

U.S., state candidates answer League queries

Oakland County voters face the most massive redistricting in a generation when they go to the polls Aug. 10 to nominate candidates in the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Many voters will find themselves in new congressional, legislative and county commission districts. Familiar faces on the political scene have decided to retire. Other candidates have moved to run in more favorable districts. Large fields of candidates crowd some primaries.

If you still have a question about which district you live in, contact your local city or township clerk.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHEN YOU vote, your first decision must be which

political party you prefer. This primary is, in effect, two elections — a Democratic primary and a Republican primary. You may not split your ticket in a primary.

If your preference is for Democrats, you select the Democratic ballot and choose from among those candidates.

If you prefer to be a Republican, you select the Republican ballot and choose from among those candidates.

No minor parties are on the Aug. 10 ballot. Minor parties which submitted a petition with a minimum 18,339 valid signatures to the Secretary of State's office by May 3 will have candidates on the Nov. 2 ballot.

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Voters in Oakland County and the League of Women Voters of Michigan have prepared this guide.

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Biographical information and answers to questions were secured by letter. Answers are in the candidates' own words and have not been edited except for length, spelling and punctuation.

An ellipsis (. . .) is used to indicate the candidate's reply exceeded the stated word limit. Candidates who failed

to respond have the words "Reply not received in time for publication" after their names.

Where candidates are unopposed in primary, the answer is not published at this time but will appear in the November voter's guide.

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All certified candidates for these offices were contacted. Information on Libertarian and Independent parties candidates will be covered in the voter guide for the Nov. 2 general election.

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STATE SENATOR

Michigan's 38 state senators serve four-year terms. They must be registered voters and residents of the district they represent. Salary is \$31,000 plus expenses of \$6,200.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer the following questions in 45 words or less:

1. Describe two of the major problems facing the state and your proposals for solutions.
2. List any incentives you feel state government should offer to private industry to encourage location in Michigan.
3. What changes, if any, would you propose in Michigan's taxation system? Why?

15th Senate District

Democrats

JACK FAXON, Democrat, redistricted incumbent, 46, Southfield. Education: BS, MS, education, WSU; MA, history, University of Michigan. Occupation: State senator, 1970-82. Qualifications: Constitutional Convention delegate, state representative, 1964-79; Senate president pro tempore; chairman, Senate Education Committee; chairman, Joint Legislative Committee on Arts.

1. Depressed economy, including unemployment and inefficient aid for all levels of education. Diversification of industrial-economic base and emphasis on state-federal funding for job retraining vocational education programs utilizing resources within state's high schools, community colleges and universities.

2. Legislature has passed laws providing business tax relief, investing public pension money in job-creating enterprises, creating urban land assembly fund to attract new industry, and offering high-technology research and development funds. Must now go further, including more business tax relief.

3. Increase the sales tax and shift education's increased funding needs to the Faxon Code of Doing Business Formula for education. Return 100 percent of new tax revenue to local governments, the school aid fund, and essential public services like transportation.

ALAN FEUER, Democrat, 29, Southfield. Education: Oak Park High School; Cornell University (major field: government). Qualifications: Former executive director, Common Cause, Michigan; led drive to pass Michigan's Open Meetings in Government Act; authored first comprehensive rating of Michigan Legislature, Michigan ADA ratings.

1. We must make sense of the budget, to make plans for the future. We fund the Silverdome while cutting aid to schools. We spend a third of road funds on new highways but can't repair old ones. Without enough money, we must have more sense.

2. Michigan offers incentives to new industries in most areas — but we must pass revisions to the single business tax that encourage research and development firms to locate here. And we must concentrate on our industrial strength — shifting auto resources to manufacturing agricultural and energy machinery.

3. I support a more rational way to finance our schools — with less reliance on property taxes and more revenue from the state income tax, so that homeowners, both people who are working and those unemployed or on fixed incomes, are not forced from their homes.

PHILIP R. MARCUSE, Democrat, 42, Huntington Woods. Education: Graduate, University of Michigan; graduate work, business administration, University of Southern California; currently, law student, Detroit College of Law. Occupation: Clerk, Oakland County Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien. Qualifications: Campaigned in California; city committee chairman, Huntington Woods.

1. a) Until interest rates return to single digits, the state has to be extremely careful to keep its borrowing to a minimum. This means keeping spending no greater than income. b) Crime committed by prior offenders can be reduced by making bond reliable to past convictions.

2. We should gear ourselves up to new kinds of manufacturing using modern materials and methods in modern products. The vast resources of our universities should be made available, perhaps by telecommunications, to all business subscribers. Tax rebates should be available for businesses meeting employment quotas.

3. Michigan needs the smaller businesses. Taxes should be a tool for encouraging their development. All business taxes should be examined from the viewpoint of the smaller businessman to determine if they actually are

encouraging. Also, vehicle taxes should be enough to pay for the roads.

DANIEL M. REEDY, Democrat, 35, Ferndale. Education: Ferndale HS; three years business administration, Wayne State. Occupation: Sales representative. Qualifications: 30-year resident, Ferndale; business agent and VP, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; 10-year campaigner for candidates from president to mayor of Ferndale.

1. The financial situation of the state and jobs. Sacrifices have to be made by everyone. It's not surprising that state employees refused concessions when you consider that the administration was raising unemployment benefits at the same time.

2. First, we need to protect the existing business that have contributed to the state during these hard times. Tax incentives could be offered to businesses that are unique to Michigan, so that we can lessen our dependence on the auto industry.

3. I would favor a change in the criteria for assessing the value of our homes. As a homeowner, I understand the anger that all homeowners feel when the assessed value is more than they can get for their homes on the market.

DANA WILSON, Democrat, redistricted incumbent, 33, Ferndale. Education: BA, Eastern Michigan University, business; John Marshall Law School, Chicago. Occupation: State senator in the 16th District. Qualifications: 1976-82, state representative, 69th District; 1974, Oakland County Board of Commissioners; born, raised, Hazel Park; lifelong resident, Oakland County.

1. The two major problems facing Michigan are, specifically: a) attracting business to Michigan to create jobs; b) maintain the high quality of education in Michigan. These two problems really go hand in hand. To attract new business to Michigan, I have supported reforms in the single business tax.

2. I also support the sensible reduction and simplification of government regulation and "one-stop" business license and permit centers to encourage expansion. By attracting new business to Michigan, we will also maintain the need for high-quality education and technological training that Michigan is already noted for.

3. I would modify the tax system by repealing the single business tax which would lift the burden on business and, therefore, strengthen the incentive to locate business in Michigan.

JACKIE KAYE WOKR, Democrat, 40, Farmington Hills. Education: Oakland Community College; the Salvation Army School for Officers' Training; Mason City College, Iowa; Detroit Institute of Musical Arts. Occupation: Accounting supervisor, Charge Card Association. Qualifications: Governor's Commission for the Aging; obtaining funds for senior citizen housing.

1. a) Loss of industry and jobs. b) Elimination of the single business tax; (2) reduction of bureaucratic overregulation. b) Criminal justice system: (1) Legislation to ensure due punishment for the criminal; (2) legislation to ensure the victim's rights.

2. a) Eliminate bureaucracy. b) Tax incentives.

3. a) Constitutional amendment for graduated income tax, with scrutiny toward frivolous deductions. b) Fairness.

Republicans

JOHN ANDERSON, Republican, 31, Farmington Hills. Education: BA, U-M, 1974; Juris doctor, Detroit College of Law, 1980. Occupation: Attorney, law firm headquartered in Oakland County. Qualifications: Former business executive, world-wide manufacturing firm; executive board member, Industrial Michigan, association devoted to encouraging business development in Michigan.

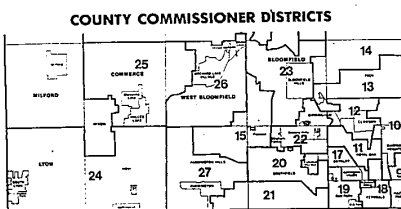
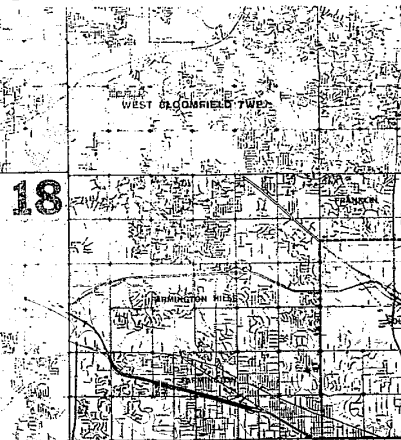
1. Michigan must create jobs through business development with legislative incentives to attract new business and retain business already here. Costly government programs that discourage business development must also be eliminated or changed. Additionally, government must be forced to permanently cut spending.

2. Michigan must: Provide tax credits for new research and development and tax credits for increases in export sales to attract high technology job providers; allow workers compensation and unemployment compensation costs to be tax-deductible to encourage small businesses; provide tax abatement and financing assistance.

3. The single business tax must be amended or repealed to encourage a pro-job climate. Property taxes must be strictly limited. Personal taxes must be cut.

S. JAMES CLARKSON, Republican, 57, Southfield. Education: Highland Park HS, Junior College; DIT; Northeastern University; Detroit College of Law, LL.B., juris doctor degrees. Occupation: Attorney at law since 1952. Qualifications: Former legislator, mayor of Southfield and district court judge; World War II infantry veteran.

U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



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