

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

2 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

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

**The candidates**

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

FUNDING SCHOOLS

Some predictions for the financing of education in Michigan indicate a shortfall of funds by the 1998-97 school year. How would you address future funding for Michigan schools?

Cut spending out waste and big payrolls. We just can not pay more taxes. The predictions for a shortfall I think are not right and not true.

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?

Developers and state should work with each other, to have public services in place before development but, the state would have to not abuse its powers.

COMMITTEES

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

Budget Committee to cut spending and waste to lower taxes.

37TH DISTRICT**YEPRAM DERVAHANIAN**
Libertarian, 63

Education: Oakland Community College, General Associates Degree, American Institute, Graduate Optical Dispensing, Center for Creative Studies, Auto clay model making, fine art, Cooley High.
Occupation: Certified Optical 18 years. Present employment for Controlled Power Company, literature department.
Background: Born in Detroit 1941, moved to Farmington Hills 1972. Single, never married. One brother Vahen D. Vahenian. Graduated Cooley High. Served Army National Guard 1961-67. Owner Basilin Robbins 31 for 10 years and worked in optical for 18 years.

38TH DISTRICT**BOB HAVEY**
Democrat, 48

Education: Oakland University, B.A., Political Science; Detroit College of Law, 1.5 years Law School.
Occupation: Head Cashier, LeDobro.
Background: Married, 3 children, Adam, Michigan State University, Chemical Engineering, graduate, and Megan just finished first year of college. I have served as a Commissioner for Parks and Recreation, City of Warren, was Chairman of Quality of Life Committee for Long Range Planning, member of the Good Fellows, Executive Board member, S.E.U. Local 78.

WILLIS BULLARD, JR.
Republican, 60

Education: B.A. University of Michigan, J.D. Detroit College of Law.
Occupation: Attorney and State Legislator.
Background: Republican Chair of Taxation Committee. Key legislator responsible for Proposal A which radically reduced reliance on property tax for school financing. Sponsored numerous state laws revising Michigan tax statutes including repeal of Michigan's antiquated inheritance tax and replacement with "pick up" tax. Sponsored recently passed bill to increase filing threshold of Single Business Tax to \$250,000, saving taxpayers \$30 million annually.

39TH DISTRICT**DANIEL J. CHERRIN**
Democrat, 21

Education: West Bloomfield High School, 1991, Cum Laude; University of Michigan, Student.
Occupation: At age 21 I have been actively involved in politics at the local, school, state and federal level. Interned for a U.S. Congressman, a State Senator and a lobbyist in Washington D.C. I helped create the education platform for the Democratic Party and organized several blood drives at West Bloomfield High School. I also organized a teen community center for West Bloomfield area teens.

BARBARA J. DOBB
Republican

Education: Walsh College, Masters in Taxation, 1994; Walsh College, Bachelor of Accounting, 1978; Oakland Community College, Burrell Cum Laude, 1978.
Occupation: State Representative, 1990-present.
President of Barbara J. Dobb, C.P.A., P.C., 1994-present.
Former member of Campaign Finance Reform Task Force; Member of B-Purdue Legislative Team on School Finance and Property Tax Reform; Member of House Taxation Single Business Tax Sub-Committee. Appointed to the following standing Housing Committee: Public Utilities, Co-Chair; Taxation, Co-Vice-Chair; Liquor Control.

This is a tough question, because when you talk about funding you talk about taxes. It is vital to not only maintain schools but to improve schools and if that means looking at the State Income Tax - then I would. Note: A dollar spent on early education saves five dollars in social areas.

Education must continue to be the first priority of the state. As State Representative, I will work to make sure the state fulfills its obligations under Proposal A. Best way to generate funds for schools is to pass policies that create economic development and a larger tax base. We are now seeing one of the biggest booms in Michigan's economy in 25 years, thanks in large part to reforms passed by Republicans in the legislature.

Proposal A was a failure even though it passed. Districts, such as West Bloomfield, must now rely on voters to approve millages, in order to obtain the lost revenue. Soon students will need to provide their own transportation and extracurricular activities will cease to exist. A state can give the same amount of money to every school, but the quality of a child's education depends on how the particular district allocates and purchases resources.

Education is one of the most important responsibilities of the State of Michigan. Proposal A constitutionally requires that state school funding be maintained at the minimal level, which is the 1994-95 budget level. Should the dedicated sources for that funding realize a shortfall, the constitutionally guaranteed amount would be supplemented from the General fund.

I favor it, my district has suffered through especially roads, we need to work with developers so we can grow yet continue our quality of life in the 38th District.

I do not support a state-wide Land Use plan. We should give local units of government more "tools" to manage growth. Having infrastructure and public services in place concurrent with development is a reasonable way to help manage growth. Let's face it, our roads are overburdened. Growth management is not pro-growth or anti-growth. As State Representative, I will support local governments in their efforts to manage growth for the benefit of our residents.

State Legislatures must draw the line as to what and where the state government has jurisdiction over. I am supportive of a land use plan which requires developers to have the necessary services, such as fire and police, water and sewage in place concurrent with development - But I feel this should be a local issue and not something for the state to mandate. Each municipality is different from the next.

Inadequate land use plans coupled with population shifts that produce rapid residential and related development, can cause many problems and raise several issues. This development pressures the environment in the form of the loss of open space wetlands and farmlands, and through the environmental degradation that is risked by the lack of sufficient infrastructure like sewers, and the creation of new infrastructure like roads and highways. Laws need to be enacted to balance the concerns.

Department of Bridges and Roads, Appropriation and Agriculture.

I hope to continue my work to reform Michigan's tax structure as Chair of the House Taxation Committee in 1995-96. I also hope to continue to serve as a member of the following important committees: Local Government, Public Utilities and Civil Rights and Women's Issues.

Conservation, environment and the Great Lakes: Michigan needs to protect the thousands of miles of shoreline, inland lakes, and rivers. Our lakes need to be cleaned, tighter restrictions on industrial emissions need to be imposed, and our streets need to be cleaned. Education: As a student, I know the skills the students need to survive college and succeed in obtaining a job. As a member of this committee, I can contribute my knowledge and experience.

I would like to continue the pursuit of goals that I set for myself on my current committees: Public Utilities, Co-Chair; Taxation, Co-Vice-Chair; Liquor Control; Conservation, Environment, and Great Lakes Affairs. I am also active with Single Business Tax reform issues on the House Taxation Single Business Tax Sub-Committee.