

## **Michigan State Representative District 104**

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

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

**Qualifications:** State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 2 years Vote for ONE (1)**

### **LARRY C INMAN, Republican**

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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative, 104th

**Education:** Associate of Science, NMC, Bachelor of Science NMU

**Qualifications / Experience:** Huntington National Bank 28 years, Grand Traverse County Commissioner, 22 years

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

**A.** I support K 12 increase funding, Closing the Gap by the 2x formula, getting Traverse City Public Schools , more funding then downstate schools each year. School Safety, I recommend locking down all public schools, and hopefully we can find the funding for police officers in the school System, keeping the promise of more general fund dollars for roads, by 2012, we committed to 600,000 each year in the general Fund, with the gas tax and fees for an estimated amount by 2021 of 1.2 Billion dollars directed to roads.

#### **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.** In the Governors Marshall Plan there are funds for school and career assistance. We continue at the State level to monitor and review school outcomes in testing scores, as apart of the funding process. Local control is very important because every school district is different in there approach for better outcomes.

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

**A.** I support Governor Snyders, Marshall Plan to increase funding to create higher paying jobs, job training and increased support for the trades as a Career in Michigan. We also did a Good Jobs program to help support new companies to come to Michigan.

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

**A.** I support no reason absentee voting in Michigan, I would support the Individual amount increased beyond \$1,000 to \$2,000. We have already capped Pac funds to \$10,000 per election cycle per candidate.

#### **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.** I support clean environment and have been supported by the league of conservation voters and by there PAC donations. I work closely with the Michigan Sierra Club in Lansing and I am a member. I just submitted a bill for Water and Infrastructure, to provide a funding source for repair and replacement of our aging water pipelines and Water Treatment systems. I support the removal of the 65 year old line 5, this year, the Governor, The Attorney General and the Director of the DEQ, are the people who can make the easement decision on Line 5. I urge all residents to contact these people for final determination.

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

**A.** I do not support any type of discrimination to anyone, there are regulations in place to deal with these matters if they occur, they are reported to the Michigan Department of Civil rights.

## **DAN O'NEIL, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney/Partner: Thompson O'Neil, P.C.

**Education:** Central Michigan University; BS - 1981 Detroit College of Law; JD-1984

**Qualifications / Experience:** Member and Chair; Traverse City Planning Commission  
1992-2001 Board Member: Common Cause Michigan 20015-2017 Executive Board  
Member, Michigan Association for Justice: 1997 – 2017

### Questions:

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

**A.** A responsible legislative agenda must include measures to reduce the influence of special interests and focus on policy initiatives that provide real benefits to Michigan citizens. My top priorities include 1) Support of working families through increased wages, and access to affordable and high quality housing, childcare, and healthcare; 2) Increase transparency and civic involvement by amending Michigan's Freedom of Information Act to include the Legislature and Governor's office and; 3) Protect the environment by shutting down Line 5 and restoring regulatory funding to the Department of Environmental Quality.

#### **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.** Michigan schools now rank 42nd in the country and are falling. Parents and schools must work together to institute immediate and significant reforms including: 1) Expanding free public education to begin at age two and continue at least two years beyond high school, 2) Integrate social services to assure access to community resources designed to prepare children for learning, 3) Reform charter school regulation to require full financial transparency and eliminate waste created by duplicating existing resources. 4) Increase teacher training and compensation.

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

**A.** Too many hard working Michigan families do not earn enough to afford the basic necessities of life; housing, food, childcare and healthcare. While the best way to increase incomes is to improve education, we must also invest in infrastructure including high speed internet and fiber-optic networks to attract higher paying employers to the state. Additional investment in job supports including child care and expanding non-employer funded healthcare options will reduce labor costs to employers and allow for additional capital investment and economic growth.

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

**A.** In the last few years the Legislature has greatly expanded the influence of money in our elections and adopted measures making it harder to vote. As a result, fewer people are willing to participate in a system they believe is rigged by special interests. I support robust disclosure requirements to identify the source and amount of any expenditure made for a political purpose. I also support no-reason absentee voting, vote by mail, extended voting days and same day registration. We should also allow college students to register and vote on campus and eliminate the cumbersome "first time voter" process.

#### **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.** In recent years the Michigan Legislature has all but eliminated environmental regulation. DEQ funding has been reduced by two-thirds, an industry dominated "review committee" now has veto power over environmental regulations, and local governments were stripped of their authority to protect natural resources. We must amend the Michigan Environmental Protection Act to affirm that every citizen has a legal right to compel the state to protect the environment. Line 5 represents an unreasonable risk to the drinking water of 80% of the state's population. It must be immediately shut down and should not be replaced.

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

**A.** One in five children in Michigan live in poverty, the rate doubles for children of color. Poor and minority communities are invariably the site of toxic contamination, poor air quality and substandard drinking water. We must address this economic injustice and assure that all citizens share equally in the environmental burdens we create. Every Michigan resident should enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and be free from discrimination because of who they are. I support amending the state civil rights act to include sexual orientation and gender identification.

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