

Michigan State Representative District 23

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)**

MICHAEL FRAZIER, Republican

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DARRIN CAMILLERI, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, HD-23

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Kalamazoo College (2014);
Inaugural Fellow, Great Lakes Political Academy (2014); Spanish immersion,
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (2012-2013)

Qualifications / Experience: State Representative, HD-23 and Minority Floor
Leader, 2016-present; Social Studies Teacher, Team Lead, and Freshmen Advisor at

Consortium College Prep High School; Parks and Recreation commissioner at Brownstown Township (2014-2016); Student Body President at Kalamazoo College (2013-2014); constituent relations intern for former U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell (2011)

Questions:

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

A: 1. Increasing education funding and ensuring every child's right to a high quality public education. 2. Building a Michigan to last by investing in our state's roads, bridges, rail safety and water infrastructure 3. Enhancing job training programs to make sure Michigan's workers can compete in a changing global economy.

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: As a proud former teacher, this is one of my top priorities. In order to improve educational outcomes in our state, we need to first place a higher priority on education funding in our state's budget. Another issue we need to address is Michigan's literacy crisis. That's why I introduced a bill that gives our students a constitutional right to literacy, something our state does not currently guarantee. Finally, we should be doing all we can to increase access to college instead of making it more difficult. I support increasing funding to make college more accessible and affordable for all of our state's students.

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

A: Creating successful job training programs in our state is absolutely essential for us to compete in today's changing global economy, and I would support active investment in these types of programs. We need to be introducing people to the benefits of learning skilled trades while they are still in school rather than the divestment from those programs we've seen in recent decades, and we also need to make mid-career switches to a skilled trade a possibility, especially as certain types of jobs are becoming fewer and farther between.

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

A: Political spending in our state is completely out of control, and we need to take steps to reform our campaign finance system immediately to make politicians more accountable and ensure that corporations don't have undue influence in our elections. One of the largest problems we're facing is the amount of unaccountable dark money in our elections, and at the very least, we need to increase transparency in dark money donations and lower contribution limits.

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: The health and safety of our families is intimately tied to our environment. That's why I support taking action to strengthen our drinking water, air, and soil quality standards and investing in robust testing efforts across the state to identify problems as early as possible. Alongside higher standards must come an investment in our aging water infrastructure, including immediate action to repair and replace Enbridge Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac. I also support efforts to expand renewable energy and increase energy efficiency, as our homes, schools, and businesses need reliable power generation year-round.

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

A: Racial justice and equity are important issues that often get overlooked, but I believe they should be at the center of every decision we make. As the youngest Latino and first Maltese-American legislator elected in my state, I know that representation matters, and I am committed to making sure this is an issue we keep at the forefront. We also need to make real progress toward comprehensive criminal justice reform in our state. By creating better incentives to get people on probation back into the workforce, we can reduce rates of recidivism.

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