

**Primary Election: August 7, 2018**  
**Michigan State Senate District 4**  
**Candidates: 1 Republican + 3 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)**

**ANGELA SAVINO, Republican**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

**MARSHALL BULLOCK, Democrat**  
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**FRED DURHAL, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative, 5th District Minority Vice-Chair House Appropriations

**Education:** Detroit High School of Arts, Eastern Michigan University-Political Science, Wayne County Community College-Liberal Arts

**Qualifications / Experience:** State Representative-5th District, Former Assistant Democratic Leader, Minority-Vice Chair House Appropriations, House C.A.R.E.S. Mental Health Task Force, Member, MI House of Representatives District Office Manager-5th District, AmeriCorps Member

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Education, insurance, and roads and infrastructure. Education- I will fight for more funds to go into our classrooms, reading programs, and reform to provide our students and teachers with the resources they need to be successful. Insurance- I will introduce legislation that creates a mandatory rate reduction of car insurance without sacrificing benefits, eliminate discriminatory non-driving factors, and base insurance rates on a individual's driving record. Roads and Infrastructure- Change the funding formula and allocate more dollars into our roads and infrastructure without an increase to taxpayers.

**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 increasing the foundation allowance for students and putting more money into our classrooms. Funding headstart and pre-school programs are imperative. I will work to create an educational task force that includes all stakeholders. Providing additional funds for at-risk students that include wrap-around services for parents will ensure parent involvement and the resources they need to be successful. I will also support restoring all of our colleges and universities to pre 2011 funding adjusted to the rate of inflation. Finally, promote funds to be allocated to reading programs, arts, and CTE and skill trades

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

**A:** I support limiting the outsourcing of jobs from businesses and corporations in our state. As outsourcing is limited, there are more jobs available for our citizens. I will also support on job training and education programs for skill trades, CTE, and STEM to prepare workers for the jobs of the future. Finally, I will only support tax credits for business who agree to a mandate in hiring Michigan citizens and reporting the amount of citizens that are hired. These business will also have to negotiate a community benefits agreement with local government in the area they are located.

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

**A:** Voting is a right and not a privilege. I support making voting easier in any way possible. I support no reason absentee voting, early voting, no ID voting, and straight-party ticket voting. I will also support limits in funds that a campaign can receive, and stronger reporting requirements.

**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 clean air and water initiatives that protect our Great Lakes, water systems, and air. I support policies that provide tax credits to consumers who utilize energy efficiency products and renewable energy products. I support an increase in the Renewable Energy Portfolio standard in negotiation with our energy companies to ensure that we are moving to a safer and cleaner environment without sacrificing our energy grid. I have been supportive increasing funding for the Flint Water Crisis. Finally, I am in favor to a comprehensive approach to repairing line 5 and providing funding for repair.

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

**A:** I will continue to fight for criminal justice reform in our state. I will continue to fight for my introduced legislation to "Ban the Box", ensuring that returning citizens are subject to fair employment hiring practices. I will promote expanding the Elliott-Larsen Act to include LGBTQ citizens, and the protection of women, particularly in the workplace. I will re-introduce legislation to ensure fair pay and wages, and ensure equal pay for equal work for women in our state. Finally, I will strengthen legislation to ban hate crimes against minorities in our state and increase penalties for those who commit crimes.

## **CARRON L PINKINS, Democrat** **Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

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