

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
MICHIGAN SENATE – DISTRICT 15

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

3 Candidates for MICHIGAN SENATE for ONE 4-year term

2 Republicans and 1 Democrat are running for this office

CANDIDATES for <u>MICHIGAN SENATE</u>	Biographical information:	Question 1:
<p>ONE 4-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> JIM RUNESTAD 2210 Teggerdine Rd. White Lake, MI 48386</p>	<p>Website: RunWithRunestad.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/RunWithRunestad/ Twitter: twitter.com/RunWithRunestad Occupation / Current Position: Current State Representative for House District 44 Education: Graduated from Central Michigan with a B.S. in Education with a concentration in History, Economics and Politics. Qualifications / Experience: I have owned my own business, Runestad Financial Associates, for 13+ years. I am a former three term Oakland County Commissioner and I am the current two term State Representative for House District 44.</p>	<p>1) Fixing our roads by re-prioritizing our budget and moving infrastructure funding to the head of the line. I believe a thorough review of PA 51 must be conducted to see if there is a more equitable way to fund our roads. After 67 years, PA 51 is no longer a fair or equitable way to fund our roads. 2) Workforce and talent development. There are so many unfilled jobs in our state that don't require a traditional four year education that we must look for ways to train and teach our students to meet the needs of employers. 3) Cutting taxes and regulations that put a strain on Michigan families and small businesses.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> MIKE SAARI 1902 Dawn Ridge Rd. Commerce, MI 48390</p>	<p>Website: https://oaklandhi.wixsite.com/saari Facebook: http://Mike SAARI for Michigan Senate 2018 Occupation / Current Position: Self Employed Education: Michigan State University (Law Degree) Qualifications / Experience: Prior candidate for State Representative #39 district. (2014)</p>	<p>Police Officer accountability and liability. Part time legislature. Marijuana (Legalize) Civil Asset Forfeiture Laws (Against)</p>

MICHIGAN SENATE (Continued)

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<p><i>Democrat</i> JULIA PULVER 6710 Buckland Ave. West Bloomfield, MI 48324</p>	<p>Website: www.juliapulver.com Facebook: http://Facebook.com/VotePulver Twitter: twitter.com/VotePulver Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner, HPS Consulting, LLC Education: Bachelors of Nursing Qualifications / Experience: I am a registered nurse, small business owner, organizer and mother of four. I know how to take multiple needs into account and get things done!</p>	<p>My top priority is healthcare. I'm proposing a Michigan Public Healthcare Option be offered, and the people be given the right to opt into a public system. (#MIPublicOption) My next priority is education. My next priority is education. In general, Michigan's public schools are in dire straits. Kids are not getting the education they once did, and it's getting worse every year. We need a major shift in our educational priorities. We need to prioritize children over corporations. My third top priority is updating our crumbling infrastructure with a focus on long term, sustainable systems that will last.</p>

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