Michigan State Representative District 68 Partial Term
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.

Partial Term ends January 2, 2019   Vote for ONE (1)

ROSALINDA HERNANDEZ, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: I am the senior Pastor at I AM Ministries.

Education: Graduated from Lansing Eastern. Earned my degree in Leadership and Ministry from Mt. Hope Bible Training Institute.

Qualifications / Experience: I have served in the ministry for twelve years, working with people and families. As a Representative that's what my priorities will be, to be a public servant to the citizens and families of our State. My principles and values will reflect my choices in the legislature.

Questions:

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

A: Infrastructure: Attain Federal funding to fix our deplorable roads! Also increase the revenue percentage from 6 percent to 10 percent from the lottery . Education: Fund before and after school programs for children. Training for trade skills jobs. Smaller classrooms: Aquire teaching assistant's to assist teachers to have more of a one on one Bring in Safety officers, and have Training for the school counselors in trauma and suicide prevention.. School should be a place where children can be educated and trained and be prepared for life .Auto insurance reform: Regulate the company, and reform the auto insurance

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: Education thru preschool and grade school to high school must be brought to its former standards. The common core needs to be replaced, every student can not be measured by the same test, more flexibility and fluidity in the scoring system is a must !! We need to support the teaching staff and administrators and provide further training if necessary to them . Our educators have become babysitters and counselors and are not allowed to do their job as educators !The families of the students need support, I would legislate laws to aid single mothers with school children by funding daycare assistance and insurance

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

A: Reducing regulations for businesses, having rention benefits for companies. Lowering rates for leasing properties to assist new businesses for the first 3 years. Tax breaks for companies that are bringing jobs to Michigan.

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

A: Transparency is key !! Full disclosure of donors to campaigns, regulations established for private corporations. I agree that some form of picture id should be presented at the polls, to many voters have not been protected from voter fraud . Paper ballots !

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 agree that our Great lakes should be protected from illegal dumping! Less pollution and greener solutions are a must for our air and land … Enbridge could be a possibility to not have to depend on overseas oil! We need to be self sufficient and not susceptible to foreign countries. Being a minority I have personally dealt with injustices due to my nationality. I dont agree that a person should be judged according to the color of their skin or their gender.. As a Latina female I have struggled in our ci

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?
A: Being a minority I have personally dealt with injustices due to my nationality. I dont agree that a person should be judged according to the color of their skin or their gender.. As a Latina female I have struggled in our city with prejudice and discrimination, not only will I advocate for social and racial justice but I will defend and protect those who would be mistreated. Legislating laws that would prevent such atrocities.

SARAH ANTHONY, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Michigan College Access Network - Deputy Director
Education: Lansing Everett High School Central Michigan University (B.S. - Political Science) Western Michigan University (MPA - Public Administration) University of Michigan - New Leadership Fellowship
Qualifications / Experience: I was born and raised in Lansing and have remained active in various community organizations and committees. As a former legislative staffer for Joan Bauer, I thoroughly understand the legislative process and have formed critical relationships. I will be able to "hit the ground running". As a county commissioner, I have experience governing, balancing budgets and working with both parties.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?
A: Infrastructure, health care, and education are three of my top priorities. Fixing our crumbling roads and bridges is the number one issue I hear from residents. As a state representative, I plan to work with colleagues across the aisle to find creative solutions to fund road repairs. Secondly, I believe health care is a right and I will work to expand and protect health care for all Michigan families. Third, our region has a talent shortage and we need to prioritize investing in education, including early childhood and postsecondary degrees and credentials. I will fight for increased funding for education.

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 believe that the number one way Michigan can attract and retain businesses is by ensuring we have a skilled, qualified workforce. Amazon's decision to pass on Detroit for a second headquarters should be a wake-up call that we must increase our college degree attainment rate in Michigan to compete for jobs of the future. In order for Michigan to be a Top Ten state, we need to address our talent crisis, which will include doubling-down funding on early childhood education as well as postsecondary education and training programs. I support additional revenue for higher education, financial aid and early childhood.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?
A: The crux of economic development is creating an environment that is conductive and attractive for businesses so they can boost local economies and create jobs and also investing in working families. As a legislator, I would advocate for better infrastructure, job training programs and talent attraction/ retention incentives to ensure our region can compete throughout the state and nation.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?
A: I fully support "Promote the Vote", which advocates fo expanding voting rights and access (i.e. the right to a secret ballot, automatic voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, straight-party voting, and streamlined processes fo military service members and overseas voters).

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 a strong track record of protecting Michigan's land, water and air. I was recently endorsed by the Michigan League of Conservation Voters due to my voting record and vocal opposition to anti-envoirnmetal actions in Michigan. I support efforts that protect our Great Lakes, ensure safe drinking water, ban harm pollutants in our communities, and protect public and natural lands throughout our state. I believe Line 5 should be shut down. The Great Lakes hold 90 percent of the nation's surface fresh water and pumping oil through Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline presents a real and present danger to our lake and our state.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?
A: I approach each and every policy with a lens for social and racial justice. On the Ingham County Commission, I help lead our efforts to "Ban the Box" and "Raise the Age"; two policies that disproportionately impact low-income people and people of color. At a state level, we need criminal justice reform that embeds an equity lens and address discriminatory housing and lending practices, and create opportunities for economic advancement and upward mobility for disenfranchised and historical disadvantaged communities.