

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –
DISTRICT 40

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.

For additional candidate responses to questions on specific policy areas, go to VOTE411.org

8 Candidates for MICHIGAN HOUSE for ONE 2-year term

6 Republicans and 2 Democrats are running for this office

CANDIDATES for <u>MICHIGAN HOUSE</u>	Biographical information:	Question 1:
ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>		What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?
<i>Republican</i> MIKE BANERIAN 2950 Woodcreek Way Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304	Website: www.MikeforMI.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MikeForMI/ Twitter: twitter.com/mbanerian Occupation / Current Position: Vice-President of Hye Quality Wines Candidate for State House Full-Time Education: B.A. Political Science - Oakland University Qualifications / Experience: Vice-President of Hye Quality Wines Founder/President of "Bloomfield Voice" community PAC Former Youth Vice-Chair for the Michigan Republican Party Former Education Coordinator for Patriot Week Member of Board of Directors for Crossroads Care Center Member of Michigan's Electoral College for the 2016 Presidential Election Various work on campaigns and organizations in Michigan and nationally	Roads: Reform our building standards, weight limits, and our broken road funding allocation system established under Public Act 51. Education: Reform our curriculum standards to teach our students important skills that our economy is in desperate need of, as well as basic personal skills on life and finance that prepares our students for the real world. Also focus on increased funding, which includes restoring funding protections that were taken away from our community. Taxes: Responsibly cut our state income tax to 3.9% (or more) to make our state more competitive as well as fulfill a promise made to us.

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<p><i>Republican</i> MALISSA BOSSARDET 1709 Orchard Ln. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301</p>	<p>Website: www.votebossardet.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MalissaForStateHouse/ Twitter: twitter.com/Malissa151 Occupation / Current Position: Current: I am campaigning full-time. Previous: Director of Business Development, Compound Pharmacy Education: Bachelors from Indiana University, Bloomington Qualifications / Experience: I have 30+ years of leadership and business experience. Through my real world experience, I have a greater understanding of how public policies will impact our residents. I understand the importance of collaboration and working together to bring common sense solutions to the issues we are facing as a state. Most importantly as a mother of three teenagers, I have learned the art of negotiation.</p>	<p>1. Fixing our roads-We must make road quality our priority by ensuring transportation taxes go to roads, increasing the urban factor formula from 10 to 13% (Public Act 51, 1951), building roads using materials that are made to last, and ensuring warranties are enforced. 2. Education that benefits everyone- We need to focus on early literacy because currently only 44% of Michigan third graders are proficient in reading. 3. Prepare our students for the workforce- We need to bring skilled trades training and certification to the high school. Our current education system needs to teach to the strengths of each student.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> PAUL SECREST 5801 Gilbert Lk. Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301</p>	<p>Website: https://paulsecrestforstaterep.com/ Occupation / Current Position: Retired-Chrysler Purchasing Purchased Chrysler's most complex systems-\$300-400 million annual buys. Education: BA-History-major , Economics-minor-Teaching Degree DePauw University Greencastle, IN MBA-Finance Indiana University-Bloomington, IN Qualifications / Experience: I have always read a great deal and have a very strong history and business background which will allow me to vote wisely and propose constructive legislation. Good government entails recognizing current and future problems and legislating sound, cost effective solutions. Please visit my website where I clearly spell out my positions-hopefully you will find them well thought out.</p>	<p>I have four-education is below. Car Insurance-Michigan has the nation's highest auto insurance rates (\$2,400 per car verses Ohio's \$900-a \$1,500 difference). Will work with other legislators to substitute Ohio's laws for Michigan's. Immigration-Despite the tough rhetoric, very few people are being deported. The world sees this and numbers are rapidly increasing again. The states must lead on real enforcement. Amazon-John D. Rockefeller monopolized the oil business. Amazon is on its way to monopolizing all consumer purchases with autos being the prized product. Michigan needs to start reigning in Amazon</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> PAUL TAROS 1288 Bird Ave. Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p>Website: www.TeamPaulTaros.com Facebook: http://www.Facebook.com/PaulTarosDist40 Twitter: twitter.com/PaulTarosDist40 Occupation / Current Position: President/CPA at Taros & Associates, PC Certified Public Accountants Education: MBA from Wayne State University and a BBA from the University of Michigan Qualifications / Experience: Paul Taros attended the first tea party rally held September 12, 2009 on the National Mall and many other rallies. He spent 24 hours straight being a poll watcher at the Pontiac absentee ballot location. Even though the Democrat poll watcher left at 9 pm, he remained there until they finished at 7 am the following day. He also hosts a political talk show called Tough Talk with Taros.</p>	<p>My top 3 priorities are taxes, education and infrastructure. I pledge not to raise or vote for any new taxes. We need to improve education by repealing Common Core and returning to classical education techniques. We need to increase road funding by making it a higher priority in the state budget. In addition, I would vote to end the Strategic Fund and the MEDC and put that money into our roads and infrastructure. We need to start using the latest materials and techniques in building our roads and require warranties longer than the current 5 years.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> DAVID WOLKINSON P. O. Box 2024 Birmingham, MI 48012</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> JOE ZANE P. O. Box 710 Birmingham, MI 48012</p>	<p>Website: www.ElectZane.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ElectZane Twitter: twitter.com/GIJoeZane Occupation / Current Position: IT Manager, LAN Planning Team, FCA US/Chrysler (through January). IT Consultant (through present) Education: BS, Mathematics, US Naval Academy. MA, American Studies, University of Heidelberg (Germany). MA, International Relations, University of Oklahoma. Qualifications / Experience: As an IT Manager at FCA and a father, I understand the challenges facing our state. Moreover, in the Marines, we were single-mindedly focused on mission accomplishment, and I'll bring the same attitude to Lansing. Character matters. In a field of candidates who claim to have the country's best interests in mind, I'm the only one who volunteered to put my life on the line to defend our way of life.</p>	<p>1. Infrastructure: We need to move to a public/private infrastructure model that is funded by usage fees. The current scheme of gas taxes is unsustainable in a world of increasingly fuel-efficient cars. With the right system, the fees collected could be fed back into actual roads that are used, increasing efficiency. 2. Education: My main focus would be in introducing metrics that are tied to genuine success. More on that later in the survey. 3. Economic Development: We need to build an entrepreneurial culture and ecosystem. For that, the state needs a multi-pronged approach. More detail in the "Economy" prompt.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> NICOLE BEDI P. O. Box 648 Birmingham, MI 48012</p>	<p>Website: www.votebedi.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/votebedi Twitter: twitter.com/votebedi Occupation / Current Position: Registered dietitian, Mom. Education: Lincoln Park High School (1996), Michigan State University, BS in Dietetics, BS in Psychology (2001), Massachusetts General Hospital Dietetic Internship (2002) Qualifications / Experience: I am a registered dietitian with 17 years of experience in healthcare, working in advanced nutrition support. I have been successful in academic nutrition from scientific research and publishing. I have spent the last three years with Moms Demand Action building our local grassroots movement of citizens advocacy for safer gun laws.</p>	<p>1. Promote and pass sensible gun reform: Every firearm sold should require a background check. I support Red Flag legislation, disarming domestic abusers, raising the purchase age, and child access prevention laws. 2. Invest in and fix our infrastructure: Our roads, bridges and water systems are in dire need of repair now, and we need to be able to fund them, including having heavy trucks and corporations paying their share. 3. Support and strengthen our schools: by devoting the school aid fund back to our schools, addressing our broken funding system, and respecting teachers expertise, and providing good wages.</p>

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<p>Democrat MARI MANOOGIAN P. O. Box 1234 Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p>Website: www.mariformi.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/mariformichigan Twitter: twitter.com/marimanoogian Occupation / Current Position: Foreign Policy Professional/full-time candidate Education: BA, International Affairs, Security Policy, Journalism and Mass Communications, The George Washington University MA, Global Communication, Public Diplomacy, The George Washington University Qualifications / Experience: Began her career in the offices of Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI), and U.S. Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power. Mari worked in the Educational and Cultural Affairs and Information Resource Management bureaus at the U.S. Department of State. Mari worked as a business consultant to the International Olympic Committee at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.</p>	<p>First, we need to take the profit motive out of our children’s education by fully-funding public schools, in our state, and creating an “off-ramp” so for-profit operators no longer administer charter schools. Second, I will prioritize funding local governments, fulfilling a long-broken promise, so we can fix our roads and fund our health departments. Finally, I want to protect our environment, so we all will have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, by investing in quality water infrastructure, and staffing the Michigan DEQ with public servants who will give us honest answers about environmental challenges.</p>

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