

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 37
Candidates: 2 Republicans + 1 Democrat
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)

JIM GURR, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Farmer

Education: Bachelor of Science, Eastern Michigan University; Master of Arts, Central Michigan University; Graduate Study Studies in Public Administration, CMU; Citizen Planner, Michigan State University Extension

Qualifications / Experience: Nearly forty years in private and public education: History, Social Sciences, and English. I have served my community and associates in many capacities at many levels. I have been an elected official, an appointed official on county and township boards, with professional teacher organizations and unions, on the boards of many citizen advocacy organizations. Lived the family farm life for 60 years

Questions:

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

A: My first priority is to restore the fiscal health of Michigan. Second is to restore the optimal Michigan Constitutional guaranties of citizen initiative, citizen referendum, and citizen recall from the legislative reductions made to the original intent over the last few decades. Finally, I will work toward a completely transparent Executive branch of government--including executive agencies, a completely transparent and completely "Pledge-free" PART-TIME Legislative branch.

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: Traditional education, homes with loving supportive parents, and generous communities ensuring the firm footing necessary to make wise choices leading to a satisfying life. I used that model successfully in my career as an educator, emulated those values, and found myself teaching in a community where the citizenry valued those qualities. As a legislator I will encourage the state to return to local control of local schools at every stage--at the Funding level, the School Board, the Superintendent's office, the principal's office--and, very importantly, the classroom. Success from local hearts, hands, and wallets.

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

A: I support what is known as an "old moral economy". It has historically been the lifeblood of free enterprise. A process through which opportunity is sparked from the basis of success in the past. The previously prosperous replenish opportunity going forward--continuing to benefit accordingly, while providing encouragement and investment opportunity to innovators and trendsetters in and out of traditional economies. It is expansive, exploratory, and full of risk and benefit, a fit field of endeavor for the curious and ambitious--qualities highly valued and to be encouraged. The current zero-sum model can never succeed.

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

A: In an electoral environment where dollars are seen as expression there can never be an equitable campaigning process. Such is the consequence of our high valuation of the right of free speech. Of course, this favors those with funds as does free speech favor those of quick wit and loquacious skills. It is natural and normal enough. I could support a restricted political advertisement environment in terms of duration and intensity. I think it is fit for the community to provide public forums for the exchange of opinions and could be persuaded to support legislation providing publicly owned venues, airwaves, sites, etc.

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: Michigan is blessed with natural resource energy riches. The supply of energy-producing resource processes is not the problem. Efficient and safe production, movement, and management of energy resources can become problems. Every BTU of energy lost in operational procedures, every by-product of energy production--not to mention industrial and agricultural-- for which a useful purpose has not been developed is a problem. Whether we are talking about energy lost, or gained, or moved, and not safely put to a useful purpose is not acceptable. Such squandering in the current state of technology can no longer be tolerated.

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

A: We endure an undervalued appreciation of our fellow men and women. Each can be a missed opportunity in every smiling face. When we settle for a devalued, debased, or abused condition for ANY of our fellows we diminish ourselves. I advocate principles stated clearly in our nation's Declaration of Independence. We, each, are created equally. Such a high-minded founding is not easily achieved. I do not believe the creation of special "protected" classes of individuals serves justice but is rather a pathetic statement to the effective failure of our society to achieve its aspirations. Public policy must be even-handed.

WAYNE A SCHMIDT, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

JIM PAGE. Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: BS in Ed from CMU, AA degree form MUCC

Qualifications / Experience: Six years in the Marines. 27 years of Teaching, MEA. 5 years in Retail.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Work hard to keep our Great Lakes and natural resources protected from invasive species, harmful pollutants and big corporations looking to profit from our water. I would decommission line 5. 2. Bring tax relief to our middle-class families and seniors by restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit, Homestead Property Tax Credit and \$600 per-child deduction and repealing the tax on senior retirement income. 3. Increase education funding so our kids receive the world-class education they deserve.

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: Increase funding for public schools for Career centers, Counselors, and general education classes. We need skilled workers just as much as we need professionals. We need to provide students the opportunity for a well-paying career. We need to have counselor in our schools to help students when needed at all ages. Early education is essential for student success throughout their career.

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

A: I support increasing the minimum wage. I support retraining workers for new skills at Career Centers or Community Colleges to produce more skilled workers. I support alternative energy production, new jobs in solar and wind power.

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

A: I would support new campaign finance laws to promote fairness, limiting PAC money from special interest groups. I support the elimination of Dark money from all campaign issues. I support non-partisan redistricting. I would support laws that allow more voter participation, easier voter registration and allow absentee ballots.

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 will decommission Line 5. I will protect our drinking water, I support alternative energy sources. I believe that we have the technology to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels thereby protecting our environment. We should promote more recycling.

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

A: I support transparency in our government. All actions taken by all government agencies should be open to the public and be available to the citizen to evaluate. Social and racial justice is everyone responsibility. We have to stand up for fairness whenever and wherever it appears.

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