

Michigan State Representative District 22

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)

ARTHUR BLUNDELL, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

JOHN CHIRKUN



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, 22nd District

Education: Attended Macomb Community College and Highland Park Community College. Graduated-Wayne County Police Academy (1979) and State Police Instructor's School (1984); U.S. Air Force (1971-1977)

Qualifications / Experience: Roseville City Council (November 1995-January 2009); Roseville Mayor (January 2009-December 2014); State Representative (January 2015-present); former Vice President of SEIU Local 502

Questions:

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

A: My priorities are fostering economic growth that creates good paying jobs, investing in public education from pre-school to higher ed and keeping our communities safe by funding police/fire and fixing our roads/water infrastructure. We must also lower auto insurance rates. We must provide everyone in our state with an opportunity to be successful in today's economy by giving them the ability to do so. I have introduced/supported legislation to accomplish these goals and will continue to do. I am willing to work with whomever to accomplish these goals that reflect the priorities of the residents of the 22nd District.

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: We must work with teachers/administrators to come up with the necessary policies/support services to prepare our children to succeed in today's global economy. This includes fully funding education in the state from preschool through K-12 education and making higher education such as public universities, community colleges and technical education affordable. We must lower class sizes, provide innovative technologies for the classroom, update buildings and give certified teachers the necessary support and professional development opportunities. We need to hold cyber/charter schools accountable as traditional schools.

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

A: I believe we can improve our economy by investing in our citizens and communities. We must create a tax structure that promotes entrepreneurship and creates jobs while providing the state with enough resources to fund priorities. It starts with educating our workforce and providing them with an opportunity to be successful/innovative in today's economy. We must provide an efficient transportation network to move goods/services and fund public safety/parks to make communities more livable. I also support retraining and educational opportunities to meet the demands of employers for unfilled skilled trade positions.

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

A: Michigan has gone backwards on transparency and made it tougher to exercise one's right to vote over the last 8 years. I support legislation that allows for no-reason absentee voting, allows for early voting, voting by mail and online registration. I opposed legislation that eliminated the straight ticket

voting option, sponsored legislation that would allow for automatic voter registration and support redistricting reforms. We need to return campaign contributions to pre-2013 limits and require full disclosure of all campaign/lobbying expenses and require full financial disclosures to be released by candidates.

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: We must do all that we can to support sustainable and renewable energy by incentivizing the use of wind, electrical and solar that has less of a carbon footprint on our environment and creates jobs. I support legislation that would double Michigan's energy efficiency standards and legislation that would increase the renewable energy portfolio to 20% by 2022. Pipeline 5 won't be needed and a better, more environmental friendly alternative can be found. We also need to hold polluters more accountable and hold our water in the public's trust as well as make big corporations pay for their fair share of anything they use.

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

A: I would support legislation that would provide for equal pay for equal work to end pay disparities, create a more equitable tax system that provides us with enough resources to fund the services that all of us consume while creating conditions for job growth, provide for paid sick leave time, restore unemployment benefits to 26 weeks, repeal the right to work law and protect the Healthy Michigan program. In addition, I would also look to make post-secondary higher education and trade schools more affordable for all so students can be well prepared for good paying jobs in the future.

MATT KUEHNEL, Libertarian



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Occupation / Current Position: Worker, building trades, HVAC-R, Secretary for the Libertarians of Macomb County

Education: HSD from Troy High, associate of applied science from Baker College

Qualifications / Experience: Age 35, he/him, married, race traitor, communist, anarchist, libertarian, humanitarian, activist. I grew up in Sterling Heights, I've lived most of my life in the metro area and Macomb County. I'm aware of the issues people face from north to south, east to west. I love and embrace our diversity. I'm prepared to take the responsibility of being a transparent, accountable steward to the people,

Questions:

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

A: First, I want to disarm the police. I would support disarming and dismantling the police state entirely. I would support any legislation that makes it easier for individuals to protect themselves and others. Second, I want to deport ICE. I would support any legislation that sends the federal kidnapping goons back to DC. I would support Michigan being a sanctuary state from all federal agencies. Third, I want to abolish private property. I would support any legislation that takes power away from absentee owners, and gives more control of resources to communities and more democratic control of labor to the workers.

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 support seizing the means of education from the state. I propose that the state should only provide funding, and all curriculum and standards be set democratically by only the educators, parents, and students involved. I think we need to get rid of charter schools, and I think we need to honor the promises we made public school teachers, as well as reduce pay for current administration, or dissolve completely, and give our teachers a much deserved and overdue raise. I believe many of today's youth would benefit from practical skills training, and that we should move away from standardized testing.

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

A: I support full communism, the abolishment of private property that deprives workers of their labor and communities of their resources. I would seek to end "right to work" laws and empower worker democracies and unions. I support all measures to increase a commonwealth, to ensure our social inheritance is equally distributed. I support the abolition of money, and support egalitarian efforts for a cooperative society dedicated to providing for all instead of profit for some. I support Medicare for All and expanding Medicare coverage for our state. I support all efforts to end the practice of profiting from exploitation.

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

A: I seek the end to money corrupting and controlling politics. I am not accepting campaign donations to live by example. I support all measures for transparency and accountability for cronyism and conflicts of interest. I support the abolishment of all restrictions to voting, including age limits. All individuals living in our community, effected by our laws, have a right to an equal voice. I support rank choice voting and an end to gerrymandering. I support making it easier for third parties, independents, and ballot proposals to appear on the ballot by lowering the number of petition signatures required.

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 would seek to end all destructive sources of energy and wealth. The pipeline needs to go. Flint needs clean water. Nestle needs to pay for the water they are stealing from the great lakes. I support the industrialization of hemp, and an end to deforestation. I would encourage clean energy. I would support the localization of energy, and an end to privatized resources. We need to focus on sustaining our natural eco system.

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

A: I would seek to allow anyone to be a judge, eliminating the Bar certification requirement. I think the justice system systematically profiles and subjugates the poor and marginalized, while protecting the wealthy and those in law enforcement. I encourage jury nullification for all victimless crime. I support banning federal law enforcement from spying, arresting, and deporting valued residents of Michigan. I support giving land back to the indigenous people it was unjustly taken from. I support communities having the power to police themselves. I support free speech but I also support a community opposing hate speech.

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