more!

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

A: "Simply the Best": multiple-choice ballot proposals to give voters more options & fine-tune millages (eliminating bullying by the establishment), a 50% tax on political contributions to decimate Big Money's manipulation—use the revenues for increased voter access (absentee voting, extended hours, etc.), automatic voter registration, "Pure Mathematics" approach to eliminate gerrymandering, reducing the minimum voting age to 16 so parents can spend meaningful time with their kids learning how our American government works, Build-A-Budget & Corruption Slayer to give citizens direct control of their government, & more!

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: Combining the best ideas: protecting taxpayers from disasters by requiring handlers of hazardous substances to have insurance policies, using Build-A-Budget to ensure critical environmental programs remain strong/prevent reoccurrences of the Flint Water Crisis, using Corruption Slayer to work around the political gamesmanship with Enbridge Pipeline 5, working with utilities and businesses to find win-win solutions in transitioning toward an environmentally conscious society, accelerating development in clean fusion technology using a maximized-value approach (so we no longer need nuclear fission plants/coal), & more!

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

A: "Simply the Best": Our vision for America is a land of fairness: where we are not held back nor see others unfairly advanced ahead of us! Combining the best ideas: CureCare to ensure healthcare for everyone, Build-A-Budget to permanently block emergency managers from taking over, Corruption Slayer to rapidly reverse bad decisions & remove corrupt officials (this would have prevented the Flint Water Crisis!), "Pure Mathematics" redistricting to prevent district manipulation, reducing the minimum voting age to 16 so parents can spend meaningful time with their kids learning how our American government works, & more!

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Questions:

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

A: Roads - Transparency - Jobs

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: Keep removing barriers that try to force all students into one track, and promote flexibility in curriculum.

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

A: Despite a commendable 8 years of trying to weed out outmoded regulations from the last century, Michigan still has too many barriers to starting and maintaining small businesses. Michigan is the number one state in the nation for new manufacturing jobs, but we have not been preparing students-- and have even gotten in their way-- to take advantage of these jobs. Our state income tax is too high, and our property taxes are creeping back up to the amounts families were paying before Proposal A in the 90s. These are issues that must be addressed.

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

A: Transparency is the main issue here, and voter security. Attempts to get rid of voter ID only benefit those who want to promote fraud. It should take at least as much ID to vote, as to get one's ears pierced. Voter ID cards should be issued with pictures on them for those who don't have a driver's license.

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: Regulation of energy should be based on science, and cost benefit analysis, not political hype. If Enbridge is an actual threat to pollute the Great Lakes, it should be shut down. But the fact is, that Michigan is retiring power plants at a rate that won't keep up with current needs. If we want our economy to grow, so that our kids can stay here and find great careers, we need an energy plan that meets with reality-- not windmills and solar panels.

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

A: Justice is about equality under the law, without regard to race, creed or national origin. I stand for equality for all-- and favoritism for none. I am a member of an ethnic minority, but any policy that takes a person's immutable characteristics as reason to show them favoritism is something I will oppose.

HENRY YANEZ, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 25th House District

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Qualifications / Experience: Former firefighter and paramedic of 28 years. Lifelong public servant. Former chairman of the 10th Congressional District Democratic Party. Husband, father of four, grandfather of 3. Lifelong Michigan resident. Volunteers with Clinton River Watershed, Meals on Wheels, and the local VFW. Recognized leadership by the Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, and Guardian Association.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Invest more in education. We need to prepare our students with the skills they need to compete in the global economy. Sixty-one percent of employers say they can't fill jobs due to a lack of qualified applicants, and 51 percent say our workforce doesn't have the necessary skills for existing job opportunities. 2. Implement mandatory statewide paid family and medical leave time. 3. Increase the minimum wage and ensure equal pay for equal work.

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: Funding for K-12 education must be expanded. Foundation allowances must be expanded and we must increase equity payments to close the per-pupil funding gap. The extra funding must be used to hire more teachers and paraprofessionals to decrease class sizes and increase the quality time each student spends with their instructors. We also must focus on investing in early childhood education and wraparound services especially for students in underserved populations.

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

A: Increased investment in K-12 education, community colleges, and universities is key. We must also invest more in the skilled trades and job training for displaced workers. The state needs to invest more in our crumbling roads, bridges, and water systems. I believe we must also increase the minimum wage. Helping control health care costs in the state would also help to alleviate stagnant wage growth. Implementing a Metro-Detroit mass transit system would also encourage more businesses to locate and stay in the state. Reducing the cost of child care would also help individuals to rejoin the labor force.

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

A: In order to preserve the principle of "one person, one vote," we must significantly reduce the outsized influence of money on our politics. At the state level, we must reduce the campaign limits for individual contributors and PACs. We must also work with Washington to crack down on the role of Super PACs. We also must make it easier, not harder for individuals to vote. We should pass no-reason absentee and early voting, and continue to allow straight-ticket voting to reduce voting wait times.

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: Enbridge Pipeline 5 should be shut down, period. We must work to completely eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels. Notwithstanding the ecological threat posed by climate change, we must be diligent about protecting our air, water, and land for the health and well-being of ourselves and our children. As a former firefighter, and now as state representative, I have spent my career fighting to protect the public health and well-being. I believe we must strive to hit 30% renewable energy by 2030. We must invest in wind, solar, geothermal, and in energy efficiency programs to reduce our energy consumption.

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

A: Women deserve equal pay for equal work. I fully support a woman's right to choose. I believe in marriage equality. Members of the LGBTQIA community should be legally protected from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. We need to do more to address the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. We also need to bridge the wage employment, and education gap that people of color face. We are a nation of immigrants. Our strength as a nation is commensurate to our diversity. Everyone should have the opportunity to live the American Dream free from prejudice

MIKE SALIBA, Libertarian

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