DINNER & DIALOGUE
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CANDIDATE FORUM

AGENDA
JULY 12, 2018

- Welcome & Context
- Sizing Up Candidate Speech
- Determine Table Questions
- Speed Dating with Candidates

You will be seated by your House District.
OUR PARTNERS

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INC.,
TAU ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER (REDFORD, MI)**

In the fall of 1989, Sorors Victoria Renee Scott and Linda Caral Allen came together to discuss ways in which they could reclaim local sorors and utilize the many talents and experiences of Alpha Kappa Alpha women in the Metropolitan Detroit area. They sought Sorors that were equally as passionate as they were about the sisterhood and business of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It wasn’t long before Sorors Eleanor Manning, Joslyn DiPasalegne, and Lynette Atkins joined Victoria and Linda in discussions about the creation of a new graduate chapter in the Detroit area. With the input and support of other local sorors with innumerable talents and expertise to lend this effort, the interest group R.E.N.E.W. of AKA (Responsible, Experienced, Naturally Elegant Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha) was born.

While considered a small group, they made great strides in forwarding the principles of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. RENEW always focused on service to all mankind and bettering the communities in which they lived.

[akatao.net](http://akatao.net)

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DETROIT**

The League of Women Voters of Detroit is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not endorse candidates or political parties. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We invite you to join us as we make democracy work in our communities.

The LWV of Detroit is open to new members who share our ideals. Our League registers new voters, educates voters on upcoming elections and advocates for local issues. We work to engage Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park citizens in local governance, decision-making, and issues of interest.

[www.lwvdetroit.org](http://www.lwvdetroit.org)

**STAY INFORMED. KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES. THEN VOTE!**

For candidate videos and questionnaires, visit [InformDetroit.org](http://InformDetroit.org)

For judicial candidate evaluations, visit [DetroitLawyer.org/judges/](http://DetroitLawyer.org/judges/)

To find your polling location and districts, visit [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)

Primary Election is Tuesday, August 7, 2018
1. PLATITUDES/PANDERING

General moral statements that don’t say anything new.

Plays to people’s existing biases.

 Doesn’t offer specific actions the candidate will take.

2. PANTS ON FIRE

A false claim or statement, whether intentionally so or not.

Can sound good, but requires research or follow up to verify.

3. PIVOT

Briefly responds, but shifts to a different topic.

Can be a strategy to keep the focus on the candidate’s priorities...

or can be a strategy to avoid certain topics.

WHAT TO LISTEN FOR WHEN HEARING A POLITICIAN TALK

4. PERTINENT

✓ Directly responds to the question.
✓ Demonstrates understanding about the role of the office.
✓ Demonstrates accurate knowledge about the issue.

5. POTSHOT

An unfounded or irrelevant criticism of an opponent’s character that doesn’t impact job performance (like gender or religion), when the target doesn’t have a chance to defend him/herself.

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**2018 ELECTIONS**

**COLOR GUIDE**
- **Legislative**
  - Makes & changes laws
- **Executive**
  - Puts laws into action
- **Judicial**
  - Interprets the law
- **Other**

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**WAYNE COUNTY**

**36th District Court**
(31 total; 11 seats up for election)
District court judges deal with traffic violations, landlord/tenant issues, lawsuits up to $25,000 and money disputes up to $6,000.

**County Commissioners**
(16 total; 7 Detroit)
Legislators for Wayne County: adopts the budget and enacts ordinances.

**Probate Court**
(8 total; 3 seats up for election)
Probate judges deal with wills and estates - such as what happens when a homeowner dies without a will and there is a question about who now owns the house.

**3rd Circuit Court**
(58 total; 19 seats up for election)
Circuit Court judges deal with larger civil cases, criminal cases (eg. drugs, violence), and family cases (eg. child custody, domestic violence, divorce).

**DPSCD School Board**
(9 total; 2 seats up for election)
Hires the Superintendent, establishes policies for the district, approves the budget, and determines facility needs.

**Secretary of State**
Chief election officer. Oversees vehicle registration and licensing of drivers.

**Attorney General**
Chief law enforcement officer. Legal advisor to state gov.

**County Executive**
Top executive for Wayne County. Responsible for delivering county services, implementing county laws.
MI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATE FORUM

US Senate
(100 national total; 33 nationally up for election; 2 MI total; 1 seat up for election in MI)
2 Senators from each of the 50 states are elected to pass laws and adopt the budget for the whole country.

US House of Reps.
(435 national total; 14 MI total; 2 Detroit)
Lawmakers who are elected from all 50 states who come together to make laws and pass the budget for the whole country.

MI Senate
(38 state total; 5 Detroit seats)
Lawmakers who are elected from all over Michigan to make laws and pass the budget for the whole state.

MI House of Reps.
(110 state total; 10 Detroit)
Lawmakers who are elected from all over Michigan to make laws and pass the budget for the whole state.

Governor/Lt. Governor
Top executive for the State of Michigan. Signs off on laws passed by the State legislature and implements those laws.

MI Supreme Court
(7 total; 2 seats up for election)

MI First District Court of Appeals
(6 total; 2 seats up for election)

Wayne County Comm. College Board of Trustees
(9 total; 5 Detroit; 3 seats up for election)

Wayne State Board of Governors
(8 total; 2 seats up for election)

MSU Board of Trustees
(8 total; 2 seats up for election)

UMich Board of Regents
(8 total; 2 seats up for election)

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Article IV of Michigan’s State Constitution outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Legislative Branch of our government.

The State House of Representatives consists of 110 members from across the state who are elected for a term of two-years. Representatives may serve a maximum of three, two-year terms for a total of six years. (Article IV, Sections 3 & 54)

Representatives are primarily responsible for proposing new laws, and through the Appropriations Process, deciding how our tax dollars get spent and prioritized in the state budget. Representatives on the Appropriations Committee can decide to further fund or completely cut programs like workforce apprenticeships, road funding projects, or low-income health care services.

The state constitution highlights certain issues as critical to the public interest, and outlines them as duties of the legislature. Notable examples are:

- Protection of the air, water, and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment, and destruction
- Protection and promotion of the public’s health
- Resolution of disputes concerning public employees, except those in the state classified as civil service

The State House of Representatives has the sole power to initiate the impeachment of public officials. Once prosecution begins, the House elects three of its members to prosecute the impeachment, and from there the State Senate tries the impeachment. A two-thirds vote of the Senate’s members is required for conviction and removal from office. (Article XI, Section 7)

Of Detroit’s current ten-member House delegation, Rep. Rosemary Robinson is term-limited, meaning she cannot run again, and four members are campaigning for open seats in the Senate. Five of the current Detroit Representatives are seeking re-election to the House; therefore, at least half of the Detroit Delegation will be new to the House in 2019.
Redistricting is the process of drawing electoral district boundaries.

Every ten years, after the Federal Census issues its population estimates for the State of Michigan, the legislature begins the process of redistricting for the State House, Senate, and Congressional boundaries.

Currently, the State Constitution prescribes an eight-member body to apportion our State’s legislative districts. All eight members are chosen from the top two state political party organizations that received the highest votes in the last Gubernatorial general election.

Voters Not Politicians (VNP) has a ballot proposal which aims to reduce partisan favoritism in the drawing of legislative districts by amending the State Constitution to create a 13-member redistricting committee with four Democrats, four Republicans and five members who are “non-affiliated” and independent. For more information about their proposal, visit: https://votersnotpoliticians.com

On June 7, 2018, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Voters Not Politicians, rejecting a lawsuit by Citizens Protecting Michigan’s Constitution (CPMC) to keep VNP’s proposal off the November ballot. CPMC’s main argument is that the ballot proposal is too broad and wide-reaching to be just an amendment, and should therefore require a Constitutional Convention. CPMC has appealed the ruling to the Michigan Supreme Court. To see CPMC’s legal filing against Voters Not Politicians, visit http://bit.ly/CPMCvSOS

As of June 20, 2018, the State Supreme Court has denied the motion to stay the Appeals Court ruling, and the proposal is currently slated to be on the November ballot. However, the State Supreme Court has until September 7 to rule on the rest of the appeal, and could still remove the Voters Not Politicians proposal from the ballot.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS

THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE DETROIT DELEGATION DISTRICTS

*Median Income data is rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.
Source: Data USA, https://datausa.io/, Census Bureau, ACS 5 year, https://factfinder.census.gov
**HOUSE DISTRICT 1**

**OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS**
Population: 83,987  
Racial Demographics: 61.1% White, 35% Black, 1.8% Multiracial, 1.5% Asian, 0.4% Other, and 0.2% Native American  
Ethnic Demographics: 98.3% Non-Hispanic and 1.7% Hispanic  
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

**DEMOGRAPHICS BY COMMUNITY**

**DETROIT (PARTIAL)**
Detroit’s population loss has slowed to a trickle, leaving roughly 673,000 residents in Michigan’s largest city. Median income is just over $28,000 and ‘Motown’ has a poverty rate of 36%. Detroit is 79% Black, 10% White, 7% Hispanic or Latino and 2% Asian.

**HARPER WOODS**
Harper Woods has 13,895 residents and demographics of 56% Black, 36% White, 3% Asian and 2% Hispanic or Latino. It has a median household income of $49,000.

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**
On the east end of the “Pointes” is Grosse Pointe Woods, with a population of 15,785 residents and median household income of $93,000. Its population is 88% White, 5% Black, 2% Asian and 1% Hispanic or Latino.

**THE VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES**
Grosse Pointe Shores sits on Lake St. Clair and is 89% White, 4% Black, 3% Hispanic or Latino and 3% Asian. Home of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, it has a median household income of $151,000 and 2,933 residents.

**HOUSE DISTRICT 2**

**Overall Demographics**
Population: 59,591  
Racial Demographics: 92.1% Black, 4.5% White, 1.6% Multiracial, 1.3% Asian, 0.3% Native American, and 0.2% Other.  
Ethnic Demographics: 99.3% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic  
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**GROSSE POINTE**
About 5,256 people live in the city of Grosse Pointe. The median household income is $93,000 and demographics are 90% White, 2% Asian, 2% Black and 2% Hispanic or Latino.

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**
This affluent community has a median household income of $120,000 and a population that is 91% White, 4% Hispanic or Latino, 3% Black and 1% Asian. About 9,265 people live in the “Farms.”

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**
The border of this old, eastern suburb is often seen as a place of stark contrast with its neighboring Detroit. Grosse Pointe Park has 11,276 residents and a median household income of $101,000. It is 83% White, 11% Black, 2% Asian and 2% Hispanic or Latino.
HOUSE DISTRICT 3

Overall Demographics
Population: 60,722
Racial Demographics: 93.7% Black, 3.9% White, 1.8% Multiracial, 0.3% Native American, 0.2% Asian, and 0.2% Other.
Ethnic Demographics: 99.3% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

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HOUSE DISTRICT 4

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 62,706
Racial Demographics: 86.9% Black, 9.2% White, 2.3% Multiracial, 0.9% Asian, 0.3% Native American, and 0.3% Other.
Ethnic Demographics: 98.4% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

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HAMTRAMCK
Hamtramck is a busy, diverse community with almost 21,985 people who are 54% White, 24% Asian, 15% Black and 1% Hispanic or Latino. A wide variety of languages are spoken in Hamtramck, including Arabic and Serbo-Croatian. It has a median household income of $24,000.
HOUSE DISTRICT 5

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 71,246
Racial Demographics: 62.0% Black, 22.3% White, 11.9% Asian, 0.4% Multiracial, 0.4% Other, 0.3% Native American.
Ethnic Demographics: 98.6% Non-Hispanic and 1.4% Hispanic
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

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HOUSE DISTRICT 6

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 65,112
Racial Demographics: 85.2% Black, 9.4% White, 2.3% Multiracial, 1.8% Asian, 0.9% Other, 0.4% Native American.
Ethnic Demographics: 97.7% Non-Hispanic and 2.3% Hispanic
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ECORSE
Home of the Great Lakes Steel Plant, Ecorse is an industrial town of 9,270 people, with a poverty rate of 34%. It is a racially mixed community of 48% Black, 32% White and 14% Hispanic or Latino residents, and has a $26,000 median income.

RIVER ROUGE
Named for the Rouge River it sits on, River Rouge has 7,609 residents. Its population is 50% Black, 34% White and 15% Hispanic. Its median household income is $24,000.
STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS

HOUSE DISTRICT 7

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 62,725
Racial Demographics: 92.9% Black, 4.4% White, 1.8% Multiracial, 0.4% Asian, 0.3% Native American, 0.2% Other.
Ethnic Demographics: 99.0% Non-Hispanic and 1.0% Hispanic
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HIGHLAND PARK
Surrounded entirely by Detroit, this city once had 50,000 residents and housed the first assembly line, producing Ford’s Model T. Highland Park is now home to 10,900 residents, with a poverty rate of 47%. The city is 92% Black, 5% White, 2% Multi-racial, and 1% Hispanic or Latino. Median household income is $17,455.

HOUSE DISTRICT 8

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 71,791
Racial Demographics: 96.8% Black, 1.6% Multiracial, 1.0% White, 0.2% Native American, 0.2% Other, and 0.1% Asian.
Ethnic Demographics: 99.3% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

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HOUSE DISTRICT 9

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 69,020
Racial Demographics: 91.3% Black, 6.0% White, 1.8% Multiracial, 0.3% Native American, 0.2% Other, and 0.3% Asian.
Ethnic Demographics: 99.3% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic
[Source: Ballotpedia.org]

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DEARBORN (PARTIAL)
Home of Ford Motor Company, this large western suburb of 95,520 people has a median income of $48,000. It is 88% White (including Arab Americans), 4% Black, 3% Hispanic or Latino and 2% Asian. Almost 36,000 of its residents are Arabic speakers, making Dearborn the city with the largest percentage of Arab Americans in the United States.

HOUSE DISTRICT 10

OVERALL DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 71,791
Racial Demographics: 96.8% Black, 1.6% Multiracial, 1.0% White, 0.2% Native American, 0.2% Other, and 0.1% Asian.
Ethnic Demographics: 99.3% Non-Hispanic and 0.7% Hispanic
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ISSUES FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Appropriations is the annual process of how our state legislators divide up tax dollars for the priorities of the party in power. The House Appropriations Committee, currently made up of 29 State Representatives from across the state (18 Republicans and 11 Democrats), determines spending increases or cuts to State agencies and their respective programs.

For example, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has jurisdiction over state-administered public benefits such as food and cash assistance. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) administers programs that monitor the safety of our drinking water. The State Court Fund allocates money to programs that provide public defenders for indigent people. The Appropriations Committee can make the decision to put more money into those programs, or make cuts to them. The interests of the representatives and their districts are varied and competing.

Another element of the Appropriations process is that legislators often make the effort to “bring home the bacon” by securing funding for specific projects that benefit their district. This can take the shape of securing increased arts and culture grant funding to a local museum within the district, a road or bridge repair through the Michigan Department of Transportation, or even a spending increase to rehab buildings at a local community recreation center. A recent Detroit example includes $500,000 appropriated for the Charles H. Wright Museum.

A strong legislator can advocate for the needs of the community he or she represents, and have their priorities reflected in the budget.

**AUTO INSURANCE**

Auto insurance is regulated by state law. Efforts to lower auto insurance rates have been stymied by disagreement over whether to keep or scrap mandatory personal injury protection (the most generous and expensive coverage in the nation), and whether insurance companies, health providers and trial attorneys should be more strictly regulated.

Senate Republicans passed two auto insurance reform bills in June, 2018. No Democrats voted for either. One bill would cap reimbursement for family attendants of accident victims; cap medical coverage at $400,000 for passengers without auto insurance; and include insurance fraud in the purview of the state auto theft prevention authority. The other bill would exempt seniors over 65 from mandatory unlimited Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage.

There are at least 53 insurance reform bills that have been introduced in the House for the two-year legislative session that will end January 2, 2019. There may be more movement on bills during the lame duck period after the November election. All bills will expire at the end of the legislative session, and any reform bills will have to be re-introduced by the new Senate and House for the legislative session that will begin January 3, 2019.

For more information on state auto reform bills, visit bit.ly/mihouseauto. For more CitizenDetroit’s research on auto insurance, visit www.citizendetroit.org/events.
EDUCATION

Michigan’s constitution reads, “The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law.” The state legislature adopts, amends and repeals laws that govern our public school districts - traditional and charter. These laws range from testing requirements to budget allocations to school safety, to charter school regulation.

Recent laws passed by the Michigan legislature include a package of bills to increase the state education budget; enhance protections against sexual assault within schools; include mandatory “mental health first aid” training for teachers, and add a requirement that regional public school “enhancement” millage revenues be shared with charter schools. All bills that are not voted on will expire at the end of the legislative session, January 2, 2019.

For Bridge Magazine’s summary of 12 education reform studies, visit bit.ly/BridgeEd.

WATER

Water policy is an issue that is critical to the public health, safety, and pocketbooks of Michiganders. Michigan is home to four of the five Great Lakes, which represent 21% of the world’s freshwater supply. Responsibility falls on our legislators, through oversight and adequate levels of regulation, to provide clean, potable water while preserving the ecology, natural resources, and economy of the state.

Water issues that have come before the legislature include:

• Finding the appropriate amount of funding for storm water & sewage system upgrades.
• Nestle’s soliciting a permit to pump water from Michigan water sources.
• Whether or not to shut down “Enbridge Line 5,” the oil pipeline running through the Great Lakes.
• Appropriating funds for bottled water distribution, lead testing and water infrastructure improvements following the Flint Water Crisis.
• Creating public assistance programs to help pay water debt in the wake of mass water shut offs in Detroit.
• Ballast water regulations designed to prevent commercial ships from accidentally bringing invasive species into our waterways that destroy our ecosystems.

For more information about the Flint Water Crisis, visit https://flintwaterstudy.org.

MICHIGAN VOTERS DON’T SPLIT YOUR VOTE!

When you vote in the primary election on August 7th, you must confine your votes to a single party column.

If you want to vote for candidates from multiple parties, you may do so in the general election on November 6th.

Splitting the ticket on August 7th will invalidate your ballot!
CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What is your number one legislative priority?

2. What bill or piece of legislation from the State Legislature do you applaud, and for what reason(s)?

3. Why do you believe you’re the best person to represent parts of Detroit in the Michigan House of Representatives?

TOPICAL QUESTIONS

What reforms or investments do you support to prevent future situations like the Flint Water Crisis?

What reforms do you support to lower auto insurance rates for Detroiters?

Are you in favor of repealing the senior pension tax? If so, what would you do to replace the lost revenues?

YOUR TABLE’S QUESTION(S)
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES

MARK CORCORAN (R)
- No photo provided
- Construction business owner
- Tea Party activist

GREGORY CRESWELL (L)
- Libertarian
- Former Coordinator, M.C.R.I Vote Yes!
gregcreswell.com

SHAUN MALOY (D)
- Former Director, Detroit Parent Network
- Former Systems Engineer, Compuware
- Youth Pastor, C4 Youth Ministry of Perfecting Church
facebook.com/voteshunmaloy

TENISHA YANCEY (D)
[INCUMBENT]
- Former member, Harper Woods Board of Education
- Former Government Relations, Wayne County Executive’s Office
- Former Assistant Prosecutor, Juvenile Div., Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office
voteyancey.com
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<td>• Founder and Executive Director, Inner City Youth Group&lt;br&gt;facebook.com/kinda4staterep</td>
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<td><strong>Carol Banks (D)</strong></td>
<td>• Current Chief of Staff, Councilman Scott Benson&lt;br&gt;• Former Detroit School Board Member &amp; Ombudsperson&lt;br&gt;• Former staff, Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO)&lt;br&gt;facebook.com/CarolBanksForStateRep</td>
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<td><strong>Willie Bell (D)</strong></td>
<td>• Current Detroit Police Commissioner, District 4&lt;br&gt;• Former Lieutenant, Detroit Police Dept. (32 years)&lt;br&gt;• Former US Army Sgt., Vietnam War&lt;br&gt;electwilliebell.com</td>
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<td><strong>Latisha Johnson (D)</strong></td>
<td>• Current member, Board of Zoning Appeals&lt;br&gt;• Founder, MECCA Development Corporation&lt;br&gt;• Finance &amp; Marketing, Detroit tourism industry (10 years)&lt;br&gt;latishajohnson.com</td>
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<td><strong>John Palffy (R)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Joe Tate (D)</strong></td>
<td>• Current Program Manager, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation&lt;br&gt;• Former Infantry Officer, US Marine Corps&lt;br&gt;• Former Professional Athlete, N.F.L.&lt;br&gt;tateformichigan.com</td>
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<td><strong>Carla L. Tinsley-Smith (D)</strong></td>
<td>• Board Secretary, Mack Alive&lt;br&gt;• Community Activist of the Year Award, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. (2014)&lt;br&gt;• Bachelors in Public Relations and Political Science, Florida A&amp;M University&lt;br&gt;carlaforstaterep.com</td>
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## DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES

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| **DOLORES BRODERSEN (R)** | • No photo provided  
                          • No bio provided                                                    |
| **WENDELL L. BYRD (D) [INCUMBENT]** | • Current Michigan State House Representative, 3rd District  
                          • Former Accountant & Tax Auditor, State of MI  
                          • Former Detroit Police Commission Board Member |
| **CHINA COCHRAN (D)** | • Former Communications Director, Detroit City Council  
                          • Legislative Assistant, Wayne Co. Commission  
                          • Co-Founder, Langston Oklahoma National Council of Negro Women  
                          • chinacochran.com |
| **JOHN CROMER (D)** | • Prison Outreach and Employment Committee, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church  
                          • Former job developer, America Works - Detroit  
                          • Advocate, Ban the Box Campaign |
| **CHRISTOPHER A. OWENS (D)** | • No photo provided  
                          • No bio provided                                                    |
                          • Former Precinct Delegate, 208-University District (2014-16)  
                          • Licensed Youth Minister, Perfecting Church  
                          • omarproctor.com |
### DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES – OPEN SEAT

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| **MD RABBI ALAM (D)** | • Iraq War Veteran, U.S. Army  
• Founder, Missouri Democratic Party Asian American Caucus (MDPAAC)  
• MA in Mathematics & Education, University of Missouri Kansas City  
[mdalam.us](mdalam.us) |
| **SAAD A. ALMASMARI (D)** | • Current Hamtramck City Council Member  
• Owner, King’s Ice Cream  
• Arts in Media, Sana’s University (Yemen)  
| **DEREK BOSTON (D)**  | • No photo provided  
• No bio provided |
| **CHRISTOPHER L. COLLINS (D)** | • No photo provided  
• No bio provided |
| **MATT FRIEDRICHS (D)** | • Community Organizer, MOSES Project  
• BSE in Civil Engineering, University of Michigan  
[matffriedrichs.com](matffriedrichs.com) |
| **JUSTIN JESSOP (D)** | • No bio provided |
| **MYYA JONES (D)**    | • BA in Management, Michigan State University  
• Intern, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence  
• Cass Tech High School  
[facebook.com/electmyyajones](facebook.com/electmyyajones) |
| **ERNEST T. LITTLE (D)** | • No bio provided |
| **DIANE MCMILLAN (D)** | • Associate Professor Emerita, Marygrove College  
• Professor of Social Work, Wayne State University  
• Social Worker of the Year Award, National Association of Social Workers - Michigan Chapter (1999) |
| **JEFFREY NOLISH (D)** | • Intelligence Analyst, Michigan Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force  
• Former Mobility Specialist, City of Detroit Planning Department  
• Former Policy Analyst, Detroit City Council  
[www.votenolish.com](www.votenolish.com) |
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| **MICHELE OBERHOLTZER (D)** | • Director of Tax Foreclosure Prevention Project, United Community Housing Coalition  
 | • Founder, Tricycle Collective  
 | • BSE in Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan  
 | michele4rep.com |
| **RICO RAZO (D)** | • Former Campaign Manager, Mayor Duggan 2017 Re-election Campaign  
 | • Former District 6 Manager, City of Detroit (2014-17)  
 | • Former Youth Development Manager, SER-Metro Detroit (2009-14)  
 | ricorazo.com |
| **SYED ROB (D)** | • Current member, Hamtramck Zoning Board  
 | • Gubernatorial appointee, Michigan Board of Physical Therapy  
 | • MBA, Lawrence Tech University  
 | syedrob.com |
| **ISAAC ROBINSON (D)** | • Attorney at Law (12 years)  
 | • Former staff, Detroit City Councilmember Gabe Leland (2015-17)  
 | • Michigan Teamsters Legislative Department (2003-2010)  
 | facebook.com/robinsonformichigan/ |
| **HOWARD WEATHINGTON (R)** | • No photo provided  
 | • No bio provided |
## DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES – OPEN SEAT

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<td>- Current member, Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals</td>
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<td>- Founder &amp; Criminal Defense Attorney, Detroit Law Center</td>
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DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES – OPEN SEAT

WILLIE E. BURTON (D)
• Detroit Police Commissioner, 5th District
• Former member, Detroit Public Schools Police and Public Safety Oversight Committee
• Detroit and Wayne County Field Director, Bernie Sanders for President Campaign
  willieburton2018.com

TYRONE CARTER (D)
• Retired Police Lieutenant, Wayne County Sheriff’s Dept. (25yrs)
• President, Original United Citizens of Southwest Detroit
• Former Vice President, AFSCME Local 3317
  tyronecarter4staterep.com

TOM CHOSKE (D)
• Founder/Co-Founder, Choske Consulting & Freshwater Transit Solutions
• Former Staffer, Congressman Hansen Clarke
• MBA, University of Michigan-Dearborn
  votechoske.com

TERRA DEFOE (D)
• Director, Mayor’s Office of Faith-based Affairs
• Former African-American & Faith Coordinator, Michigan House of Representatives Democratic Caucus
• Former Executive Director, MI Legislative Black Caucus
  Terradefoe.com

AGHOGHO EDEVBIE (D)
• Assistant Wayne County Corporation Counsel
• JD, University of Michigan Law School
• Crain’s Detroit Business 20 in their 20s (2016)
  aghogho.com

PAULA GEORGETTE HUMPHRIES (D)
• Former Judge, 36th District Court (26 years)
• Former Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army (27 years); Desert Storm & Shield Veteran
• Former Democratic Legal Counsel, Michigan State Senate (4 years)
  votepaulaghumphries.com

SAMANTHA MAGDALENO (D)
• Former Director of Community Organizing, Detroit Hispanic Development Corp.
• Founder, Student RGV Community DREAMers
• MA in Communications, Wayne State University
  samforsix.com
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<td>• Former Staff, Michigan State</td>
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<td><strong>CHARLESETTA WILSON (D)</strong></td>
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<td>LATANYA GARRETT (D)</td>
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<td>• Current MI State House Representative, 7th District</td>
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<td>• Davenport University, (currently pursuing Bachelor’s in Medical Case Management)</td>
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<td>NAJANAVA HARVEY-QUINN (D)</td>
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<td>• nharveyquinn.com</td>
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<td>JEFF JONES (D)</td>
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<td>• Director of Community Organizing, Doing Development Differently in metro Detroit (D4)</td>
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DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATES

LASONYA BEAVER (D)  
- No bio provided

GEORGE A. ETHERIDGE (D)  
- City Planner, Policy Analyst & Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Policy Division, Detroit City Council (since 2005)  
- President, Castle Rouge Civic Association  
- Former Eligibility Specialist for the Michigan Department of Human Services  
  george4staterep.com

SHERRY GAY-DAGNOGO (D) [INCUMBENT]  
- 2-Term State Representative (2015-Current)  
- Former Vice President, North Rosedale Park Civic Association  
- Former staffer, Detroit City Council  
  facebook.com/votesherry/

JASMINE HENRY (D)  
- Project Consultant, Blue Care Network  
- Board of Directors, Pace Academy (7 years)  
- MA Social Justice, Marygrove College  
  vote4jasminehenry.com

VALERIE R. PARKER (R)  
- Eastern Michigan University (currently pursuing Masters in Africology)  
- Former restaurant owner  
  valerieparker4staterespresentative.com

SEYDI SARR (D)  
- Founder, African Bureau for Immigration and Social Affairs (ABISA)  
- New American Leaders Project Fellow (2016-17)  
- MA Social Justice, Marygrove College  
  facebook.com/vote4Seydi
DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATES – OPEN SEAT

GARY POLLARD (D)
- Chairman Emeritus, Wayne State Board of Govs.
- Former Chief of Staff, State Representative Fred Durhal, Jr. and State Senator Martha Scott
- Former Executive Assistant, Mayor Dennis Archer
  votegarypollard.com

JAMES STEPHENS (R)
- No photo provided
- No bio provided

DONALD L. STUCKEY II (D)
- Mediator, Wayne Mediation Center
- Board Vice-President, Transit Riders United (TRU)
- MA in Dispute Resolution, Wayne State University
  votestuckey.com

KAREN WHITSETT (D)
- No bio provided
  karenwhitsett4staterep.com

DISTRICT 10 CANDIDATES

RHONDA BARLEY (D)
- Financial administrator, Presbytery of Detroit (20 years)
- Founder, A Place of Refuge (non-profit)
- MSW, University of Michigan

ARTICIA BOMER (R)
- No bio provided

WILLIAM BRANG (R)
- No photo provided
- No bio provided

JAMES BRENNER (D)
- No photo provided
- No bio provided

TYSON KELLEY (D)
- No photo provided
- No bio provided

LESLIE LOVE (D) [INCUMBENT]
- Two-term State Representative (2015-current)
- Director of Theatre & Professor, Marygrove College
- Professor, Wayne County Community College

JEREMY MORGAN (L)
- No photo provided
- No bio provided
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