

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.

40TH DISTRICT

JOE PATT

Democrat, 21

Education: Seaham High School, Yale University, B.S., Chemistry
Occupation: Chemist
Background: Grew up in Bloomfield Township, lifelong member of Temple Beth El. Speaker of the Yale Political Union. President of the Yale Model Congress Association.

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 too fear a shortfall might harm our schools. In order to address this, we should consolidate rural school districts, cutting down on administrative overlap. We should restore the right of local areas to control their own school taxation, buffering them from the vagaries of the sales tax and state fiscal stress. Finally, we should place relative cost-of-living adjustments in the funding mix, allocating school resources to needy districts more effectively.

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?

We should adopt a Land Use plan that would hold the developers responsible for limited infrastructure development. Requiring developers to contribute to roads and to provide water/electrical infrastructure would encourage intelligent suburban planning and eliminate the de facto government subsidy for cheap yet distant developments. Poor building decisions have destroyed the real estate market in other states like Texas, let's stop that from happening in Michigan.

COMMITTEES

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

The Education Committee. Concern for educational system was why I decided to run. As a product of Birmingham's schools, I know education's values. I fear repeating what happened to California's schools here in Michigan. In only ten years after passing a proposal similar to the legislation recently passed here, California's schools went from being ranked in the top 5 in the nation to the bottom 10. We need to prevent that from occurring here.

JOHN JAMIAN

Republican, 40

Education: Oakland University, B.A., Business, 1977.
Occupation: State Representative (second term)
Background: Self-employed since 1984. President of American Nursing Services until 1982; leader in health care industry. Board of Directors, Americans, 1982.

As a state representative and a parent, I believe education must continue to be a top priority of the state of Michigan. I will continue to work to make sure the state fulfills its obligations under Proposal A. The best way to generate funds for schools is to pass policies that create economic development and a larger tax base. The present boom in Michigan's economy is one of the biggest in 25 years.

A reasonable way to help manage the growth of overburdened suburban areas is to have infrastructure and public services in place concurrent with development. No one would argue that our roads are overburdened. Growth management is not pro-growth or anti-growth. It is simply a commitment to a responsible fit between development and infrastructure. As state representative, I will support every responsible effort to manage growth for the benefit of our residents.

I would like to continue to serve as chairman of the Public Health Committee, because of my background and expertise in this area; and continue to serve as a member of the Insurance, Economic Development, Tourism & Recreation committees because of my experience in these areas.

41ST DISTRICT

ED HAMILTON

Democrat, 51

Education: Attended Cornell University Engineering and Michigan State University Graduate School of Business M.B.A.
Occupation: Big - Three Automotive Executive.
Background: Vice President of Troy Democratic Party, 1982. President Clinton's State Campaign, member League of Women Voters Troy Area, AARP, United Foundation, Junior Achievement, United We Stand America, supporting the extension period for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment pending Congressional bill; will repeat anti-teacher/inter-teacher academic freedom legislation; will oppose discrimination legislation.

Upon election to the State House, I will repeal the estimated \$700 million worth of special tax concessions, or loopholes, conveniently awarded to special interest/lobbyists and faithful political supporters, in exchange for the reintroduction of Trickle-Down-Economic theory which is to be used for low paying job creation in the state. Available monies then should be put in an Educational Trust Fund and further, a tax cut given to all Michigan taxpayers.

Strongly in favor of such legislation. Any major real estate ventures, or other huge land development projects, must stand on their own merits, to include pay-as-you-go offsets for environmental or waste landfill impacts, water supply/sewage treatment, road expansion and repair. In return, the developers should be given reasonable tax credits and the affected local governments be made part of the team. Land use concept should be promoted for older cities.

Education, Colleges, and Universities: I want to make sure that quality education and continuous skills upgrading/training are properly funded all the way into the 21st century, with special focus on job opportunities. State universities should give admission priority to children of Michigan taxpayers. Professors should do more teaching of our students, but not at the expense of research projects. Law Enforcement Related Committees: My goal is to totally eliminate violence on the streets.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Republican, 56

Education: Attended Wayne State University and Oakland Community College
Occupation: Elected to Michigan House of Representatives, 1990.
Background: Co-Vice Chair of House Appropriations Committee; Co-Chair, Social Services Subcommittee; Co-Chair, Capital Outlay Subcommittee; Regulatory Subcommittee; Transportation Subcommittee; Co-Chair, Supplemental and Transfer Subcommittee. Currently serving on State Advisory Group For Family Preservation and Family Support; Special Committee for Health Care Access; Ad Hoc Committee on the Consolidation of Transportation Services for Health Service Agencies and their Clients.

The constitutional amendment requires that schools be fully funded. If the nay-sayers are right, then any shortfall of monies will have to come from other state funded programs in order to meet our constitutional requirements.

I am committed to responsible growth management and support the House Republican Task Force recommendations. The report suggests a requirement that infrastructure and public services be put in place concurrent with the project approval for development in a specific area.

I am Vice-Chair of House Appropriations; House Republican Chair of the Department of Social Services, House Republican Chair of Joint Capital Outlay and Vice-Chair of Regulatory. I am the first female in the legislature to have achieved this status of real and meaningful leadership.

42ND DISTRICT

JON BULLER

Democrat, 47

Education: B.A. Political Science. Post Bachelor Study in Engineering, Economics, Accounting.
Occupation: President, Beaumont Strategy Corporation.
Background: 22 year resident of Rochester area. Elected to Rochester Hills City Council in 1987, served as Council President 1989-90. Currently Chairman of Rochester Area Foundation Authority Board, serving also on the Avenue Youth Assistance Board.

The State Government, I am told, has run up against constitutional limitations on the amount of taxes it can collect. It may be necessary to amend the Constitution or to revisit the local property tax to fully fund education in the future.

It would serve local communities well. We need additional legislation that would help bring an end to urban sprawl and aid redevelopment of older urban areas.

Education & Transportation.

GREG KAZA

Republican, 33

Education: University of Detroit, B.A., economics.
Occupation: State Representative, 42nd District.
Background: Adjunct Professor, Rochester Institute, 1991-93. Vice President for Policy Research, The Machine Center, 1989-91; Journalist, Policy Institute, 1986-88.

Leaving needs to empower local school boards and parents so that K-12 services can be provided more efficiently. I oppose raising the income tax to fund schools. I support cost containment within the public school system.

Tax payers in Rochester Hills and Troy should not be forced by government to subsidize private developers.

I serve on the Taxation, Business and Finance and Consumer Committee. I am also Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Committee. I would ask to continue serving on these committees.