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SECRETARY OF STATE

VOTE FOR ONE FOUR YEAR TERM

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 50 words and answer each question in 50 words.

1. What are your priorities for the office of Secretary of State?
2. How do you hope to accomplish them?

Richard H. Austin

Democrat
AGE—77, Detroit
OCCUPATION—Michigan Secretary of State
EDUCATION—B.A. (Business Administration); Certified Public Accountant

BACKGROUND—Practicing CPA, 30 years; extensive volunteer and community service; corporate executive; Michigan Constitutional Convention Delegate; Wayne County Auditor; Secretary of State, 20 years

1. Continue making government services more responsive, convenient, efficient; continue to protect car owners against deception and fraud; promote healthy respect for Michigan's rich history; continue to register voters at branch offices and to make voting more accessible; and to save lives and reduce injuries on Michigan roadways.
2. Continued use of technological advancements to increase customer convenience in branch offices through automated driver license testing, customer access with ATMs, touch-tone phones and other computerized services. Promotion of traffic safety legislation and an integrated statewide traffic record system. Continued review of all services and programs for improvement and innovation.

Judy Miller

Republican
AGE—not given, Bloomfield Township
OCCUPATION—Small business owner, 1978-85; NFIB member; City Commissioner, Birmingham, 1981-85; State Representative, 1985-present (member, House Elections Committee; co-chair, Accountability Task Force; member, Children at Risk Task Force; member, Environmental Cleanup Task Force)
EDUCATION—B.A. (Political Science), Western Reserve University

BACKGROUND—Wife, mother, community activist

1. More active department leadership with: SERVICE INITIATIVES—eliminate long lines, increase availability, accessibility of services; ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES—stricter enforcement of campaign finance law, recodify election law, increase availability of voter registration opportunities, require department accountability for all programs and services; LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—eliminate officenolder expense funds, restore open presidential primary.
2. SERVICE INITIATIVES—more effective use of computer technology; establish information centers at branches; revise forms; streamline procedures; install off-hours deposit boxes; be open more convenient hours; provide adequate staffing for prime-use times, using flexible scheduling for employees; institute mobile offices, identify commercial locations; re-examine current office locations.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

VOTE FOR ONE FOUR YEAR TERM

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 50 words and answer each question in 50 words.

1. What are your priorities for the office of Attorney General?
2. How do you hope to accomplish them?

Frank J. Kelley

Democrat
AGE—65, Okemos
OCCUPATION—Attorney General
EDUCATION—J.D., University of Detroit Law School

1. Continued fair and just enforcement of Michigan law for the benefit of all Michigan citizens; to keep state government clean, open and honest; to use the powers of the Attorney General to prosecute criminals and protect the environment, consumers, civil rights and senior citizens.
2. By fairly and efficiently enforcing state law without regard to race, creed, sex or political affiliation; focusing resources on crime, the environment, consumer protection, civil rights and senior citizens; forcing criminals, drug dealers and polluters to pay for the cost of their apprehension and prosecution whenever possible.

Clifford W. Taylor

Republican
AGE—47, East Lansing
OCCUPATION—Lawyer
EDUCATION—B.A., U. of M.; J.D., George Washington

BACKGROUND—Fifteen-year partner litigation firm with highest ratings in experience-ethics; former naval officer; former Assistant Prosecutor; former Adjunct Professor of Law; co-chair, Western District Federal Judicial Selection; State Bar Character - Fitness Committee; State Bar Fellow; Commissioner on Courts in 21st Century; numerous civic activities

1. Utilize office to fight drugs, street and organized crime. For too long this office has emphasized politically attractive consumer matters, while the criminals and drug pushers took the streets. The Attorney General should lead the fight against these menaces. Further, he should enforce environmental laws against all, not some, violators.
2. Prosecutions should focus on drugs, street and organized crime. The legislature should be pushed to enact anti-crime measures which are needed, and the Democrats in the House of Representatives have stopped. As to environmental matters, all polluters, even the State of Michigan, should be prosecuted.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTE FOR TWO EIGHT YEAR TERM

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 50 words and answer each question in 50 words.

1. What is your position on the issue of public (financial) support for non-public schools?
2. What are the two most pressing problems facing education in Michigan and how would you try to resolve them?

Rollie Hoppood

Democrat
Age—51, Taylor
OCCUPATION—Administrative Assistant; Michigan Federation of Teachers; Treasurer, State Board of Education

EDUCATION—Taylor Center H.S., 1957; B.S. (Education), Western Michigan University, 1962; M.A. (Educational Leadership), Eastern Michigan University, 1981
BACKGROUND—Teacher, Taylor Schools, 1962-81; President, Taylor Federation of Teachers, 9 years; parent, 3 children in public schools

1. I believe that public funding for private schools is a violation of the separation of church and state provision of the U.S. Constitution.
2. Inequitable funding. It's the shame of our state. The method of funding used has created 'poor houses' of education for many children who need the most help. The state needs to change the formula and the source. We need to increase pre-school opportunities to all at-risk children.

Barbara Roberts Mason

Democrat
AGE—50, Lansing
OCCUPATION—Professional Development Specialist MEA.

EDUCATION—BA (Speech and Audio Pathology) and MA (Educational Psychology), M.S.U. Completed doctoral coursework, Educational Curriculum

BACKGROUND—Board of Education, 2 terms. Only person to have served as president twice. Founder and president of an intergenerational community based program, emphasizing math, science, technology, foreign languages and cultures.

1. I am not in support of public financial support for non-public schools.
2. (a) Preparing all students to live and work in competitive, global marketplace. (b) Providing educational and fiscal equity. (1) Advocate that all students need and are capable of becoming proficient in math, science, technology. (2) Monitoring implementation of Public Act 25 (Quality bill). (3) Continue working toward school finance reform

Dick DeVos

Republican
Material not available at time of printing.

Lowell Perry

Republican
Material not available at time of printing.

Fayanne Kaufman

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AGE—52, Huntington Woods
OCCUPATION—Art Teacher, Farmington Senior H.S.; Chair of Art and Ceramics Department

EDUCATION—Education Specialist Degree, M.S. (Education), B.S. (Education), W.S.U.; Woman of Wayne Award
BACKGROUND—Active in education matters for over 20 years as teacher, educator, administrator, parent. Active in Wayne State University College of Education. Parent-Teacher-Student issue Facilitator.

1. A voucher method with the proviso that permits students to choose quality education will ensure our standards are raised as long as public monies are not misused or spent for schools that exclude based upon race, religion, sex or ethnic criteria.
2. (a) A widespread program of achievement must be based upon establishing higher standards of quality for all our schools. (b) We must eliminate minimum skills mentality and provide for a broader based skills education making our public schools more like private quality institutions with competitiveness of the Sputnik era.

WHAT IS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

The education of every student in the state - whether in grade school, high school, or adult education - is largely the responsibility of the State Board of Education, according to the Michigan Constitution. While much of the day-to-day workings of the schools are delegated to locally elected boards of education, the State Board of Education - through its staff agency, the State Department of Education - provides guidance, regulation and assistance in a multitude of areas. Among its duties, as provided by law and the Constitution:

- Appointment of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Administration of state financial aid to local school districts
- Teacher certification
- Examination and in some cases approval of local construction and financing plans
- Reimbursement to schools for bus service, school lunch, other programs
- Remedial and special education
- Planning and coordination for community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities

There are eight members, nominated by party conventions, and elected at large for 8-year terms. Two of these members are elected in each general election.

