

Michigan State Representative District 15

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)

DOUG MITCHELL, Republican

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Education: Dearborn Public Schools-- Fordson High School; Bachelor of Science-- U of Michigan-Dearborn; Master of Public Health-- U of M Ann Arbor; Master of Business -- U of M Ann Arbor

Questions:

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

A: Fixing our Infrastructure I'd revise Michigan's road funding formula, develop collaborative regional transit for greater connectivity, and demand quality work through Prevailing Wage laws. Strengthening Health Care I'd continually strive for a Single Payer Healthcare System, cap doctor visits to a maximum of \$5 out-of-pocket, and demand transparency from pharmaceutical companies. Reducing Auto Insurance Costs I'd eliminate discriminatory practices in rate setting, require transparency from Catastrophic Claims Association, and establish a fraud authority for greater accountability.

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: When it comes to our public education, we need to double down. We must do the following: - Create a universal Pre-K program and increase our investment in K-12 public education - Provide educators with better compensation - incentivizing future students to pursue teaching - Guarantee access to a subsidized community college education for Michigan residents - Expand awareness, access, and incentives for skilled trades programs

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

A: I was raised in a working class household. My parents worked tirelessly to ensure we had a roof over our heads, food on the table, and opportunity to do better. That's why I'm dedicated to creating an economy that works for everyone. Here's how: - Implement a graduated income tax system where 98% of families would realize a tax reduction - Hold corporations accountable - tax dollars should be used to create jobs not line CEO pockets - Establish a strategic fund that focuses investments in small business entrepreneurs - Retain Michigan college graduates with student loan forgiveness and economic opportunity

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

A: Our democracy is founded on the concept of fair elections decided by a vote of the people. However, we're getting further and further from being a true democracy and many have lost faith in our election process. In order to restore the integrity of our democracy, we address the following: - Demand transparency in campaign finance rules - Safeguard all citizens voting rights are protected and guaranteed - Develop a nonpartisan redistricting process to ensure fair and representative legislative districts.

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: As an environmental champion in the Michigan House of Representatives and as a former Michigan League of Conservation Voter board member, I'm committed to policies that - Promote environmental justice by allowing locals to reject any permit that would increase pollutants - Create permitting standards that consider the overall impact of pollutants in a region - Increase both incentives and accessibility to recycle for community residents - Stop corporations from unjustly profiting from our resources - such as the bottling of our water

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

A: As the only Muslim legislator in Lansing, I know firsthand the importance of promoting social and racial justice in our state. In my first term in office, I introduced the MI Civil Rights Expansion bill package. This comprehensive 16-bill, first of its kind package would extended needed civil protections to all residents, regardless of faith, sexual orientation, birthplace, race, etc.

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