

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 31
Candidates: 2 Republicans + 4 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)

KEVIN DALEY, Republican
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JONI BATTERBEE, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Elementary Special Education and Support staff Para Pro

Education: Graduated Goodrich High School 1989, Cosmetology License 1991. Some community college GSD Education certification Para Pro

Qualifications / Experience: Small business owner over 20 years, Public school employee 6 years, Wife of 26 years, mother of 4 grown adults ages 24,22,19,17 years old. Resident of Michigan over 47 years, little league coach 6 years. Tax payer over 32 years.

Questions:

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

A: Keeping our kids safe in well funded public schools are a priority for me .2) Healthcare is a human right ! I support a Medicare for all statewide healthcare program .3) Protecting all human civil rights and Equality is detrimental for our country , we must remove the corruption in Lansing , and protect the right to choose , the right to marry , right to equal pay ! We must provide a living wage , and protect All Workers Union rights here in Michigan !

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: Fully funded public schools are a must for Michigan, we must provide early childhood education programs, Special education programs , and after school activities and leadership programs . Teachers deserve better pay and better Union benefits.

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

A: Michigan needs to decriminalize marijuana and utilize oppotunities like Colorado and other states are building revenue for their economys . We need to repeal Trump tax cuts for the wealthy , eliminate the trade war redderick and recommitt to the TPP and NAFTA to stabalize fair trade for our Agriculture Business men and women state and nation wide ! We must invest in biodegradeables and Clean energy to provide job training and job growth in order to compete for a strong successful future economy here in Michigan.

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

A: We need to pass the proposals of voters not politicians and put an end to gerrymandering here in Michigan once and for all . We need automatic registration for 18 year olds , (if we can monitor males turning 18 for the draft) , so can we monitor all citizens turning 18 to be registered to vote . We need early voting and vote by mail regardless of age or reason.

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 so much to protect by way of natural resources here . We must shut down line 5 , find other options for this fragile oil line . We must reinact so much of the Obama administrations EPA legislation that Trump and Pruitt have destroyed .Scott Pruitt should be investigated on his policies and be made accountable for his corruption of our environment !

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

A: Our law enforcement in Michigan and our Country should be held accountable for their actions of senseless killings of young black lives everywhere .We also need to Abolish ICE , as they have become to aggressively Dangerous !

BILL JORDAN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: BA Economics, Western Michigan University. MA Counseling, Western Michigan University.

Qualifications / Experience: Reese Public Schools: counselor, coach, State and Federal Programs Director (writing programs and managing them) 35 years. Bangor Township School Board: trustee and board president 12 years. Bay Arenac ISD Board: trustee and board president 24 years.

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

A: My top priorities as your State Senator are 1) Improving education by increasing funding for vocational and technical education, 2) Creating a Hunters' Bill of Rights that will defend our hunting heritage while protecting our families from gun violence, and 3) Protecting the Great Lakes. I support banning foreign pipelines and making sure we protect the freshwater lakes, streams, and tributaries that are the heritage of every citizen of our state.

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 have been a school counselor, coach, and a school board member. I have seen first-hand how small-town Michigan has been ignored by state government. As an educator and coach, I know our young people are being shortchanged by leadership in Lansing. That's why I support a strong public school system from pre-K through post-secondary education and vocational training. Not every student needs to go to college, but every student needs to be life-ready and work-ready.

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

A: Our local economies have been ignored by Lansing. That needs to change. We have jobs that are unfilled because our young adults aren't prepared for them or because they move out of the area. That's why I support increasing vocational and technical education in addition to a strong, traditional public school system. Successful schools are the best thing we can do for our economy.

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

A: I support no-reason absentee ballot voting, same-day voting registration, and ending partisan gerrymandering. I think we need less money in politics, and I would strongly support overturning Citizens United.

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 would work to shut down Line 5 immediately. We need to increase our reliance on renewable energy including nuclear, wind, and solar. In addition, Michigan could displace China as the high capacity battery manufacturing capital of the world, and I would support policies to encourage development and production of batteries in Michigan.

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

A: As a former school counselor and coach, I have a special understanding of the problems many in our society face every day. My National Guard unit worked with the youth of Detroit after the '67 riots. There I learned we all have more in common than we think regardless of background. Step one to building a more just society is finding the common ground between people of every faith, nationality, and race. Every person has a basic human right to dignity and respect. From there, we need to make sure women and people of color are treated fairly in school admissions, interactions with law enforcement, and in the job market.

CYNTHIA A LUCZAK, Democrat
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CHUCK STADLER, Democrat
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