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commissioner, 1972-78. Education: BA, 1953, MS, 1955, M.Ed., 1956. Qualifications: 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.

## 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.

constitutes an automatic tax increase. Tax reform must produce a cut in the overall tax bill for the individual, shift school financing from the property owner and provide quality education.

2. Advocate across-the-board cuts in administrative costs to eliminate the waste inherent in government programs, cuts in grants to local government, elimination of abuse, fraud and overlap from welfare programs and the ending of costly state mandated education programs.

3. The state should coordinate efforts of existing agencies to provide incentives for conservation, to utilize available resources and to develop alternative sources of energy.

4. We must make the economic climate more favorable through reform of work-

ers' compensation and unemployment compensation laws, curb the excesses of regulatory agencies and offer temporary tax abatement incentives for new industries.

5. Transportation systems which address the needs of specific regions should be funded at the regional level. Statewide transportation systems should utilize the resources of the entire state.

6. We must ease the burden that increasing land prices—and the tax hikes which accompany them, place on farmers. To do this, we should utilize the Farmland Preservation Act. Preferential tax treatment could prove counterproductive by making farm land more attractive to speculators.

## 63rd District

### Paul F. Dain

Democrat, 36, of Birmingham. Government teacher. Education: BA, Western Michigan University, political science; MA, Wayne State University, social studies education. Qualifications: Member, NEA-MEA; past president, Decatur Education Association; basketball and track coach, Andover High School; Birmingham-Bloomfield Democratic Club.

1. The heavy reliance on the property tax must be shifted to a more equitable taxation system. I believe the current Executive-Legislature Tax Shift Proposal provides the most politically acceptable alternative to our current taxation structure.

2. The uncertainty of the Michigan economy and future taxation system prevent rational consideration of specific budget reductions other than the need to reduce inefficiencies in the delivery systems for state services. The last programs to be cut should be the ones that relate to human services, particularly those involving people who are suffering because of our current economic status.

3. The State Legislature must not allow energy needs to destroy progress in improving our environment. The legislature should take the lead in establishing laws that promote conservation while continuing to allow for the development of new energy sources. Adopt legislation that will prevent the building of nuclear power facilities.

4. The State Legislature should selectively provide tax incentives for both state and out-of-state industry to build in those areas of Michigan that are suffering the most from high unemployment.

5. The State Legislature must provide leadership in forming a state-wide transportation plan. The essential components: a) Adoption of the SEMTA plan. I support the subway as an investment in our urban center. In addition, the suburbs must receive more and improved bus and dial-a-ride services. b) New freeways contribute to further urban sprawl.

6. The Legislature should provide tax incentives to Michigan farmers to conserve and promote the use of agricultural lands in Michigan.

### Ruth B. McNamee

Republican, Incumbent, 56, of Birmingham. State legislator. Education: AB,

Bucknell University. Qualifications: Mayor, Birmingham; city commissioner; county supervisor; Board of Trustees, Michigan Municipal League; member, three Governor's Commissions, AAUW, League of Women Voters, Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee, vestryman, trustee of Episcopal Diocese.

1. Reflecting opinions of my constituents, I believe a tax cut sufficient to offset any form of tax shift is in order. The cut should be in the percentage of SEV. Personal exemptions should rise with inflation rate. The state should reimburse local units for any loss due to increased exemptions.

2. The budget has been cut this fiscal year! With falling revenues, more cutting may be needed in the next fiscal year. Some capital improvements in higher education can be postponed, fraud in welfare plugged, public assistance programs made more cost efficient and, if necessary, greater cuts in people and programs.

3. Government's role on future energy needs is to promote conservation, encourage research and development in all alternatives, such as the synthels, gasohol, solar, etc. Be selective in offering low interest grants for most promising alternative. Encourage co-generation plant design. Locate all future plants next to energy facilities.

4. State government is offering incentives to private industry through the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial District Act and through Economic Development Corporation Act. Enabling legislation which provides mechanisms to capture tax exempt federal bonds for public purposes so that local communities may determine their own destinies should be pursued.

5. To fund transportation systems equitably throughout the state, the flat rate tax on gasoline for transportation should be changed to a percentage of cost at the pump, earmarked for transportation needs. Even in a period of reduced consumption, this is more equitable. The distribution formula should be re-worked also.

6. To conserve agricultural land, the state should increase benefits under the Farm Land and Open Space Preservation Act, especially in lands adjacent to urban areas. To keep agriculture viable and in exchange for benefits derived under this act, there should be a binding long-term commitment from landowner.

## 62nd District

### Charlie Harrison Jr.

Democrat, incumbent, 48, of Pontiac. State representative. Education: Pontiac schools; Detroit Institute of Dry Cleaning; Wayne State University. Qualifications: Former director, nonprofit housing corporation; Oakland County commissioner; member, Michigan Association of Counties; alternate at 1972, delegate at 1976, 1978, 1980 National Democratic Conventions; member, Pontiac Democratic Club and Urban Coalition.

1. Michigan constitutional prohibition against a graduated income tax should be removed. Graduated income tax is a more progressive and equitable taxing mechanism than our current flat-rate income tax because it is based on ability to pay. Our property tax structure is in need of reform to ease tax impact on homeowners.

2. To offset increased costs of income maintenance programs during this period when revenues are declining, cuts in departmental spending and programs should be across-the-board to the greatest degree possible so as to spread the impact across the widest base possible. Additional revenue raising measures should be seriously considered at this point.

3. State should monitor utility implementation of residential conservation programs required by federal law; continue to fund ongoing weatherization programs for the poor; help finance research into alternative sources of energy; offer increased tax incentives for installation of diverse energy systems and design transportation policies reflecting need for decreased gasoline use.

4. Major incentive state government has at its disposal is some form of tax relief. State can also assist local governments help incoming businesses by issuing low interest government bonds. State Job Development Authority has effectively eased the financial burdens of businesses by loaning funds to ease cash flow and capital acquisition.

5. The increased use of lighter, more fuel-efficient motor vehicles is being reflected in a relative decrease in gas and weight taxes — Michigan transportation's primary source of income. Our transportation tax structure will need to be redesigned in the near future in order to base it on value rather than weight or gallons.

6. Once our farmland is paved over, it can never be reclaimed for production purposes. In addition, scattered urban development is terribly wasteful of energy. I believe that the state is going to have to offer additional incentives under our Public Act 116 of 1974, to keep land for production purposes.

### L. Jean Willoughby

Republican, 54, of Bloomfield Township, homemaker, six grown children. Education: MA, political science; BA, communications; RN. Qualifications: Fellowship in municipal government, Southfield; internship with state representative; designed legislative workshop for senior citizens; executive board, area agency on aging; internship, Downtown Development Authority, Pontiac.

1. Indexation of state tax structure to offset the effects of inflation. Because taxes rise with the cost of living, inflation

## 64th District

### Karen Artinian

Democrat, of Southfield. Material not available from candidate at time of printing.

### Wilbur V. Brotherton

Republican, Incumbent, 57, of Farmington. State representative. Education: At-

tended Northwestern University. Qualifications: Oakland County commissioner; seven years mayor, 14 years councilmember, City of Farmington; representative to SEMCOG; 27 years in the auto industry, much of it in executive capacity.

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