

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**MICHIGAN SENATE – DISTRICT 14**

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

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY for ALL partisan offices on ballot.

**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](http://VOTE411.org)**

**5 Candidates for MICHIGAN SENATE for ONE 4-year term**  
**2 Republicans and 3 Democrats are running for this office**

<u>CANDIDATES for MICHIGAN SENATE</u>	Biographical information:	Question 1:
ONE 4-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> <b>KATHERINE HOUSTON</b> 1035 Groveland Pines Dr. Ortonville, MI 48462	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>RUTH JOHNSON</b> 8500 Gail Dr. Holly, MI 48442	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Democrat</i> <b>CRIS RARIDEN</b> 3339 Pine Villa Ct. Grand Blanc, MI 48439	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.rariden4senate.com">https://www.rariden4senate.com</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Retired <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Science, Sociology <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Caseworker in a Homeless Shelter for women and children. Teaching Parent in a group home for teenagers who were placed there by the Courts or the Mental Health System. Caseworker in a Residential Treatment Center for children from abusive and neglectful homes. Genesee County Jail Guard. Student Liaison Coordinator at Reid Elementary School in Grand Blanc. Elected Township Clerk.	My top three state legislative priorities are Education, Economic Justice, and Equality. I would address each of these issues with a comprehensive public awareness campaign that speaks to flaws in the system and provides real opportunities for correction. For too long we have just tried to put patches, and Band-Aids, on huge, gaping, wounds and pretend that we took care of the problem. Instead of looking the other way, we need to say what we see and then make the real changes that will uplift our society.

## MICHIGAN SENATE (Continued)

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<b>Democrat</b> <b>JASON B. WAISANEN</b> 2157 Russell St. Grand Blanc, MI 48439	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<b>Democrat</b> <b>RENEE WATSON</b> 13041 Lockmoore Dr. Grand Blanc, MI 48439	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.renee4senate.com">http://www.renee4senate.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://Renee4District14">http://Renee4District14</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/renee4senate">twitter.com/renee4senate</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce - Procurement Counselor and Shared Services Coordinator <b>Education:</b> Masters of Public Administration, Central Michigan University Bachelors of Science in Family Science, Central Michigan University Mayo Clinic Medical School Wellness Coach Reiki Master Teacher <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Grand Blanc Community Schools Board of Education/Treasurer May 2009-July 2011 Michigan Certified Board Member 2010 Campaign to Elect Rick Snyder for Michigan Governor, Regional Director Genesee County Poll Watcher and Election Challenger Precinct Delegate	My top three priorities for Michigan and for District 14 are Education, Infrastructure and Economic Development. I support providing an education in which all students have the resources needed to thrive in the classroom. Infrastructure improvements are at a critical time. My experience working in Flint, driving down any road and crossing crumbling bridges, we demand results. In Michigan, companies are having difficulties finding skilled employees. As State Senator, I will foster an environment where businesses can grow and families will thrive. Citizens are demanding better results.

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