

**Primary Election: August 7, 2018**  
**Michigan State Senate District 11**  
**Candidates: 1 Republican + 4 Democrats + 1 Libertarian**  
**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)**

**BORIS TUMAN, Republican**

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**CRYSTAL BAILEY, Democrat**

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**JEREMY MOSS, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** BA in Journalism and Political Science, Graduated with High Honors from MSU / Studied Race Relations in South Africa / Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship through MSU

**Qualifications / Experience:** Experience in Public Service: Michigan House Democratic Whip, 2017-Present / State Representative, 2015-Present / Southfield City Councilman, 2011-2014 / District Director to State Rep. Rudy Hobbs (D – Southfield), 2011-2012 / Political Aide to Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, 2008-2010 / Legislative Aide to State Rep. Paul Condino (D – Southfield), 2005-2006, 2007

**Questions:**

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

**A:** We must find ways to boost wages, fix roads, and fund schools but we won't achieve those goals while state government is broken. That's why I introduced bills to: Increase government transparency - I wrote 10 bills that passed the House to expand our open records law so you can shine a light on the money and influence in politics. End gerrymandering - I sponsored legislation to create a redistricting commission to stop partisan games that manipulate elections. Hold charter schools accountable - I introduced legislation in the School Fact Act to hold for-profit schools accountable for the tax-dollars they use.

**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 have been working to reverse the State Legislature's trend of investing in for-profit education, including charter and cyber schools, which operate with little to no state standards or measurements for student achievement. Michigan public education system must enable all students to acquire advance skills and knowledge needed to compete for jobs in the ever-changing global economy. I've been working to ensure learning standards are competitive globally, while also ensuring that schools get the support they need to improve, not just to label them when they have missed academic goals.

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

**A:** Michigan Republicans claimed that their massive tax cut for big corporations would trickle down prosperity to Michigan families. That hasn't worked. Instead, we must reverse this tax shift which has squeezed the middle class and take aim at stagnant incomes and tax increases that make it difficult to sustain a decent quality of life while coping with the rising costs of living. By putting families before corporations, ensuring every person has the skills they need for the job they want, giving people a better deal on taxes, and supporting small businesses, we can build economic opportunity for all Michiganders.

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

**A:** I introduced legislation to improve the process of redistricting Michigan's political boundaries by creating a nonpartisan commission that would oversee the drawing of political lines. In a healthy democracy, voters pick their elected representatives but gerrymandering allows politicians to pick their voters. That's not right, no matter which party is in charge. The legislation I sponsored creates a nonpartisan redistricting commission comprised of regular citizens who would be tasked with creating district maps that are Constitutional, compliant with the Voting Rights Act, and not drawn to protect incumbents.

**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:** Any sound energy policy reforms must be carefully enacted to protect the health and safety of our citizens and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Unfortunately, my district was targeted by a profit-driven effort to drill for oil in a densely populated residential area in southern Oakland County. As a result, I introduced legislation that would place limits on oil drilling in residential areas. Michigan families must be able to rely on safe energy sources that won't threaten the vitality of our Great Lakes. We must find an alternative energy plan, built by Michigan workers, so we can decommission Line 5.

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

**A:** I've worked at the local and state level to fight for increased funding to our urban cores and inner-ring suburbs to support essential city programs and services. Instead, the state disinvests in local communities, destabilizes neighborhoods and accelerates crises with emergency management. Increasing the revenue to our local communities and investing in public education are the best ways to ensure every Michigander has a chance to get ahead. I've also supported community policing measures that focus on creating opportunity in neighborhoods instead of simply seeking out ways to inflict punishment.

## **VANESSA MOSS, Democrat**



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**Education:** Juris Doctorate, University of Detroit Law School and a B.A., Wayne State University

### **Questions:**

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

**A:** Employment, education and safety. I would support legislation which would institute a living wage, strengthen job training and streamline our regulatory system. I would work to renew our commitment to quality public education, expand after school and summer programs, and renew our commitment to teacher funding. Additionally, I would fight to end the cradle-to-prison pipeline, improve public safety in our neighborhoods and work towards a more comprehensive approach to fighting crime.

**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 would propose and or support legislation which would secure adequate funding for public education. I would like for the funding for all public schools to be allotted and distributed equitably. I further would support and or propose that all public schools be held to the same standards and oversight. Moreover, legislation that includes funding that supports vocational, mechanical, etc., training.

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

**A:** I strongly believe that a living wage would contribute greatly to a healthy economy and I would support legislation to make a living wage a reality. I would support education bills which would make more funding opportunities available to ensure that quality public education is accessible to all of our young people and that higher education is affordable for everyone. It is my belief that improved educational opportunities and a true living wage are a formula for improved economic success for all Americans.

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

**A:** Unfortunately voting rights are once again under attack. The Voting Rights Act should become a constitutional amendment so that voters are never again subjected to local laws which attempt to disenfranchise voters. Campaign funding should be regulated. We have had many examples of wealthy candidates and their supporters winning elections simply because of their purse sizes; this has to end.

**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:** Enhanced oversight and increased funding for research and development of alternative energy sources must be implemented to reduce our state's dependency on fossil fuels. Wind turbines, solar energy and bio-fuels are all viable and safe options. It is absolutely necessary that we devote more resources to reducing energy consumption, reducing pollution and taking action to reduce and ultimately eliminate global warming for the health and safety of future generations.

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

**A:** Quality, affordable health care should be available to every Michigan citizen. I will also advocate for a woman's right to choose and support funding for Planned Parenthood. Moreover, promote workplace and community diversity.

## **JAMES TURNER, Democrat**

**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

## **JAMES K YOUNG, Libertarian**

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired Chemical Technician---I worked for Dow Automotive as a Glass Bonding Technician in R&D.

**Education:** B.S. Chemical Engineering, Wayne State University. A.S. Chemical Technology, Lawrence Tech University B.S. Business Management, Ferris State University

**Qualifications / Experience:** I have many years of experience in the working world, so I have handled numerous social and professional situations. Also, I am a Past Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County (2011-2015)

### **Questions:**

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

**A:** First, I would like to work on eliminating the Michigan Income Tax. I know it seems radical, but we must realize that a number of states are already functioning without state income taxes. Furthermore, our State of Michigan was functioning without a state income tax a number of years ago. So, why can't we do it again? Second, I would like to encourage more new business start-ups in Michigan, by making the process easier. Third, I would like to go through our state budget to see what we can do more efficiently, and trim altogether. Who knows? Maybe we could find the money to do a good job fixing the roads.

**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:** First, I think that we should get out of common core. Students should be evaluated individually, and we must remember that these will be the future leaders of our world. With respect to financing, I don't think that a teacher should have to buy supplies for their classes. In that case, I think that they would need more money. At the same time, I think that we should keep our spending on education to only what is necessary.

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

**A:** We need to make sure that our level of taxation is low, so that businesses will be very well attracted to Michigan. Raising the minimum wage won't matter much, because we see from labor economics, that the higher the minimum wage, the fewer jobs that there will tend to be, and the lower the minimum wage, the more jobs there will tend to be. I favor starting a State Bank here in Michigan. This would get us freer from federal control, enabling us to be more efficient in financing. North Dakota is already doing this. We also need to do something about the high car insurance rates in Michigan.

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

**A:** I am in favor of having a voting age of 18. If you are old enough to serve our country in the armed forces, you should be able to vote. With respect to campaign funding, I don't think that there should be any laws regarding this, nor having to report this in paperwork.

**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 think that if a company pollutes the environment, they should have to pay to clean it up. This includes Enbridge Pipeline 5, although I do favor its existence. I think that we should use solar energy and biofuels more including biodiesel. I do not favor allowing an increase in atmospheric radiation from sources such as cell phone towers, so hopefully House Bills 637 and 894 will be defeated.

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

**A:** We need to make sure that we are not bigoted in any way, and legislate accordingly.

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