

**Primary Election: August 7, 2018**  
**Michigan State Senate District 24**  
**Candidates: 2 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)**

**TOM BARRETT, Republican**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

**BRETT ROBERTS, Republican**  
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**KELLY ROSSMAN-McKINNEY, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired CEO of Truscott Rossman

**Education:** Macomb Community College, AA '75; Wayne State University, BA '77

Psychology; Radio/TV/Film

**Qualifications / Experience:** I have been a small business owner/job creator since 1988, when I started my first business as a single mom sitting down at my kitchen table. I knew it was more important to pay my employees and suppliers first, even if it meant taking nothing for myself. I have built success on my "people before profits" attitude, strong work ethic and commitment to problem-solving.

**Questions:**

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

**A:** a) Introducing The People's Price Tag legislation to require a price tag on every bill that is introduced. This will ensure that taxpayers know exactly how much a proposed new law will cost, how it will be paid for, who will pay, and who benefits. B) Working collaboratively to solve the state's problems, including but not limited to: infrastructure; attracting and retaining talent – including ensuring affordable secondary education & training; addressing our failing education system; etc. c) Ensuring quality & affordable physical and mental healthcare for Michigan's citizens

**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:** The constant churn of demands has made it hard on educators & we need to strengthen their ability to get back to basics. That means letting teachers teach critical thinking vs. "teach to the test." Michigan is starting to address the need for early childhood ed. but we're not reaching our goals. Many schools are in need of modernization and don't even have enough classrooms, so they've added modules. Buildings are old and need upgrading. I want students to have the best and safest environments to learn. We also need increased funding for community and four-year colleges, as well as skilled trades training.

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

**A:** This is one of the most important reasons I am running and is a serious issue in my district, where we see some residents living well above the state's average household income while others live well below. I want every area of my district to thrive. Seeing abandoned store fronts and people moving away is heartbreaking. There are many steps we must take to address this. Like better access to skilled trades training – making sure that whether people are four-year, community college, or skilled trades school bound they have affordable and accessible options. This can help us attract great paying jobs to Michigan.

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

**A:** A transparent and honest government starts before those who hope to be in office are elected. That is why I support an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and I support no-excuse absentee voter registration, early voting in Michigan, Election Day voter registration, and complete disclosure of all political campaign expenditures by for-profit and non-profit corporations and all political action committees.

**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 have a responsibility to protect our natural resources – like our Great Lakes and there is a lot we can do. Like supporting pilot projects for conservation. For example, the Michigan Farm Bureau has partnered with The Nature Conservancy, local governments and others for a Conservation Innovation Grant by the US Dept of Agriculture to develop systems to promote conservation practices near public drains. Although it is still early, there is potential to help public county drain officials improve water quality.

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

**A:** I support justice and equality for all in our country and I am deeply concerned that racial and social injustice are becoming an insidious undercurrent – not just in our state but in our country. I will do everything in my power to ensure that the policies before the legislature are fair to all and do not have a more negative impact on people who are already struggling.

## **KATIE NEPTON, Libertarian Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

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