

Michigan State Representative District 62

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)

DAVE MORGAN, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Pennfield Charter Township Supervisor

Education: Bachelor of Science - Business Administration, Associate in Applied Science Degree, Graduate of the State of Michigan Police Academy, Graduate of Amtrak Locomotive Engineer School

Qualifications / Experience: Has served as Pennfield Charter Township's Supervisor. Served 11 years in our Armed Forces and a veteran of Desert Storm. Has served on many committees and boards throughout the Calhoun County area.

Questions:

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

A: Auto Insurance Reform A government that is more efficient, more effective and more accountable
Repairing Michigan's infrastructure

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: Michigan has long been a state that innovates and builds things. We need to reinvigorate the skilled trades and agriculture careers. I will work to address barriers that exist to expanding trades education in our schools while encouraging partnerships between employers, educators and parents. Returning veterans and disabled workers also need to be given the chance to secure jobs in this state. Mid-Michigan is well positioned to prosper with the help of a skilled workforce.

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

A: From the Battle Creek area to Albion, our communities in the 62nd District are blessed to have so many wonderful residents who work hard everyday to provide for their families. We all have much more in common than not and in almost every case people simply want to provide for their loved ones and live in a safe community. As your State Representative I will work hard to make sure our families and every one of our communities has a voice in Lansing.

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

A: The current laws in place right now work but I am willing to look at all ideas which will better our system.

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 consider conservation to be a conservative value – as long as it is properly balanced with economics. I consider human health and safety to be the first and most important issue in environmental concerns, as humans are our country's most valuable resource. Any policy that supports conservation must equally address economic growth and development, as well as private property rights, in order for it to be practical.

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

A: Sadly, politics is largely defined by cynicism and negativity. I know from my work as Pennfield Charter Township Supervisor that the vast majority of the problems facing our state and community are not partisan problems and do not require partisan solutions. It is only by working together across the political spectrum that we can expect to make sustainable progress. I'm committed to a positive and collaborative approach to this campaign and as your state representative. "Let's Stand Together", when we do great thing can and will happen.

JIM HAADSMA, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, McCroskey Law

Education: Wayne State University Law School, JD; University of Denver, MA, partial course of study; Michigan State University, BA in English

Qualifications / Experience: Four terms as District 3 Calhoun County Commissioner 2008-2016, numerous community boards and committees including Kiwanis Club of Battle Creek, Art Center of Battle Creek, Haven Of Rest Ministries, Urban League of Battle Creek, Salvation Army Advisory, SNAP Preschool, Battle Creek NAACP Legal Redress chair, Calhoun County Bar Association, and Battle Creek Pride.

Questions:

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

A: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY: Michigan is full of hard working, talented people. We need to make sure they have jobs to support their families. We to to promote 21st century jobs and diversify our state economy by encouraging growth and entrepreneurship. EDUCATION: We need the best-educated workforce in the world. We need to reinvest in our public schools and fund them at the level it takes to do the work. We need greater access to early childhood education and post-secondary education and training. INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to provide our people and our businesses modern infrastructure, and it needs to be well-maintained.

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 need our whole education system to work for all Michiganders, from birth to career. We need everyone to have access to early childhood care and quality preschool. We need equitable outcomes for our k-12 system, which needs to be less about standardized testing and more about preparing our kids to be happy, successful adults. We need post-secondary education to be affordable for all, which we could start right now by guaranteeing free community college for everyone. We also need to be better at encouraging skilled trades and creating pipelines to those in-demand jobs.

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

A: As mentioned above, we need our education system to work better, with more equitable outcomes, to develop the best possible workforce. Becoming a place where companies want to be starts with a strong, dependable workforce. We also need better, more reliable infrastructure, from roads and bridges to water systems. Transitioning our power grid from fossil fuel to renewable resources would also help spur growth and better position Michigan for sustainable growth in the future. We need to encourage small businesses growth and entrepreneurship. In short, every Michigander deserves a living wage and a secure future.

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

A: Elections and campaign finance should be as transparent as possible. Voters should know how candidates are being funded and who is funding them. Voting should be as easy as possible - we should be removing barriers, not adding them. We could expand absentee voting and make registration more automatic. We need to remove the drawing of district lines from the political process so that our government bodies more fairly represent our communities.

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 for future generations should be one of our top priorities, certainly more important than corporate bottom lines. We need to balance our short term need for a stable, reliable energy grid with a more sustainable future based on renewable energy by encouraging the development of renewable sources of energy. Dangerously reckless transport methods, such as Line 5, need to become a thing of the past.

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

A: Everything we do must pass through a lens of equity. We can improve our education and economic systems, but if such improvements don't benefit everyone, then we still have a problem. As we design better systems, we need to ensure that any improvements are designed to right past wrongs and injustices, otherwise equity gaps will just widen. This means paying close attention to factors such as gender pay equity, school suspension and discipline policies and practices that produce inequitable outcomes, sexual harassment policies and accountability systems, and discrimination against LGBTQ people, just to name a few.

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