

Michigan State Representative District 35

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)

THEODORE ALFONSETTI III, Republican



Did Not Respond to Bio info and Questions.

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Occupation / Current Position: Civil Litigation Attorney

Education: Southfield-Lathrup Senior High School, Diploma Grand Valley State University, B.S University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, JD

Qualifications / Experience: -Court Appointed Criminal Defense Attorney, Staff Attorney Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, Civil Litigation Attorney -Second Vice Chair of the Southfield Total Living Commission, Program Chair of the Southfield Photo Prize Organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Wolverine Bar, National Congress of Black Women

Questions:

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

A: 1. Michigan's crumbling roads are a long-standing, ongoing, persistent problem. Our roads continue to deteriorate at a rate faster than repairs. A step toward addressing this issue would be to increase the fines for overweight trucks. 2. Education is critical to the success of our communities and our state. I support the recommendations included in the School Finance Research Collaborative study released in 2018. 3 No-Fault Insurance premium rates should be based upon your driving record not factors such as your credit score or address.

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 students are falling behind the rest of the nation. In recent years there has been an effort to provide additional funding; however, initiatives have been limited. A comprehensive revamping of school funding is needed based on the needs of students. I support the recommendations included in the School Finance Research Collaborative study. The study provides a strong foundation for the review, dialogue and revamping of Michigan's education funding system to move to an adequacy-based funding system.

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

A: A strong education system goes hand in hand with a strong economy. I support having a strong early childhood to post-secondary education system as well as an emphasis on career and skilled trades training. I believe investing in technology and new industries, such as clean energy, will provide good paying jobs and help move our state forward into the future.

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

A: I will support legislation that eliminates dark money in politics. I support voting rights policies that focus on voters, and remove barriers to eligible voters being able to participate in our democratic process and elections. Voting should be accessible, secure and fair. I support “no reason” absentee voting; early voting; straight party ticket voting; and automatic registration (unless the citizen declines). I am against discriminatory voter ID laws. Furthermore, I am against automatic purging of voter registration rolls.

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: We must invest in renewable energy. This will not only create jobs but it will ensure a bright future for generations to come. I support policies that would increase monitoring and oversight, in order to prevent contamination of our water or pollution in our air. I support policies that would hold corporations accountable for breaches in corporate responsibility. The Enbridge Pipeline should be closely monitored, and possibly insulated and buried underground. This would protect jobs and reduce the risk of a spill or other impacts to the environment.

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

A: I believe social and racial justice starts with allowing the underrepresented members of that community to have a seat at the decision making table, so that they are empowered to control their own narrative and propose changes that they would like to see. Often the best action is listening. With that said, we need educational curriculum that addresses the harsh realities of racial and social biases and gives students and teachers the tools to combat these internal biases.

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