

**Primary Election: August 7, 2018**  
**Michigan State Senate District 3**  
**Candidates: 1 Republican + 4 Democrats**  
**Vote in one political party's primary only.**

**Duties:** The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

**Qualifications:** State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 4 years VOTE for ONE (1)**

**KATHY STECKER, Republican**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

**ANITA BELLE, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** President of the Reparations Labor Union & Melanin Technology Co. Female co-chair of NCOBRA-Detroit.

**Education:** Graduate of Henry Ford High School, B.S. from Wayne State University, J.D. from the University of Florida.

**Qualifications / Experience:** When I practiced law, I was the attorney for the Nicaraguan Contras' Narcotics Trafficking Litigation, a human rights case that sued the U.S. Government for its role in importing illegal narcotics into America's segregated black neighborhoods and causing harm to all Americans. I conduct reparations workshops in houses of worship and for racial reconciliation groups. I train election challengers.

**Questions:**

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

**A:** My first priority is to address the human environment regarding racial justice and reconciliation. Population statistics predict that, within the next 25 years, blacks and Hispanics will become the majority in America. Many Hispanics are descendants of indigenous people. I therefore propose navigating the "browning" of America by treating minorities as we'd like to be treated and by repairing the damage done to black and indigenous people. My second priority is ensuring quality public education for all. My third priority is repair the natural environment with clean energy and by repairing the infrastructure.

**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 support more pay, benefits, and pension-secured retirement for teachers, substitute teachers, and school support staff. I don't support teachers or students being armed. I support our children being provided with technology much like books are assigned to individual students. I support arts education. Although I support making community college education free, I also don't want to see "degree inflation" cause an associate's degree to become equivalent to a high school diploma and thus make higher education more expensive and unattainable. I support providing more technical/trades training in the middle schools.

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

**A:** I support legalizing marijuana and augmenting legalization/medical marijuana with a social equity/reparative justice component. I support further research on the medical benefits of entheogens, a.k.a. psychedelics, and permitting their use for religious purposes. Because Michigan is a motor capital, I

support the development of safe flying cars and expansion into space technology. Because Michigan is also a music capital, I support the development of the arts to attract tourism. I support the research and development of clean energy from human hair melanin as a means of job/entrepreneurial creation.

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

**A:** In August 2013, there were 16,612 more ballots than there were voters in Detroit. In November 2013, there were 25,562 more ballots than voters in that election. Ballots stuffing in Detroit continued even after the purchase of new voting machines, there being 6,180 more ballots than there were voters in the November 2017 election. I propose investigating whether the vote dilution phenomenon is occurring elsewhere in Michigan. I further propose legislation that automatically audits election results in order to protect the legitimacy of government from voting machines being hacked and other means of election-rigging.

**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 seek to represent a state senatorial district that has some of highest asthma rates in the state and nation. Petcoke is dumped in my district. I believe there's no such thing as coincidence and breathing is a human right. Moreover, as President of Melanin Tech, I have found that pineal calcification is a health epidemic that affects motion and emotions that is exacerbated by neurotoxins such as fluoride. I would propose Michigan be a better water bearer for the Great Lakes, the source of 20% of Earth's fresh water, and better guard the surrounding air and land by removing petcoke, fluoride, and closing Line 5.

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

**A:** By failing to right the wrongs of history, Michigan repeats the history of wrongs. I propose holding truth and reconciliation circles that include implementing reparations for people of African and indigenous descent. It's no excuse that slavery was officially outlawed in the Northwest Territories, because narcotics are illegal, too, yet many Michigan residents are now enslaved/addicted to opioids/heroin and cocaine. The state must do more than mass incarcerate "slave collaborators" while high-level kingpins, some of whom are in government, pay no debt to society. It's time for racial reconciliation for freedom's sake.

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Volunteer

**Education:** Liberal Art Degree and a major in political science and a minor in communication Colleges Henry Ford and Eastern Michigan University

**Qualifications / Experience:** Educated in the field

### Questions:

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

**A:** The criminal law need to be reformed Higher wages More education programs

**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:** improve the education system

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

**A:** allow the agencies to hire more people so the economy can rise.

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

**A:** I believe all people should have the right to vote, and as long as the campaign money is spent properly than there should be no reason why a person should get in trouble by law.

**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 will support that the water system be check every three months so that if any thing is wrong with the water the people will know and come up with an solution to solve it.

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

**A:** I will promote equality among all of the people so that everyone get it fair share of the deal.

## SYLVIA SANTANA, Democrat



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** Eastern Michigan University, BA Finance, 2007

**Qualifications / Experience:** 15 years in the financial services industry. I serve on the Appropriations committee and oversee the largest state budgets, i.e. Corrections, Department of Health and Human Services, and License and Regulatory Reform and Insurance Financial Services.

### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Lowering the cost of auto insurance requires the elimination of non-driving factors as the determination of rate structure, elimination of red-lining, providing transparency to Michigan catastrophic claims funding, and the creation of fraud authority. 2. Repealing Pension Tax - eliminating corporate tax breaks. 3. Increasing education funding - Today's per-pupil allotment is approximately \$7,000 and I would like to increase the amount to \$10,000 by transferring savings from MDOC to education. Michigan expects to have a sharp reduction in prisoner population in the future.

**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 propose that the legislature stop trying to re-write education policy every election cycle. Secondly, we must treat teachers respectfully by paying a decent salary. Lastly, we must hold parents accountable for the success of the children.

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

**A:** We have to continue investing in skill trades, STEM and find ways to lower the cost of college.

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

**A:** I support state policy that requires campaign finance reports to be posted earlier in June or July during the campaign cycle. As a State Senator, I plan on introducing legislation that tightens up the language regarding voting suppression tactics.

**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 supported a bi-partisan bill package to place regulations around air quality. In the wake of the Flint water crisis, we need to revisit policies around water quality and infrastructure. In the state budget, I fought to protect the funding going to Flint for families.

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

**A:** I am one of the many sponsors of the Raise the Age bill package. Michigan is still 1 of 4 states that sentences youth under the age of 18 as adults and sends them to adult prison. I am an outspoken opponent of the " English Only" bill.

**GARY WORONCHAK, Democrat**

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Wayne County Commissioner and Chair of the Commission

**Education:** B.A., University of Michigan-Dearborn, political science

**Qualifications / Experience:** Wayne County Commissioner (since 2005), Chair of the Commission (since 2011), State Representative (1999-2004). Experience in leadership position, knowledge of writing and moving legislation. Communication skills from career as journalist prior to elected office.

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Roads and infrastructure: Change PA 51 for more equitable roads funding distribution. Consider new revenues to increase per-capita roads spending, which is less than other states. Education: More investment in traditional public schools to avoid additional shifting to growing patchwork of charter schools. Teachers need more pay and fewer attempts to cut benefits (retirement) to encourage more to go into teaching to address shortages. Public Safety: Municipal funding based too heavily on property tax, needs to be changed so local communities gain resources to invest in safer neighborhoods. Restore revenue sharing

**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:** In a word, investment. Michigan's educational outcomes have fallen dramatically. Some have claimed "throwing more money at the problem won't solve it," but I disagree -- given the current state of education, we should try it. Our teachers should be well paid with comfortable benefits, to attract and retain the best to this profession. More emphasis on traditional public schools, as the charter school experiment has drained resources without demonstrated, consistent positive results. Address the out-of-school challenges students face that inhibit learning, particularly poverty and nutrition.

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

**A:** Raise minimum wage, including for tipped workers. \$15 is a good goal, but obviously consensus must be reached to take into account not wanting to lose jobs or close smaller businesses along with higher costs to consumers that could slow spending. Resist further tax incentives for downtown developments, with the possible exception of combining incentives with firm commitments to create new jobs with investments in the neighborhoods that haven't seen the resurgence that downtown has. Improve transit to attract more major companies to region.

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

**A:** I support no-reason absentee voting, automatic registration at voting age and mandatory instruction in high schools on both the mechanics and importance of voting. Strengthen disclosure in non-contribution lobbyist activities such as trips and meals.

**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:** Change MDEQ policy so resident opinion and quality of life, a more human-factor perspective, can be taken into account when considering permits, rather than automatically approving permits if within "allowable limits." Also, review what are "allowable limits." Finally, shut down Line 5.

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

**A:** Add LGBTQ protections to Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Make certain that any procedures that attempt to document racial profiling by law enforcement don't have "blind spots" that skew results drawn from data. Expand use of body cameras for law enforcement, perhaps with subsidies to help communities pay for them.

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