

Michigan State Representative District 42

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)

ANN BOLLIN, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Clerk - Brighton Charter Township

Education: Central Michigan University Harvard University – JFK School of Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government, 2009 Taubman Fellow Michigan State, IPPSR – MI Political Leadership Program

Qualifications / Experience: Clerk, Brighton Township - Elected Livingston Community Water Authority(former board member and Secy Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors (immediate past President) MTA Board of Directors, District 25 Director (Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne and Monroe counties) Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Parish Council, President Livingston County Community Alliance – Marijuana Committee

Questions:

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

A: Jobs and the Economy - we must build a strong business environment by reducing the cost of doing business and removing burdensome regulations resulting in more well-paying jobs; filling the skilled trades gap. Addressing community mental health issues so people are better prepared to work. Roads and Infrastructure (roads, bridges, water and sewer) - broad discussion is needed to address these critical and unmet needs; funding formulas need to be revised; build better roads Fiscally conservative solutions - review of budget to reprioritize any non-essential spending; zero-based budgeting; expenditures within budget

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: Every child should have full access to a quality education that best prepares them to reach their maximum potential and parents should have the right to determine which education model best suits their individual child/children. These models are best determined at the local level - not by the federal government. Placing more emphasis on diversified learning opportunities, more affordable post-secondary education, increasing vocational educational opportunities, and refocusing on critical subjects for general knowledge.

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

A: Michigan has come a long way in the last 8-10 years with the revised business tax structure, becoming a Right to Work state, and repeal of prevailing wage. Rollback of the state income tax, as promised, should be a priority and a commitment to fill the skilled trades gap. I support implementing policies that encourage Michigan businesses to expand and create more jobs (economic gardening) and policies that attract new companies and ventures to Michigan.

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

A: I am a local clerk and believe Michigan has strong election law with many checks and balances but it is only as good as the person administering the law. Continued emphasis on ensuring voter rolls are current via cross-state checking; requiring photo id or signing of an affidavit if not in the voter's possession when being issued a ballot in person; and allowing verification by any clerk of the voter's id to meet Must Vote in Person requirements. I support fair, not fixed, election initiatives; electronic return for MOVE ballots if through a military or government email; and post election audits for every election

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 have an obligation to be good stewards of our natural resources and need to work towards finding ways to increase responsible energy solutions without costing taxpayers more. The Great Lakes are a natural and beautiful amenity in our great State and we need to be sure we are protecting them.

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

A: Creating equal opportunities for all. We need to strive for all people starting on an even playing field - each having the same opportunity to succeed, or fail. No special set-asides for people based on anything - everyone is treated equally.

MONA M SHAND, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Freelance journalist and writer

Education: BA, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL); MA, Monterey Institute for International Studies (Monterey, CA); Certificate in Broadcast Arts, Specs Howard School of Broadcasting (Southfield, MI)

Qualifications / Experience: As a former educator and a current journalist, I have devoted my entire career to keeping the public educated and informed. I have spent years asking tough questions of elected leaders, holding them accountable, and working with non-partisan experts to make public policy understandable. I am not part of the establishment or beholden to any group. I will work across the aisle for positive change.

Questions:

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

A: Everything starts with education, which is why funding, staffing, and supporting our public schools is one of my top priorities. I will work toward a bipartisan, sustainable solution to our infrastructure crisis and help rebuild the literal foundations of our state. And I will protect our water, air, and other natural resources. This is critical for the sake of a healthy community and for the millions of jobs in tourism, fishing, boating, and farming that are directly tied to the environment.

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: A good education requires a strong start for all kids, and I support universal pre-kindergarten programs statewide. We need to reinvest in K-12 public schools so they have what they need to be successful, including wraparound services like counselors and increased funding for special education, at-risk students, and students with disabilities. I will push for a salary increase for teachers and additional funding for professional development. We must demand more accountability and transparency from charter schools. College needs to be more affordable, and we need more pathways and partnerships for skilled trades.

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

A: We first need to make sure we are training (and retraining) our workforce for jobs that already exist. This means aligning skills training with the needs of our changing economy and creating pathways to work. Amazon proved that tax incentives aren't enough to get businesses to come to Michigan. By investing in our education system and our infrastructure, we will create the kind of state that businesses want to be part of. As the cost of healthcare, housing, childcare, and education are all increasing, we must also protect the right to a fair wage, work to regrow our middle class, and keep young people in Michigan.

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

A: With the technology that exists and the threats facing us, Michigan has the opportunity to become a leader in election security and voting rights. We need no-reason absentee voting and early voting to ensure everyone who wants to vote can do so with ease. I support online voter registration, and am

firmly behind the Voters Not Politicians campaign to take back the process of drawing legislative and congressional districts so that every vote matters. And we need complete transparency in campaign finance which starts by reimposing limits on campaign finance contributions and shining a light on dark money in campaigns.

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: Protecting our natural resources is critical for the health of our state and our economy, given the millions of jobs tied to the environment Enbridge Line 5 places all of that in jeopardy. Continuing to increase our state's renewable energy portfolio incentivizing the transition to renewables will reduce the need for the propane the line transports. I will fight to keep the Great Lakes clean, and to mitigate the impacts of invasive species and climate change we are experiencing. I support strengthening the DEQ, increasing citizen input, and removing the recently appointed industry panel to oversee it.

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

A: A recent report found that eliminating racial disparities in health, education, incarceration, and employment in Michigan would generate \$92 billion in economic output by 2050. We must extend the economic recovery to all and create pathways for opportunity by ensuring equal access to quality education, healthcare, and job training, as well as a living wage, and affordable childcare, housing, and transportation. I also support raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction to 18, funding services that help prevent child abuse and neglect, and strengthening our state's social safety net.

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