

## **Michigan State Senate District 8**

### **2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot**

**Duties:** The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

**Qualifications:** State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 4 years Vote for ONE (1)**

### **PETER J LUCIDO, Republican**

**Website:** [www.peterjlucido.com](http://www.peterjlucido.com)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Representative Michigan House of Representatives 36th district

**Education:** De La Salle HS Macomb County Community College Associates degree Oakland University Bachelor of Arts Detroit College of Law (Michigan State College of Law) Juris Doctor Central Michigan University MBA

**Qualifications / Experience:** Attorney Law firm owner 2 term Representative

#### Questions:

**1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?**

**A:** #1 Roads and Infrastructure - Use interest Only from catastrophic claims fund to provide additional funding without raising taxes -Change allocation formula in Public Act 51 to put the money where the roads repairs are most needed - Tax Bottled water taken from Aquifers to support water management and infrastructure #2 Auto Insurance cost replace mandated coverage with selection of benefits by the buyer and eliminate double coverage. Create more transparency and increase competition between carriers #3 Schools (See Education)

**2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?**

**A:** increase transparency on policy decisions and how the money is being spent address legacy costs in a way that does not take away from educating our children increase interactions between teachers, parents, administration, legislators and the community at large Proper Funding to accommodate needs

**3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?**

**A:** reduce regulations and restrictions which impede business growth Promote education and training to support need of educated work workforce and skilled labor. Education and skilled labor provides opportunity and shortages impede growth.

**4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?**

**A:** make all political funds transparent so the voters know where and from whom the money to fund campaigns for office and issues are coming from. Insure the integrity of the system without violating constitutional rights to vote or freedom of speech

**5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.**

**A:** All resources including water must be managed in a way that is environmentally sound, respects the property rights of individuals and provides a clear benefit to the citizens of the state. The Mission and Role of the MEDQ needs to be addressed beyond processsing applications like Nestles request to extract more water, and respond to the concerns and voice of the citizens. A long term solution to Line 5 and protecting our lakes is needed that does not adversely effect the access to energy by the people who currently depend on it

**6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?**

**A:** As a former probation officer and criminal attorney I've seen how our justice system works, and often does not. I've championed reforms to allow our police and prosecutors to protect the citizens without infringing on the rights of others. An example is the work to change the civil asset forfeiture laws to which have allowed asset forfeiture without a conviction.

## **PAUL R FRANCIS, Democrat**

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Vice President of Sales and Marketing

**Education:** Western Michigan University - Haworth College of Business Bachelor of Business Administration

**Qualifications / Experience:** I have enjoyed a successful career in business for the past 25 years. Throughout my career, I have brought people together with diverse backgrounds. I am not a career politician, my business experience has given me a comprehensive understanding of our communities current pressing issues, and my passion to serve are my motivations for running for Michigan State Senate District 8 in 2018.

### Questions:

#### **1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?**

**A:** Infrastructure-A long-term plan to fix and improve our roads and infrastructure, so the great state of Michigan, the birthplace of modern mass-produced automobiles, is seen as a leader in transportation infrastructure. Diversify our economy and make Michigan the high-tech hub of the Midwest. Public safety is the backbone of every community. I will work to restore state revenue sharing to customary levels with our cities in Michigan State Senate District 8 to ensure that our Public Safety departments will be properly funded.

#### **2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?**

**A:** I will work to create a moratorium on all new charter schools and order a full audit of all existing charter schools to account for the spending of public dollars. Benchmark all Charter Schools student performance against their local public school. Restore public school funding to 2011-2012 levels. Schools have lost approximately \$16,000 per classroom, in the last two years.

#### **3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?**

**A:** We live in a very exciting time. A time of incredible technology-driven change in our national and local economies. It is time for our leaders to work together regardless of their party to ensure Michigan and all of its residents thrive in this great technology-driven economy. We need to transform Michigan, from a one-industry economy to a diverse high-tech economy and make Michigan the high-tech hub of the Midwest. Because a good paying job, rewarding career, and homeownership is not a Republican or Democratic idea, it's an American idea. Vote for me so I can lead Michigan and the State Senate District 8 into the

#### **4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?**

**A:** Stop gerrymandering by having a bipartisan panel draw district lines every ten years. Work with Michigan's elected officials at the federal level too repeal Citizens United.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.**

**A:** Lake Saint Clair, a rich natural resource. This natural wonder is an envied source of fun and leisure, commercial activities, and international trade. We need environmental policies that keep Michigan beautiful and propel Michigan in the environmental economy. Michigan, is one of the most beautiful states in our union with envied resources including Lake Saint Clair. Revenues from fishing alone top the tens of millions for Lake Saint Clair. Properly managing our natural resources is crucial to the area's economic viability and preserving its beauty to everyone's benefit.

#### **6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?**

**A:** Did not respond in time for inclusion

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