

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
U. S. Congress District 10 – Michigan
Candidates: 1 Republican + 3 Democrats
Vote in one political party's primary only.

Duties: U. S. Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years VOTE for ONE (1).

PAUL MITCHELL, Republican
Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

FRANK ACCAVITTI JR, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Chairman of the Board Care House of Macomb County/ CEO Accavitti Consulting Group

Education: Fraser High School Western Michigan University, Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: County Commissioner 22nd District County of Macomb January 2009 – December 2010 Representative 42nd House District

Michigan House of Representatives January 2002 - December 2008 Mayor City of Eastpointe November 1999 - December 2002 City Councilman City of Eastpointe November 1995 - November 1999 Proprietor Automatic Appliance and Electronics August 1979 - January 2003

Questions:

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

A: 1. Restore the middle class 2. Insure affordable health care and prescription drugs for all Americans -3. 3. Keep our Children safe at School, in the Community, and at Home. All these issues should be important to every member of Congress and I will seek out other members who want to make a difference and introduce or co-sponsor legislation that solves these problems.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: I believe we should grant permanent legal status to undocumented immigrants known as "dreamers" and start bolstering security along the U.S.-Mexico border. But I do not think a physical structure (wall) is the best use of taxpayer's dollars. So, any plan would need to have a path to Citizenship, but not fund a wall that will not stem the illegal immigration problem.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: We are facing another economic meltdown as healthcare cost continue to grow faster than inflation and wages. America spends almost 18% of our GDP on healthcare. This is over \$3.2 trillion per year. Other developed nations spend less than 12% of GDP on healthcare and have better outcomes. Obamacare accelerated the movement towards high deductible health plans for workers and those on the exchange. Americans with healthcare deductibles over \$1,000 have doubled since Obamacare was passed. As healthcare costs continue to rise higher than the rate of wages, we are being forced to pay a larger share of the increase.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Investing in infrastructure will benefit all of the American Public. Improved roads, railways, ports, airports, telecommunications facilities, electricity generation, gas or electricity transmission or distribution, water supply, sewerage or hospitals will help everybody. Additionally, Employers should be required to pay men and women the same salary for the same job. Also, all Americans of every economic class will benefit when we secure social security's future. We need to have a plan to protect the retirements of all our citizens.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I fully support renewable energy and I wrote Michigan's renewable mandate legislation that was enacted in 2008. Wind and Solar energy fill much of our electric needs with out increasing our carbon footprint. There is room to improve including adding additional hydro generation to the states portfolio. Every pound of coal not burned in our state protects out Great Lakes for future generations.

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

A: Every Citizen deserves to be heard and have their vote count. This also mean that their voice should not be drowned out during the election process by dark money spreading untruths and outright lies. Legislation needs to be enacted that shines light on who is funding candidates and what they are attempting to gain. Likewise, on election day voting should be seamless and transparent with no persons right to exercise their vote curtailed.

KIMBERLY BIZON, Democrat **Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

MICHAEL McCARTHY, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Writer for Faith Perspective on War & Peace

Education: Graduate of Michigan State University in Psychology & Pre-med. Graduate of University of Kentucky Physician Assistant Program. First Year Intensive Russian language at University of Michigan.

Qualifications / Experience: 33 years as a Physician Assistant in rural & urban community based clinics. Teacher of Community College classes and church seminars on threat of nuclear weapons; Sanilac County Mental Health Board; helped found & worked in their ACT program. Member of AFSCME union while employed by Sanilac Co. CMH. Participant, volunteer recruiter for, AmeriCorps/Peace Corps, medical missions

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

A: Required national service for all, rich or poor—with an AmeriCorp/Peace Corps and faith-based missions option as well as military. Payment for college and trade school for all who serve— helping eliminate the burden of student debt. Conversion of the money spent on superfluous weaponry projects such as the F-35 Stryker jet, and a total remodel of our nuclear weapons to meeting citizens real needs—education, roads and infrastructure, family farms, affordable healthcare, and renewable energy. I would be member of Congressional teams to expand existing programs above, in conjunction with GAO audit of Pentagon.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland, without disruption of war and drug crime. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection, and their families kept together. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. DACA program should be continued with path to citizenship. "Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," and we will become a stronger country. Balance the moral compass.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: We are prosperous enough a nation to have a Medicare for All, single payer system. Medical insurance companies will still be contracted for the reduced paperwork, but it will be to the benefit of medical facilities billing staff, to the country, doctors and patients. We can eliminate the insurers profit motivation--the current pressure to reduce the "medical loss ratio" {the money actually spent on patient care} in favor of money left over for shareholders and administrators--that's now 7 times more than ever before. More Maternal Infant Care & preventative care young and old, not profit, is the Rx for a healthy USA.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Giving huge breaks to the richest 0.1% of our citizens, and a little bit smaller ones to the 1% does not benefit business, nor our country as a whole. Wealthy families and preferred shareholders tend to spend tax rebates on luxury items, yachts and extra homes in foreign lands, and certainly don't as a group re-invest in the public infrastructure of education, roads, internet, utilities, and workforce that is necessary for their financial gains. We need to take graduated steps to return to the mid-1950's tax rate system, where the effective inflation adjustment shows the richest paid twice as much as they do now.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: Investment private and public must continue in the renewable energies, solar, wind, geothermal, hydro. New technologies should be given precedence for university research and private efforts that include production to be manufactured in MI. Environmentally sound battery storage for intermittent energy sources is necessary. Fossil fuels and fracking are time-limited and harmful to health. Climate change is real. Pollution of our Great Lakes fresh water, & extraction in to private plastic water bottles, must stop. Future generations depend on our wisdom. "Energy use must not destroy civilization"--Pope Francis.

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A: Big money and voter suppression are dismantling democracy. Citizens United must be reversed, and also large individual contributions removed from politics. Complex strategies are needed. Rational policies debate must be at the center of all politics. One practical solution is to have all national races funded only by public campaign trusts. Every party, hopefully multiple parties, would share an equal pot of money & media from this. All who qualify by achieving a predetermined number of voter petitions [which could only be done by volunteer petition circulators] would divide this pot--no other funding allowed.

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