

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 38
Candidates: 2 Republicans + 1 Democrat
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)

MIKE CAREY, Republican
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ED McBROOM, Republican
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SCOTT DIANDA, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative Michigan's 110th House District

Education: Lake Superior State University, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

Qualifications / Experience: Village of Calumet, Trustee and President. 3 Term State Representative

Questions:

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

A: Job creation, education, and tax fairness. I would support the development of the high tech sector in the Upper Peninsula, such as the MTEC SmartZone, to grow innovative small business. I would promote vocational education and the building trades, as well as partnerships between high-schools and community colleges to give students the chance to graduate with college credit. I will support the repeal of the senior pension tax and the restoration of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which would lower the tax bills of millions of Michiganders and boost our local economies.

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 support increasing the funding of our schools to appropriate levels. The State Constitution requires that we fund our roads, prisons, and most importantly our schools. Our state has underfunded our schools for too long, which has to change. Second, our kids are entering the workforce in a new type of economy. For some, preparing for a four year degree is the right choice, for others a career in agriculture, manufacturing, or the trades is their shot at a good future. I believe local school boards should have the flexibility to develop new ways to educate kids, and that we should give them the tools to do so.

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

A: I support creating good paying jobs by making wise use of our vast timber and mineral resources to grow our economy, as well as by refining and manufacturing goods right here in the Upper Peninsula. On top of our region's traditional industries, I also support the development of high tech sector jobs in the Upper Peninsula. We can leverage the human capital of the UP to grow innovative small businesses that sell products and services to companies around the world. In today's connected society, the next big tech idea could develop from any office in the Upper Peninsula.

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

A: I believe strongly in transparency in government. I have introduced legislation that would make voting on legislation when a conflict of interest exists a felony. I have also introduced legislation that would prevent the House or Senate from entering into a contract to purchase, develop or lease a building or grounds if the building or grounds also houses a lobbyist or lobbying firm as defined by Michigan law. I support the expansion of voting rights, including ballot by mail and allowing holders of a concealed pistol license to use their CPL as a photo ID with which to vote.

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 strongly support wise stewardship of our land and resources and am proud to be a sponsor on a bipartisan package of five bills which would promote clean energy production in our state. Renewable energy is crucial to a clean Michigan future and we should encourage people to power their homes through green energy resources such as solar. In 2014, the Upper Peninsula faced a devastating propane crisis, one where U.P. families struggled to stay safe and warm during a harsh winter. We need to find solutions when it comes to Pipeline 5 that won't leave our residents out in the cold.

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

A: I continue to support the expansion of the Elliott-Larson Act, which prohibits discrimination in Michigan. I also support closing the funding gap between school districts which are less well off, and those of better means. Many rural schools in my district are adversely affected by this funding gap, left with hidden costs such as the high price of bussing, and leaving their students with less opportunity.

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