

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –
DISTRICT 29**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Republicans preceding Democrats.

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7 Candidates for MICHIGAN HOUSE for ONE 2-year term

1 Republican and 6 Democrats are running for this office

CANDIDATES for MICHIGAN HOUSE	Biographical information:	Question 1:
<p>ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>		<p>What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> TIMOTHY D. CARRIER 2977 Churchill Rd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Democrat</i> KONE BOWMAN 28 N. Saginaw, Ste. 808 Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>Website: www.electkonebowman.com Facebook: http://konebowman Twitter: twitter.com/konebowman Occupation / Current Position: Programmable Logic designer Education: A.A robotics B.A. business M.A. Counseling Qualifications / Experience: 8 years Pontiac City Council 12 Years Vice Chair City of Pontiac Pension board 5 Years Light house of Oakland county Development council board member 4 Years light house of Oakland County Investment board member 20 Years Small business owner (financial Services)</p>	<p>1) The Infrastructure: drafting legislation to move monies from under utilized funds to assist with the redevelopment of the Infrastructure and start working on committees to help with increasing the states revenue from sources other than taxes on the citizens. 2) The Education of our children and school safety: Help draft legislation that will bring more funding to our school districts as well as make sure gun laws that keep our children safe at school are passed. 3) Employment / increased job/ revenue for our residents: Work to market / create opportunities to attract business and industry that will locate in our area</p>

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<p>Democrat BRENDA CARTER 86 W. Yale Ave. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>Website: http://brendajcarter.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BCforRep/ Twitter: twitter.com/BJCarterMPA Occupation / Current Position: President - Pontiac School District Board of Education Education: Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in organizational design. Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Local Government Qualifications / Experience: President – Pontiac School District Board of Education President – Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) - Certified Grant Writer Graduate – Grantsmanship Training Center Certified Fiscal Financial Manager Graduate– Michigan State University Michigan Political Leadership Program Graduate– IPPSR - MSU Ambassador to Kusatsu, Shiga Prefecture, Japan, for the city of Pontiac</p>	<p>The entire education system in Michigan and the U.S. needs to be overhauled to be competitive with our global economy. We need to examine equitable funding for the vast array of school districts in our state. Our infrastructure is on the verge of collapse. I support research-based focus groups with the expertise to access the current state of deterioration and propose realistic strategies to address the findings. Finally, research shows municipalities that provide growth opportunities for businesses and their residents are the most successful. We should encourage economic and community development collaboratively.</p>
<p>Democrat MIKE DEMAND P. O. Box 251091 West Bloomfield, MI 48325</p>	<p>Website: votemikedemand@gmail.com Education: BA, Political Science, Michigan State University. Master of Public Administration, Eastern Michigan University. MSA, Human Resources Administration, Central Michigan University. Qualifications / Experience: Community Affairs Coordinator, Detroit Tigers. Worked in state, county and municipal government executive offices, including the governor's office under Jennifer Granholm. Questions:</p>	<p>1) Increasing the minimum wage, leveraging the support of other members of the legislature and labor groups in Michigan that support the effort of minimum wage increases; drafting and passing legislation that make the minimum wage no less than \$15/hr. 2) Lower the cost of auto insurance by eliminating redlining and other erroneous criteria to prevent residents from paying higher rates based on zip codes, credit scores, etc. 3) Reform our education system by eliminating for-profit k-12 schools, and making sure that public education is first rate in every community, regardless of socio-economic status.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> CHRIS JACKSON 486 Fildew Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>Website: ChrisJacksonForMichigan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ElectChrisJackson/ Twitter: twitter.com/ElectCJackson Occupation / Current Position: Accent Pontiac (Community Liaison) - Direct mentor opportunities with children in Pontiac Schools. Education: High School - Graduated 2007 Pontiac Northern High School Cranbrook West Bloomfield High School College - Graduated 2011 Hope College: Bachelors Degree Double Major - Accounting/Business Management Qualifications / Experience: Professional Experiences: Project Management Entrepreneur - Founded/Co-Founded Startup businesses Michigan SmartZones - Partner Community Activities: Young Entrepreneur Squad Board Member Urban Policy Institute (Michigan) Member Main Street Pontiac Board Member Identify Your Dream Board Member Cornbread Hustle Partner</p>	<p>Economic Development: I believe that Small Businesses are the life blood of our communities. Entrepreneurs have a sense for what the community needs are. My plan is to push for legislation that builds the entrepreneurial eco-system. Rebuilding Our Infrastructure: Investing more in our roads, schools, bridges, water quality and power supply will improve the overall quality of life in our communities. Criminal Justice Reform: Our current system operates as a for-profit enterprise instead of a center to rehabilitate and retrain. Our prisons should not be deemed successful based on number of people inside them.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> KEYON PAYTON 6582 Noble Rd. West Bloomfield, MI 48322</p>	<p>Website: www.keyonpayton.com Facebook: http://Facebook.com/electpayton Twitter: twitter.com/ElectPayton Occupation / Current Position: Senior Pastor Education: Diploma, Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School Bachelor of Arts, Morehouse College Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary Qualifications / Experience: Former Elementary School Teacher, Former School Board Official and President, Pontiac Promise Zone Board Member, former Midwest Outreach Director for AIPAC, Community Activist and Organizer.</p>	<p>Education: Invest in early childhood and universal preschool. Secure adequate and equitable funding for all students. Workforce Development: Increase funding for skilled trade training and certification programs. Support free access to community college. Infrastructure: Review and revise PA 51. Invest in clean water, renewable energy and regional transit.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> KERMIT WILLIAMS 900 MLK Jr. Blvd. S. Apt. A102 Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>Website: Wwww.kermitforstaterep.com Facebook: http://Kermitwilliamsfor29thDistrict Twitter: twitter.com/Tweetkermit Occupation / Current Position: Pontiac City Council President. Community Outreach Specialist Education: B.A. Speech Comm/Theatre from Siena Heights University. Non-Profit Managment Certificate from Oakland University Qualifications / Experience: 3 terms on Pontiac City Councilman, Former President of Young Democrats of Michigan Questions:</p>	<p>Bring Power and Control back to Local Government. We will address this by fixing revenue sharing and repealing the Emergency manger laws. Stop Profit over Public Education: Providing Equitable Education for All Students. -We will address setting classroom maximums of no more than 21 children in a class for example.</p>

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