

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES –
DISTRICT 9**

**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

**4 Candidates for U.S. HOUSE for ONE 2-year term
1 Republican and 3 Democrats are running for this office**

CANDIDATES for U.S. HOUSE ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Biographical information:	Question 1: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?
Republican CANDIUS STEARNS 36537 Samoa Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48312	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
Democrat MARTIN BROOK 1332 Lake Crescent Dr. Bloomfield, MI 48302	Website: www.brookforcongress.com Facebook: http://brookforcongress Twitter: twitter.com/brook4congress Occupation / Current Position: Labor & Employment Attorney Education: 1987 B.A., Michigan State University - James Madison College; 1988 M.L.I.R., Michigan State University - School of Labor & Industrial Relations; 1996 J.D., University of Michigan Law School Qualifications / Experience: I am Michigan born and educated. Michigan resident near continuously since 1983. Working in Labor & Employment as HR Manager and Attorney since 1989. Volunteer community service includes: 6 years as elected Trustee, Bloomfield Hills Schools and Board President; Democratic Precinct Delegate; and moving force and drafter of legal reforms to make wage garnishments fair throughout the country.	My top priorities are focused upon one thing – making the economy work for all of us. To do so, I espouse the Three E's: (1) Economy/Employment. Reinvest in public infrastructure and public schools and restore balance between unions/management; (2) Education. In K-12, federal government should test less and help facilitate local education via funding for research, training, and equity. Further, I propose a national service program to earn or payoff college tuition; and (3) Environment. The Great Lakes are a jewel that we must protect and climate change is a real threat to our future.

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<p><i>Democrat</i> ANDY LEVIN P. O. Box 380381 Clinton, MI 48038</p>	<p>Website: www.andylevinforcongress.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/AndyLevinForCongress/ Twitter: twitter.com/Andy_Levin Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner, Levin Energy Partners President, Lean & Green Michigan Education: Berkley Public Schools, Williams College, University of Michigan, and Harvard Law School Qualifications / Experience: Deputy Director, Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Acting Director, Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Chief Workforce Officer, State of Michigan Staff Attorney, Presidential Commission on the Future of Worker-Management Relations</p>	<p>Health care: By fighting for Medicare for All and addressing the astronomical costs of prescription drugs. Education: By advocating for universal public education, starting with preschool and including excellent K-12 schools under local control with well-compensated teachers; adequate college funding so students aren't buried in debt; and apprenticeships offering training for middle skill jobs across many industries. Jobs: By supporting our energy, agriculture, transportation and health industries, investing in a skilled workforce, rebuilding our infrastructure, and protecting our natural resources.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> ELLEN LIPTON P. O. Box 578 Royal Oak, MI 48068</p>	<p>Website: www.EllenLipton.com Facebook: http://Facebook.com/EllenLiptonForCongress Twitter: twitter.com/RepLipton Occupation / Current Position: Patent Attorney Education: Harvard Law School, JD Patent & Trademark Law, 1992; Williams College, BS in Chemistry, 1988 Qualifications / Experience: Ellen Lipton is a scientist, patent attorney, former State Representative and mom of two. She served in Lansing from 2009-15 and led the fight against Betsy DeVos' efforts to destroy MI public schools. She is also the President and Founder of the Michigan Promise Zone Association, which oversees a program to provide free college and technical training to students in 10 zones around the state.</p>	<p>My top three priorities will be healthcare, education, and infrastructure. As a survivor of MS, I know how important it is that we achieve universal healthcare. I will be a fierce advocate for strong and safe public schools and free college. We need to invest more in our students and our teachers and provide everyone a path to college or a technical degree without the threat of crushing loan debt. And we need to put people back to work fixing our country's decaying infrastructure—we should focus on creating jobs with high wages and strong benefits while bringing our infrastructure into the 21st century.</p>

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