

STATE SENATE 4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE

Issues
Candidates for State Senate were asked to respond to each question in 75 words.



The candidates
Candidates for State Senate were asked to summarize their biographies in 75 words.



28TH DISTRICT

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
Democrat

Education: University of Michigan, BA, University of Michigan - Flint, MPA
Occupation: State Senator
Background: Minority Floor Leader, Vice-Chair, Senate Labor Committee, Member, Michigan House of Representatives, 1983-1993

DOMINICK VINCENTINI
Republican, 48

Education: Lawrence Technological University, Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing Supervisor
Occupation: 20 years in tool design for Valmet Inc.
Background: Active in the district as chair of the Oakland County Taxpayers Association for the last five years. He sponsors on how to appeal property tax assessments are attended by thousands of concerned citizens every year. Serves as a director for Taxpayers United, Trustee for the Taxpayers Association of Michigan and on the board of The Michigan Taxpayers Council.

FUNDING SCHOOLS

Some predictions for the financing of education in Michigan indicate a shortfall of funds by the 1996-97 school year. How would you address future funding for Michigan schools?

We need to maintain the integrity of funding dedicated to the school aid fund. Most predictions indicating a funding shortfall is based on diversions of revenues which are earmarked for schools.

LAND USE PLAN

What is your view of the legislature adopting a state-wide Land Use plan that would require developers to have infrastructure and public services in place concurrent with development?

I support such an approach to land use planning. Florida has such a requirement, and it appears to be working to insure orderly and environmentally sound development.

COMMITTEES

If elected to the State Senate on which committees would you like to serve and why?

As Democratic Floor Leader, my committee assignments are limited. I would probably maintain my Labor Committee appointment.

Article VIII, Sec. 2. "The legislature shall maintain and support system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law." Quality must be improved while cost is contained.

I support decision making at the local level.

Finance, Appropriation, Education, Technologies and Energy.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE

Issues
Candidates for State Representative were asked to respond to each question in 75 words.



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Candidates for State Representative were asked to summarize their biographies in 75 words.



34TH DISTRICT

JOHN F. FREEMAN
Democrat, 37

Education: B.S. School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan 1990, University of Detroit 1980
Occupation: State Representative 34th District
Background: Attorney at law with O'Connor & Associates. Active in the Madison Heights Jaycees, member of Episcopal church.

KATHRYN R. KLING
Republican, 28

Education: Graduate Lamphere High School, 1983.
Attending Oakland Community College for Bachelor of Accountancy to be completed at Walsh College.
Occupation: General Securities Registered Representative (securities), New Accounts Coordinator, Smith Barney.
Background: Member of Service Action Committee. Background in business, finance. Single mother, 8 year old son.

MARY WAYFIELD
Libertarian, 60

Education: B.A. with four Majors. 190 semester hours of post graduate work.
Occupation: Retired educator, Photographer.
Background: Michigan lifetime resident. Madison Heights resident 15 years. Taught overseas: Finland, Turkey, Armenia, University, and lived in (AT&T). Educator in Michigan 30 years. Professional Service: Volunteered in the USA, served on the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs. Community Service: President - Veterans Administrative Council, 1980-81, W-12 (United Nations Committee, United Nations Human Rights Commission, First - PR/PA PTCA, collecting, transporting, auto-accident victims.

Michigan's State Representatives serve in the lower house of the legislature. They must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a registered voter in the district they represent and never been convicted of a felony. They can not have any employment with the United States government, state government or local government and dual office holding is prohibited. There are thirteen State Representatives elected in Oakland County. The salary is \$47,728.

FUNDING SCHOOLS

Some predictions for the financing of education in Michigan indicate a shortfall of funds by the 1996-97 school year. How would you address future funding for Michigan schools?

I view education as one of the top financial priorities of state government. If there is a shortfall of funds for schools, I would shift funds from other portions or departments in the overall state budget, to the K-12 budget. I would not raise taxes on Michigan citizens because the taxes currently are very high and people can't afford any higher taxes.

LAND USE PLAN

What is your view of the legislature adopting a state-wide Land Use plan that would require developers to have infrastructure and public services in place concurrent with development?

I support the concept of a state-wide Land Use plan. Too often developers want the state to pay for roads and sewers, while they are not responsible. Since tax dollars are scarce, we must have more rational decision making on land development. Rather than building new development in rural areas, we should be re-developing older areas where the infrastructure is already in place.

I support "concurrent" infrastructure and public services as a means of growth management. Residents in some parts of Oakland County are victims of overburdened roadway resulting from increased growth in their areas.

Some of the most viable and fertile lands in the world are in Michigan. We already are having problems with land use and stringent regulations concerning land use versus the rights of individual property owners. The state's only role should be to provide information and feasibility studies on land use impacts. Developers should not be allowed to impact a community without a vote of all the people in that community.

COMMITTEES

If elected to the position of State Representative on which committees would you like to serve and why?

I currently serve on the House Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes committee, Taxation Committee, Labor Committee and the Correction Committee. I have found these committees to be very important and challenging in formulating public policy. I would expect to continue to serve on these committees.

I would like to be instrumental in guaranteeing a sound future in Michigan. I am interested in the Economic Development Committee because I believe a strong economy is the foundation for job growth and quality education. I would also like to serve on the Education Committee because of the concerns Michigan residents have expressed regarding public education.

Agriculture and Forestry Conservation, Environment and the Great Lakes. Agriculture and forestry must remain viable in this state and can have environmentally sound practices without impacting the rights of private property ownership. The war between the two must end. Education. Children are not getting the education they need. What is needed are better educational programs, not more wasted money.