

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

*Michigan's 110 state representatives serve two-year terms in the lower house of the legislature. They must be registered voters and residents of the district they represent. Salary is \$27,000 plus \$5,200 expenses.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer each of the following questions in 50 words or less:

1. What changes, if any, would you propose in Michigan's taxation system? Why?
2. If budget reductions are needed in the

next fiscal year, which area(s) would you cut?

3. What should be the role of the state government in meeting Michigan's future energy needs?
4. What incentives, if any, should state government offer to private industry to encourage location in Michigan?
5. How can transportation systems throughout the state be equitably funded?
6. What do you feel would be appropriate state-level efforts to conserve agricultural lands?

24th District

William T. Roberts

Democrat, unopposed.

Richard D. Fessler

Republican, incumbent, unopposed.

60th District

Claude A. Trim

Democrat, incumbent, unopposed.

Sharyn Gidday

Republican, unopposed.

61st District

Joseph E. Smalley

Democrat, 21, of Oxford. Unemployed. Education: Oxford Area Community High School; two years at the College of the University of Chicago.

1. The most pressing change would be to repeal the single business tax. I don't favor any tax cut plan or the governor's tax reform because it would cause drastic upheavals in public services. By waiting, I believe we will see the "Headlee amendment" curtail excessive tax increases.

2. All departments would need to curtail spending by reducing services, but the areas needing the most critical survey are education and social services. Education is no longer educating the youth. The state could help recipients of social services by weaning them from public dependency. Both areas need reform.

3. Michigan's energy needs have been met by private concerns for many years and should continue to be so met. The Public Service Commission should allow them a fair profit, but the state should not give energy companies free rein in obtaining either fuels or funds.

4. The state can encourage industry by reducing taxes and reforming workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation. I think that these are the greatest obstacles to industrial growth.

5. The only truly equitable transportation systems are those funded locally. Any regional system needs to concentrate on existing population centers and not political aspirations. The goal should be to move as many people as efficiently as possible, from where they now are to where they need to be.

6. The greatest threat to the farmer is property taxes and inflation. The state government can help by creating a special assessment category for working farms, to encourage farmer co-operatives in the state, and to reduce government spending to help reduce inflation.

Alice Tomboulia

Democrat, incumbent, 46, of Rochester. State representative, January 1979-present; Oakland Township trustee, planning commissioner, 1972-78. Education: BA, 1953, MS, 1955, M.Ed., 1956. Qualifica-

tions: Member, Oakland county solid waste advisory group, 1977 - 1978; delegate, Council on Regional Development (SEMCOG), 1973-78.

1. I support a responsible tax shift plan for Michigan, including cutting the property tax which grows more unfair annually. Replacement money for local schools and state services must come from other tax sources. I support the coalition proposal with a modest sales tax increase. The Tisch proposal is definitely irresponsible.

2. An individual House member is not empowered to cut areas of the budget, since the appropriations process involves a complex consensus. All areas of the state budget are already being cut this fiscal year. It is only fair to expect similar levels of reduction from all departments of state government.

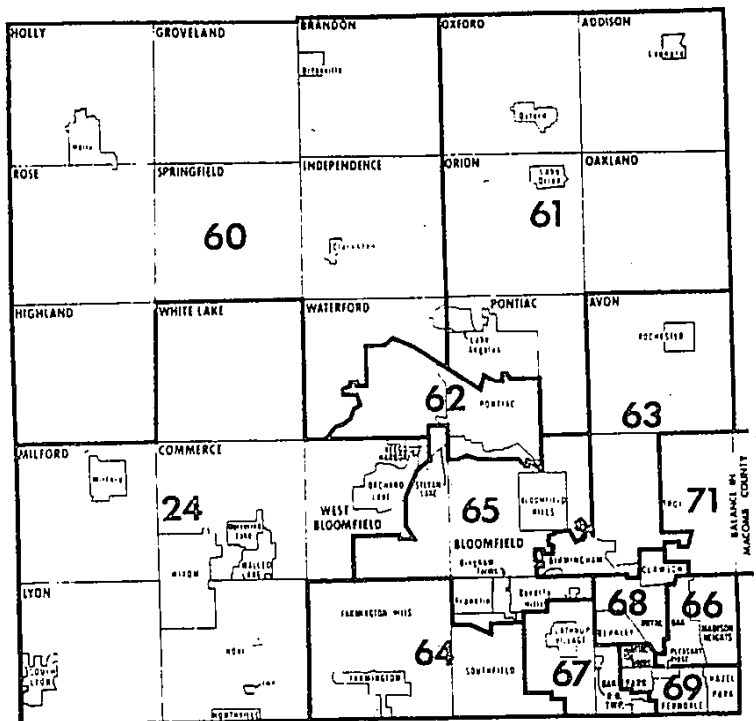
3. State government should provide a unified plan for meeting Michigan's future energy needs. Major emphasis should be on energy conservation with governmental incentives and regulations assuring compliance. Major emphasis should also be on renewable energy resources, primarily solar energy, along with gasohol, garbage incineration and wood, wind and water power.

4. The planned move of Pontiac's assembly plant, with the alternative threat of moving out-of-state, dramatizes the need for unified national strategies on private industry locations. States should not compete to provide incentives; all states should have equal incentives to retain private industry in the U.S. and compete with foreign countries.

5. Transportation systems in Michigan are currently funded through three primary sources: flat-rate gas and diesel fuel tax, vehicle weight tax, and sales tax on transportation related sales. The fuel taxes and the weight tax are regressive and need to be revamped to reflect value rather than gallons or weight.

6. The state first should declare a policy of preserving agricultural land. Second, state and private investment programs should emphasize urban areas, rather than spending money on converting farmland to other uses. Tax incentives for urban redevelopment, plus agricultural impact statements for suburban or rural development, will be two positive steps.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS



1 - DISTRICT NUMBER

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Thomas S. Barlow, Jr.

Republican, of Oxford. Material not available from candidate at time of printing.

Stanley M. Brown

Republican, 53, of Pontiac. Manufacturer, auto, aircraft parts New company created 20 new jobs; we project 100 new jobs within one year despite this morbid economy. Education: BA, Bowdoin College, business administration; New York University, humanities; University of Kentucky, political science. Qualifications: Former justice of the peace; president, property owners association; county planning commission; precinct, county, state delegate; former candidate state legislature; Air Force major.

1. Property tax cuts. True sunset law, welfare fraud cuts, percentage cut across-the-board.

2. See number 1.

3. Stop meddling with utilities. Let energy sources be found where they exist. Modern companies are conservation and consumer conscious.

4. Reduce workmen's compensation (one of the worst in the nation). Other and various tax incentives.

5. As presently is being done but without a Detroit subway.

6. Property tax cuts, stop inflation, otherwise farmers go broke and have to sell or are tempted to sell because of inflated prices of land.

Mat J. Dunaskiss

Republican, 28, of Lake Orion. Oakland County commissioner, District 3 (currently); teacher (previously for six years). Education: MA, University of Michigan. Qualifications: As county commissioner, I was chairperson of the general government committee.

1. I would want to be on the taxation committee to work on a recodification of our complicated tax law. Some of my goals would be to review and improve the state formula for financing education and to provide property tax relief.

2. Social services, which currently has the largest budget with the greatest amount of fraud. SEMTA, reducing funding specifically for the subway project.

3. The state should continue encouragement for the exploration of new sources through tax incentives. Tax incentives should continue for homeowners and business people who invest in energy saving projects and systems.

4. Workmen's compensation laws must be changed so that it becomes profitable to locate in Michigan. The state should also continue with our present system of providing support services.

5. As revenues from gas and weight taxes are decreasing due to smaller vehicles, I feel that raising the rate on the weight might be necessary. Favor this alternative over the inflationary suggestion of basing the rate on the vehicle cost. Also oppose 10 percent of these funds going to mass transit.

6. Property taxes on agricultural land should be reduced sufficiently to make operation profitable.

Douglas A. Fraser

Republican, 55, of Oxford. Small business owner. Education: Rochester High School; University of Missouri, BS, business administration. Qualifications: Past district governor of Rotary vestryman, St. Phillip Episcopal church; my wife and I have raised three sons; lifetime resident of the area.

1. As of this date, I feel the Tisch amendment is the best alternative be-

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