

Michigan State Representative District 18 **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)

KYLE McKEE, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

KEVIN HERTEL, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

Education: Attended Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Board of Directors, MAcomb County CARE House Committee Member, St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee

Questions:

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

A: 1. Roads and infrastructure improvements. I will continue to work to change PA. 51 to make sure we get our fair share of road funding in Macomb County. The current funding formula allows our roads to crumble because northern Michigan receives more funding. 2. Water Quality. I will continue to fight to protect our environment and ensure that every family has safe drinking water. This includes securing funding to upgrade water delivery and sewer systems as well as holding polluters accountable 3. Public Education. The best way to build a strong economy is through a strong public education system.

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: Studies have shown we are currently underfunding our schools. I will work every day to ensure our teachers, local school boards and staff have the resources necessary to educate our children. We should create a learning environment that allows our teachers to teach and our children to learn without too many burdensome testing requirements. I will also fight to increase post secondary education opportunities through debt free community college and expanded access to skilled trades training. Not every student needs a college degree but all need to have access to opportunities that will prepare them for a career.

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

A: The best way to attract job creators to Michigan is through a strong education system that prepares students for the careers of tomorrow and improving the quality of living throughout our region. Companies are attracted to states where they can find qualified work force and a strong pool of applicants. They also want to invest in a state that provides for a good quality of life for its residents through properly maintained infrastructure and reliable transit opportunities. We can learn from the loss of Amazon Headquarters 2 and begin investing in our education and infrastructure now.

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

A: I believe we need to change our campaign finance laws so that wealthy special interests have less control of our election process. We need to pass laws to remove corporate money from our politics and reduce campaign contribution limits. I support access to early voting and no reason absentee voting in order to allow residents to vote in a way that is convenient to them and their schedule. We should never compromise the integrity of our voting process but we should find ways to increase participation.

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 am proud to be endorsed by the The Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters and Clean Water Action Michigan. We must hold polluters accountable and do all we can to protect our environment. With a focus on renewable energy sources we can meet our energy needs while protecting our environment and lower costs. Enbridge Pipeline 5 has exceeded it's life expectancy and should be decommissioned.

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

A: I believe Michigan is at our best when we are inclusive and allow everyone the same opportunities to succeed. This includes access to great schools and a job that pays a living wage or better no matter your zip code, race or sexual identity. I support amending the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include protections for LGBTQ individuals.

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