

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –  
DISTRICT 8**

**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 preceding Libertarians.**

**For additional candidate responses to questions on specific policy areas, go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)**

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

**2 Republicans, 2 Democrats, and 1 Libertarian are running for this office**

<b>CANDIDATES for U.S. HOUSE</b>	<b>Biographical information:</b>	<b>Question 1: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?</b>
<p><b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>		
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>MIKE BISHOP</b> P. O. Box 1148 Brighton, MI 48116</p>	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>LOKESH KUMAR</b> 3340 Pinetree Rd. Lansing, MI 48911</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://lokeshkumar.org">lokeshkumar.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ElectLokeshKumar/">https://www.facebook.com/ElectLokeshKumar/</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://facebook.com/ElectLokeshKumar/">http://facebook.com/ElectLokeshKumar/</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/LokeshKumarMI">twitter.com/LokeshKumarMI</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Business Owner <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Science</p>	<p>Tax reduction to 15% : Household spending has increased recently by 25% putting many households in the Red. We already pay 8% to Social Security, 6% to sales tax, 5% to property tax, 4% to Michigan income tax, and 30% to federal income tax. Based on average household income, that's a total of roughly 50% in taxes. Bring manufacturing jobs back to America : NAFTA is 24 years old and WTO is 17 years. Since these two treaties, our high paying manufacturing jobs have relentlessly migrated to low cost countries creating severe hardship for our families and towns. Deregulation of healthcare and pharmaceutical industry</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>ELISSA SLOTKIN</b>                      P. O. Box 244                      Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.elissaforcongress.com">www.elissaforcongress.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/elissaslotkinforcongress/">http://www.facebook.com/elissaslotkinforcongress/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ElissaSlotkin">twitter.com/ElissaSlotkin</a>  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> National security expert, candidate for Congress for Michigan's 8th district  <b>Education:</b> Bachelor's Degree, Cornell University; Masters of International Affairs, Columbia University  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> I am a third-generation Michigander and I have spent my career in national service. I joined the CIA after 9/11 and served three tours in Iraq alongside our military. I worked for both the Bush and Obama administrations at the White House and at the Pentagon. I have significant experience bringing distrustful parties together to develop creative options and negotiate real-world solutions.</p>	<p>I have spent my career protecting our country, and my goal, if elected, is to protect our livelihood here in Michigan. To do that, we must be laser-focused on the issues that impact our pocketbooks and our kids: lowering the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs and fixing our crumbling roads and water infrastructure. But beyond the issues, I have made it a priority to bring a true sense of public service back to our Congress. In my three tours in Iraq, I was never asked about my political party. The only thing that mattered was the mission. I commit to bringing that same mission-focus to Congress.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>CHRIS SMITH</b>                      P. O. Box 4100                      East Lansing, MI 48826</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ChrisSmithforMich.com">www.ChrisSmithforMich.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ChrisSmithforCongress/">http://www.facebook.com/ChrisSmithforCongress/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ChrisSmith2018">twitter.com/ChrisSmith2018</a>  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Professor, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice  <b>Education:</b> Kalamazoo Central H.S., 1976; Harvard Univ., B.A., Government, 1980; Univ. of Bristol, M.Sc., Social Science, 1981; Univ. of Tennessee, J.D., 1984; Univ. of Connecticut, Ph.D., Political Science, 1988  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> More than 30 years of experience teaching and writing books about public policy and law, including the past 24 years at Michigan State University. Author or co-author of such books as: Courts and the Poor; Constitutional Rights: Myths &amp; Realities; Living Democracy; Courts and Public Policy; The American System of Criminal Justice; and The Supreme Court, Crime &amp; the Ideal of Equal Justice</p>	<p>I advocate single-payer universal HEALTH CARE: Medicare for All. This system will control medical and administrative costs. We can make prescription drugs affordable by using the power of the federal government. FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY depends on universal health care as well as free community college and technical training, \$15/hour minimum wage, support for childcare, and opportunities for student loan forgiveness. To protect THE ENVIRONMENT, there should be NO pipelines under the Great Lakes. We must rely on science, enforce environmental laws, and combat climate change, including more use of renewable energy.</p>

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<p><i>Libertarian</i> <b>BRIAN ELLISON</b> 26029 Delton St. Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p align="center"><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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