

## **Michigan State Representative District 95**

### **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)**

### **DOROTHY TANNER, Republican**

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### **VANESSA GUERRA, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative 95th District

**Education:** Bridgeport High School, University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

**Qualifications / Experience:** I am currently serving in my second term as State Representative and hope to carry on the legislative experience I've gained into a third and final term. Prior to serving in the State House I served as a Township Trustee in Bridgeport Township.

#### Questions:

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

**A:** My top three priorities in Lansing will be education, roads, and living wage jobs. -School districts like ours need funding restored so we can provide the best education our children deserve. -I will seek to restore the Earned Income Tax Credit that the Republicans have cut, because I believe it provides necessary relief to the working poor. -Fixing our roads must be a top priority of this legislature and we must look at all available options, including studying weight limits on trucks, adjusting user fees, and making sure dollars currently earmarked for road repairs are spent appropriately.

**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:** Specifically, we must restore funding to our schools. I want to see funding restored to provide our families with what they have a right to—an excellent public education. Additionally, funds should be made available to districts that wish to switch to year-round learning. A major driver of inequality is the summer break. If the parents and teachers of our community support this transition, I believe the state should support their efforts.

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

**A:** I stand by the Democratic caucus' Building Opportunities plan to ensure college access and greater investments in career and technical education through the Community College Promise. Ensuring we have an educated workforce and a system that works for everyone is necessary for Michigan to achieve far into the future.

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

**A:** I support repealing the law that allows independent expenditure committees to make unlimited contributions to campaigns. I support the Promote the Vote ballot proposal that would implement no-reason absentee voting, give military members additional time to vote, let citizens register to vote anytime with proof of residency, allow straight party voting, protect secret ballots and require audits for election results.

**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 believe that our natural resources, and most importantly our abundant supply of freshwater, is one of the greatest things our state has to offer. Our state has long neglected investing in our infrastructure and ensuring its safety, and we've seen the terrible consequences of placing dollars and cents over people and lives in the tragedy of the Flint Water Crisis. Line 5 provides an essential service in ensuring hard working Michiganders can afford to keep their lights on, but it's time we as a state start finding the solutions of the future rather than being tied to the problems of the past.

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

**A:** I support increased funding for Michigan's indigent defense fund and oppose legislation that would ban sanctuary cities because I believe local resources should not be spent on enforcing federal authority.

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