

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –
DISTRICT 41**

**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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4 Candidates for MICHIGAN HOUSE for ONE 2-year term

3 Republicans and 1 Democrat 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>Republican ETHAN BAKER 2820 W. Maple Rd. Ste. 243 Troy, MI 48084</p>	<p>Website: www.EthanBakerMI.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/ebaker4michigan Twitter: twitter.com/ebaker4michigan Occupation / Current Position: Troy City Councilman; Attorney/Business Owner Education: Juris Doctorate, Whittier College School of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Southern California Qualifications / Experience: Troy City Councilman – Ethan has been a principled and dedicated public servant, committed to a robust and growing business environment, along with safe and community-centered neighborhoods for individuals and families; Troy Attorney specializing in Elder Law & Estate Planning, Business Law, and Real Estate; Special Assistant to President & Mrs. Ronald Reagan in their post-presidential office</p>	<p>Roads & Infrastructure-We need to prioritize our spending to ensure proper funding. We need to amend Act 51 so that distribution of dollars is not solely based on miles of roads, but includes some equation for use of roads and density. - Economy-Our economy has come a long way, but we need to make sure we continue with policies that encourage growth and not discourage it. - Transparency-Our state government is 50th in the nation for transparency. Reform can help to restore faith and trust in our government. -Auto Insurance Reform-Rates are too high! We need to protect those in need, but also reduce rates for the rest.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> RONALD DWYER 2836 Winter Dr. Troy, MI 48083</p>	<p>Qualifications / Experience: I have 30 years of professional business experience and leadership. As an independent insurance agent for 27 years I have the experience and knowledge to offer viable plans on fixing Michigan's automobile insurance problems. As a business networker and an active member in the interfaith community, I have the ability to communicate with people of all professional and ethnic backgrounds.</p>	<p>1) Michigan's failing automobile insurance program. We need better fee scheduling so rates are uniform for those insured and not insured. Also we need tort reform.. Many trial attorneys know the benchmark where insurance companies would rather settle than go to trial. 2) Our roads. We must make sure our taxes are going to roads not to fund other departments. We must also increase the funding that goes to our roads. Currently the urban factor (PA 51 1951)is 10% for roads this should be increased to 15%. 3) Education- Throwing more money isn't the issue. Better Training for teachers and local control of schools.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> DOUG TIETZ 5833 Bingham Dr. Troy, MI 48085</p>	<p>Website: www.VoteDougTietz.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/votedougietz Occupation / Current Position: Owner of a Marketing Business; District Director, Congressman Dave Trott Education: Graduate of the University of Michigan Qualifications / Experience: Doug has the proven experience necessary to solve problems in Lansing. In all his elected positions Doug has cut taxes, fought against increased spending, and listened to the concerns of voters (Oakland County Commission, 2016-Present; Troy City Council, 2011-2015) Doug is a member of Oakland County's "40 under 40" program and Chairman of Troy Community Foundation. Married with two children.</p>	<p>Roads: Lansing politicians have no problem finding money to spend on special interest projects, but can't find the funding to fix roads. Let's dedicate all tax revenue generated by fuel sales (including revenue generated from state sales taxes on gasoline) to fix our roads. Fix the Car Insurance System: Michigan is the heart of the auto industry, but has the most expensive car insurance costs in the nation. Doug will root out insurance fraud and over-billing, and he'll limit trial lawyers from profiting at the taxpayers' expense. Schools: Make sure that schools receive the funding they need to help students thrive</p>

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<p>Democrat PADMA KUPPA P. O. Box 1874 Troy, MI 48099</p>	<p>Website: www.electpadmakuppa.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/electpadmakuppa/ Twitter: twitter.com/electpadmakuppa Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for State Rep. Education: Padma Kuppa received a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from REC Warangal, India, in 1988, the first woman in the history of the college to do so. Qualifications / Experience: Padma Kuppa is an engineer, wife, mother, civic leader and 20-year Troy resident. Professional: Locally owned small business to FCA to Ally Financial, as a Systems Integration Manager, Project Manager, Business Analyst. Civic: Troy Ethnic Issues Advisory Board, Troy Community Coalition, various PTA Boards, Planning Commissioner, ZBA, MI Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion, Troy Historic Society</p>	<p>1. Improve public education. To close the opportunity gap, we must have accessible, affordable, high-quality education. Every student must have access to a public education system that gives them 21st-century skills. 2. Fix our infrastructure with long-term solutions: reduce weight limits on trucks, hold contractors accountable for their work, and increase our overweight truck fines. 3. Protect our environment through science-based policy. On Planning Commission, I've protected green space while promoting development. I've also worked to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices.</p>

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