

Michigan State Representative District 93

3 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)

GRAHAM FILLER, Republican

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

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Occupation / Current Position: Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School Teacher/Director

Education: Central Michigan University - BS 1990 (K-12 Certified/Core Curriculum 9-12); Master's Equivalent; Montcalm Community College Assoc. Degree- Social Work - 1975

Qualifications / Experience: Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School - teacher 28 years; Village of Elsie Zoning Board of Review - approx. 10 yrs.; Clinton County Community Corrections Advisory Board - 4 yrs.; Past President Michigan United Conservation Clubs - advocate for conservation at the state and federal level; National Wildlife Federation – Delegate

Questions:

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

A: I have been an educator for 28 years and have seen the impact of budget cuts on our schools. I am committed to re-investing in our kids, pre-K through college, to make sure they get the experience they need and deserve. I am a licensed EMT and know that well-trained first responders can mean the difference between life and death. We must prioritize state funding to support municipal firefighters, police officers and EMTs. Plus Michigan workers must be protected from unfair legislation. As the Past President of MUCC, I am committed to championing issues critical to our natural resources, green spaces and 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 an educator, I do not believe that more standardized testing improves academic achievement, nor do test scores serve accurately as an evaluation tool for teachers. In order to improve educational results, we must refocus or continue to focus on developing fluent, literate students, and require reading and writing across the curriculum. In the elementary levels, we must stress the basic math skills and the steps necessary to master those concepts, and encourage students to be active learners focusing on higher level thinking skills, problem solving, project and interest based educational experiences.

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

A: Job creation involves bringing employment opportunities to Michigan that support a living wage for men and women alike. It is time to bring business, agriculture, labor, education and the legislators to the table to brainstorm an economic plan for the State of Michigan. Together, the stakeholders have the expertise to offer viable solutions for economic prosperity. In addition, the stakeholders have a vested interest in this state, it is time to tap into that expertise—in the end everyone wins. Michigan has a skilled work force that is worthy of protection from detrimental legislation.

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

A: I advocate for campaign finance transparency and the elimination of dark money and undisclosed corporate contributions. Regarding voting, the more that participate in the democratic process the more voices that are heard. It is time to pass legislation that supports early voting, equal access to early voting (absentee ballots), automatically register to vote when business is conducted at the Secretary of State's Office, create fair rules the remove as many barriers regarding voting as possible, and maintain straight party voting.

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 support the growth of renewable energy; if you take a close look at the 93rd District you will see expanded use of wind energy, increased solar energy production, agricultural, and other innovative renewable energy sources. Michigan has an opportunity to be a leader in renewable energy innovation and must take advantage of the possibilities. Regarding the future of Enbridge Line 5, in its current state it is not safe and the environmental culture of the Straits is at stake, there are a number of options: remove the line, relocate line 5 or encase it under the Straits to eliminate the possibility of a disaster.

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

A: In the United States all individuals are to be equal under the law. As a life-long resident of the State of Michigan I celebrate the diversity that we embrace in this State. I have a long standing commitment to social justice for all and I am committed to fighting for equality. It is important that we protect and support the LGBTQ community by expansion of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and Michigan's Intimidation Act. In addition, this State must continue to oppose all forms of discrimination and the use of religious freedom to discriminate.

TYLER PALMER, Libertarian



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Occupation / Current Position: Own/Operate Family Auto Body Shop

Education: Lansing Community College, No Degree Saint Johns High School, Class of 2009

Qualifications / Experience: Years in business management and entrepreneurship. Not a politician or office-holder, which I believe is my highest qualif.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Lower auto insurance costs by eliminating no-fault mandate and allowing motorists to purchase insurance across State lines. 2. Eliminate income tax, replace with state-wide "Fairtax." A sales tax proposal to replace the current income tax structure. It abolishes all personal and corporate income taxes. It also ends all taxes on gifts, estates, capital gains, alternative minimums, Social Security, Medicare, and self-employment. 3. Encourage greater fiscal responsibility among our State Gov't by introducing legislation to lower Michigan's spending cap. Re: Richard Headlee's Amendment. Drop the cap from 9.49% to 8

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: More competition in education... higher school choice and higher teacher pay.

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

A: Lower taxes for all. From rich to poor. Make Michigan a great business climate and a creator of jobs.

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A: I fully support the "voters not politicians" initiative which is seeking to have a non-partisan commission for redistricting voting districts. This will help the very bad issue of gerrymandering. Further, I support a ranked-choice voting system where voters can select all their preferred candidates rather than just the top one. This will eliminate the "wasted vote" fallacy that is perpetuated by the old, establishment parties.

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: A core principle of libertarianism is the "non-aggression principle." Basically, this means that gov't force cannot be used unless there is a threat to the life, liberty or property of another individual. I firmly believe that the potential risk caused by Enbridge Line 5 is one that could have disastrous effects on the property and life of many Michiganders. As such, I believe that Enbridge should be required to find an alternative above-water route for the pipe-line to run (perhaps directly under the Mackinaw Bridge?), that can be easily inspected and repaired as necessary.

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

A: The most pressing issue facing minorities and people of color is the failed war-on-drugs. There is no justification for aggressive laws that dictate free choice in the United States of America. I will seek to nullify any existing law which seeks to do so.

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