

Michigan State Representative District 16

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)**

JODY RICE-WHITE, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

KEVIN COLEMAN, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Music Instructor

Education: Bachelor's Degree Western Michigan

Qualifications / Experience: Westland City Council 2014-2017

Questions:

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

A: Fixing the roads: let's reinvest in transportation in our State by moving more general fund dollars to building new and better roads. Prioritizing education: We can no longer afford to underfund school districts like Wayne-Westland's. Our children deserve a high-quality public education and we have to make education a priority again. Protecting seniors: pensioners and retirees should not be expected to pay taxes on their retirement savings because they could not properly account for this expense while working. We should repeal the pension tax.

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: Let's boost the school aid fund with additional revenue from sports betting and from the new proceeds from ballot measures.

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

A: Vocational and skilled trades education should be boosted and K-12 districts that are underfunded need to become priorities in the budget.

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

A: Campaign donations should be limited and super PACS should be more regulated. I will also support ending gerrymandering.

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: Our lakes, rivers and bodies of water should be properly protected. Companies that hurt the environment need oversight and state agencies like the Michigan DEQ should be looking into these matters.

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

A: Criminal justice reform is necessary. Those who are incarcerated due to non-violent crimes should have a chance at turning their lives around.

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