

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –  
DISTRICT 11**

**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 preceding Libertarians.**

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**11 Candidates for U.S. HOUSE for ONE 2-year term**

**5 Republicans, 5 Democrats, and 1 Libertarian are running for this office**

<b>CANDIDATES for U.S. HOUSE</b>  <b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Biographical information:</b>	<b>Question 1:</b>  <b>What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?</b>
<b>Republican</b> <b>KERRY BENTIVOLIO</b> 260 White Pine Trl. Milford, MI 48381	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.kerrybforcongress.com">www.kerrybforcongress.com</a> . <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://TeamBentivolio.com">http://TeamBentivolio.com</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/repkerryb">twitter.com/repkerryb</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Retired <b>Education:</b> Masters Degree, B.A. Degree, AA Degree <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Former Member of the 113th U.S. Congress, U. S. House of Representatives. Passed 3 Bills with 100% Bi-partisan support (no other first term congressman was as effective in last 50 years-per US House historian. Teacher of History, English and CAD. Served as Army Representative for 10,000 soldiers to 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters in LSA Adder Iraq.	1. Protecting our border, 2. cutting government waste-previously given 100% Score for Cutting Government waste (CCAGW). 3. Government transparency and accountability-rated 2nd MOST Transparent member of 113th Congress. 4. Pass my "Read the Bills Act," Pass "Single Issue Bills Act".

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>LENA EPSTEIN</b> P. O. Box 339 Troy, MI 48099</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://lenaforcongress.com">https://lenaforcongress.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/LenaforCongress/">http://www.facebook.com/LenaforCongress/</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/LenaEpstein">twitter.com/LenaEpstein</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation <b>Education:</b> BA in Economics - Harvard University MBA - University of Michigan's Ross School of Business <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> When I took over Vesco Oil we employed 100 people and had \$100 million in annual revenue. Today, we employ over 200 people and exceed \$200 million in annual revenue. I have a unique perspective as a millennial, mother, and business leader. I understand the difficulties that come with trying to run a business in today's economy. And, I believe that Washington, D.C. needs outsiders to clean it up.</p>	<p>1) Reform healthcare 2) Bolster Infrastructure 3) Strengthen the US - Israel relationship</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>KLINT KESTO</b> 4636 Rosewood Ln. West Bloomfield, MI 48323</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.klintkesto.com">www.klintkesto.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/KlintKestoMI/">http://www.facebook.com/KlintKestoMI/</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/KlintKesto">twitter.com/KlintKesto</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> State Representative, MI-39th <b>Education:</b> University of Michigan (LSA), Ann Arbor, 08/1999 – 12/2002 B.A. Political Science Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, 08/2003 – 05/2006 J.D. <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> I served as a criminal prosecutor who took on violent crime, consumer fraud, domestic violence and political corruption. I previously owned and operated a family-owned small business — exactly the kind of business that powers growth and jobs in America. I currently serve in the Michigan House of Representatives where I Chair the Committee on Judiciary. I am on Health Pol, Elections, Reg. Affairs.</p>	<p>My top three priorities are: Immigration Reform and Border Security, Tax Reform, and Improvements to our crumbling roads and infrastructure.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>MIKE KOWALL</b> 2333 Cumberland Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.mikekowallforcongress.com <b>Facebook:</b> http://www.facebook.com/MikeKowall4MI/ <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/mikekowall <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Senate Floor Majority Leader/State Senator <b>Education:</b> Oakland Community College, Carpentry and Woodworking Apprenticeship <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Mike Kowall is the Senate Majority Floor Leader, charged with pushing through pro-jobs legislation in Lansing to help grow our economy in Southeast Michigan. In his second term, Mike got involved in public service after a successful career as president of a family-owned business, Accurate Woodworking, Inc.</p>	<p>Infrastructure, skilled trade education, and protecting our Great Lakes. Currently our infrastructure is crumbling around us; our roads, but also the water and sewage systems that are underneath our cities need to be fixed, replaced, and improved. We need more skilled trade education to get our kids trained properly. Many employers here in Michigan offer great, high paying jobs but are unable to find qualified applicants. Ensuring the safety and quality of our Great Lakes is paramount. We live here, this is our home, we can not be giving away our water or allowing other states and nations to misuse our resources.</p>
<p><b>Republican</b> <b>ROCKY RACZKOWSKI</b> 700 E. Big Beaver Rd. Ste. F Troy, MI 48083</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.rockyworksforus.com <b>Facebook:</b> http://Rocky Raczkowski <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/rockyworksforus <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> President, Imperium Logistics LLC <b>Education:</b> BA (Poly Sci/Psychology), Eastern MI Univ MA (Completed non-graduate), Central MI Univ JD (Law Studies), Michigan State Univ MA (National Defense), US Army Command &amp; General Staff College <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> As the only candidate with multi-faceted real world experience, I have created jobs as a Business Owner. Having led and owned two multi-million dollar companies with great success, we hired and created opportunities for individuals. I also served in the Military, for over 26 years, and Led soldiers during peacetime, as well as in combat. Lastly, I also served in office as a former Majority Leader</p>	<p>The three legislative priorities for our district are dealing with the National Debt, fixing our broken immigration system and improving our national defense. The National Debt must be controlled by bringing back regular order to balanced budgets. Furthermore, we must mandate that spending not exceeded economic growth, thus securing our economy from collapse and preserving Social Security and Medicare for those that paid into the system. We must end sanctuary cities and stop illegal immigration by enforcing US Employment Laws. As for our defense, we must audit the Pentagon spending and priorities of action.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>TIM GREIMEL</b>                      P. O. Box 700                      Troy, Mi 48099</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.timgreimelforcongress.com">www.timgreimelforcongress.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/tim.greimel.3/">http://www.facebook.com/tim.greimel.3/</a>  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> State Representative in the Michigan Legislature.  <b>Education:</b> J.D., University of Michigan Law School, Masters of Public Policy, University of Michigan, B.A. Political Science and Economics, University of Michigan.  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> State Representative, Oakland County Commission, Rochester School Board.</p>	<p>I will work to give middle class Americans a leg up. First, we must build on the successes of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Social Security and oppose any effort to privatize Medicare, so that every American has access to quality affordable healthcare and a secure retirement. Second, we must give workers the education and training they need to succeed in the economy of the future by increasing investments in career and technical education. Finally, we must raise the federal minimum wage and index it to inflation. I've won victories on all of these issues in the state legislature, and I'll do the same in Congress.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>SUNEEL GUPTA</b>                      P. O. Box 530955                      Livonia, MI 48153</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://suneelgupta.com">suneelgupta.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://facebook.com/guptaforcongress">http://facebook.com/guptaforcongress</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/suneel">twitter.com/suneel</a>  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Congressional candidate  <b>Education:</b> University of Michigan-Dearborn, BBA, Information Systems Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, MBA Northwestern University Law School, JD  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> At RISE, the company I founded with my brother, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, I used new technology to deliver affordable healthcare and in 2016, First Lady Michelle Obama made Rise her team's official technology partner. As Groupon's first VP of Product Development, I helped create thousands of good-paying jobs. I also worked at Mozilla to protect work on net neutrality.</p>	<p>We need to fix our healthcare system so that everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare all while reducing costs for taxpayers, which can be done through allowing Medicare to negotiate down drug costs and putting greater focus on preventative care. I also believe that every child has a right to a world-class education regardless of zip code. We need to invest in our schools and teachers, and ensure that not a dime of taxpayer money goes to for-profit charter schools. It's also past time to tackle safety and equality, not just in the office, but on campus and in the public sphere.</p>

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<p><b>Democrat</b>  <b>FAYROUZ SAAD</b>  P. O. Box 90  Northville, MI 48167</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.fayrouzsaad.com  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/FayrouzSaadForCongress/">http://www.facebook.com/FayrouzSaadForCongress/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/saadforcongress  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Director of Immigrant Affairs, Detroit Mayor's Office (most recent)  <b>Education:</b> Harvard Kennedy School, Masters in Public Administration University of Michigan, B.A. in Psychology and Political Science  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> As Detroit's Director of Immigrant Affairs, Fayrouz worked with Mayor Mike Duggan to put inclusive values and small business development at the heart of the city's revival. And at the Dept. of Homeland Security under President Obama, she fought for the Gulf Coast recovery and fair, effective community policing. Fayrouz is the proud daughter of immigrants, and a graduate of Michigan public schools.</p>	<p>The stakes of this election are unbelievably high. Quality, affordable healthcare as a right, not a privilege. A living wage for all who work. And turning the tide on the Trump administration's daily assault on our values, our communities, and facts themselves. These fights are personal to me. And I'm the only candidate in this race with the local, state and national experience to take on the full breadth of challenges we face. The American Dream doesn't preserve itself. If we want to pass it on, we need a new generation of leadership—one that reflects America—fighting for it in Washington. And I'm ready to fight.</p>
<p><b>Democrat</b>  <b>NANCY SKINNER</b>  P. O. Box 288  Birmingham, MI 48012</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.skinnerforcongress.com  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/nancypersisted/">http://www.facebook.com/nancypersisted/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/ClimateTalker  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Climate Talk Radio on hiatus, I'm caregiver for my both my 87 yr. mom and Dad who passed on the 11th  <b>Education:</b> Bishop Foley High School, Madison Heights, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> As a Finance major from U of M, I decided to use those skills to help transition a dirty fossil fuel economy to a clean energy one. I've won a Presidential award rebuilding flooded towns as models, helped business adopt sustainability, have a decade of communications experience on nat'l TV and radio, and have run twice before in this district in very close races in 2006 and 2014 so I can Flip 11th</p>	<p>Climate Change is the biggest problem and the biggest opportunity to use innovation to create whole new industries; I support bi-partisan legislation that taxes the big carbon polluters and gives 100% of that tax back to taxpayers. I'll shut down Endbrige Line 5. Healthcare. My plan, "America" Choice" allows the federal gov't to compete with ALL private insurers. The buying power of the gov't will bring down the outrageous costs of health insurance and prescription drugs. Income Inequality: The biggest economic threat we face. A \$15 min wage, investment in sustainable infrastructure; smart grid, advanced roads =jobs</p>

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<p><b>Democrat</b> <b>HALEY STEVENS</b> 33717 Woodward Ave. #539 Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.haleystevensforcongress.com <b>Facebook:</b> http://www.facebook.com/HaleyStevensForCongress/ <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/HaleyLive <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Digital manufacturing advisor and candidate for Congress <b>Education:</b> American University - Undergraduate and Graduate degrees <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Chief of Staff to President Obama's Auto Rescue that helped save over 200,000 jobs</p>	<p>My priorities in Congress are clear: help create jobs, lower health care costs, and fix Michigan's roads. I remember 2009 -- economists were singing Detroit's swan song. The auto industry was in crisis. Analysts wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt. I disagreed: I believed then, as I do today, that Detroit hustles harder. So I went to Washington and hustled, serving as chief of staff for President Obama's auto rescue that helped save more than 200,000 jobs. Today we face a different kind of crisis -- his name is Donald Trump. I'm running for Congress to stand up to his reckless agenda and fight for Michigan again.</p>
<p><b>Libertarian</b> <b>LEONARD SCHWARTZ</b> 14441 Labelle Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.LeonardSchwartz.us <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/LenSchwartz3 <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Retired professor of business law &amp; economics <b>Education:</b> BA, U. of Chicago; MA, Johns Hopkins U.; JD, Wayne State U. Law School <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> My opponents think they can spend your money &amp; manage your life better than you can. I'm not a busybody. I don't want to spend your money or manage your life. I don't &amp; won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life.</p>	<p>(1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. (2) Repeal civil asset forfeiture laws, which allow the government to confiscate your property without even accusing you of committing a crime. (3) Oppose foreign quagmires &amp; trade wars.</p>

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