

## **Michigan State Representative District 28**

### **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)**

### **AARON DELIKTA, Republican**

**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

### **LORI M STONE, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Teacher

**Education:** Fitzgerald Public Schools Michigan State University Bachelor's degree in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy; Elementary Education Master's degree Science Education

**Qualifications / Experience:** My experience teaching in Fitzgerald Public Schools uniquely qualifies me to be a voice for education as well as my community. The best person to create educational policy are educational professionals. In addition I have been a MEA union building representative. I have experience advocating for students, unions, teachers, and our community. Michigan Political Leadership Program fellowship 2017

#### Questions:

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

**A:** My top three state legislative priorities are improving Michigan's public education system, repairing crumbling infrastructure, and insurance affordability. Public education needs to be adequately funded, equitable, and accountable in order to prepare a competitive workforce. After years of neglect, our roads and bridges need a long-term, sustainable solution for repair and maintenance. Finding an affordable solution for people being priced out of responsible car ownership because they can't afford insurance rates.

**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:** Schools need adequate funding to improve educational outcomes. Educational standards should be age appropriate. Students must be provided a suitable learning environment. Every child must be provided the foundation of early childhood education. K-12 STEM curriculum would prepare students for 21st century careers. Charter schools must be held to the same academic standards, fiscal accountability and transparency. Districts with high levels of student poverty must be provided with resources for equitable learning. High school students should have access to vocational training, apprenticeships, and affordable college.

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

**A:** Michigan needs to be recognized for the workforce talent it has to offer in attracting business and industry. Students need to be prepared with multiple pathways to enter the workforce. Workers should earn living wages and collective bargaining in order to maintain the middle class standard of living. Innovation and development need to be encouraged in order to increase jobs.

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

**A:** Voting is a right and responsibility for every citizen. I advocate changing policies that create obstacles to voter participation. Eligible voters should automatically be registered at age 18. Absentee or early voting options should be offered to all voters in order to increase voter participation. I also support vote-by-mail. Campaigns should be publicly funded so we elect the best candidates not just the best funded candidates. Campaign fundraising leaves many candidates beholden to interest groups instead of their constituents.

**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:** The Great Lakes watershed must be protected from oil, fracking, and invasive species. Our single greatest natural resource, fresh water, must be protected by supporting regulatory bodies such as the Department of Environmental Quality. The Enbridge Pipeline 5 is a threat to the Great Lakes and must be shut down. In addition, Michigan needs to be a leader in clean and sustainable energy resources.

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

**A:** I'm a champion of social justice. I advocate for those who face discrimination, social exclusion, and poverty. Education is the great equalizer. Education can open the doors of opportunity. Disparity in the quality and access to educational institution starts many of Michigan's children off on unfair footing. The talents of people are an important resource for our economy that we can't afford to waste. I also support criminal justice reform.

**RYAN MANIER, Libertarian**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

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