

**League of Women Voters of Michigan**  
**VOTER GUIDE - Tuesday, AUGUST 3, 2010, PRIMARY Election**  
**Michigan STATE REPRESENTATIVE – District 19**

In a Primary election, you must choose which political party's primary to vote in and vote for only candidates of that party for all offices.

**2 Candidates for ONE 2-year term – 1 REPUBLICAN, 1 DEMOCRAT**

<b>QUESTION 1 (100 Words or less):</b> Provide biographical information, including your qualifications for this office and the reasons you are running.	<b>QUESTION 2 (100 Words or less):</b> What are your state budget spending priorities and how would you adjust revenue and expenses to support those priorities?	<b>QUESTION 3 (100 Words or less):</b> What are your top two other priorities, why did you select them, and what actions would you take regarding them?
<b>JOHN J. WALSH, REPUBLICAN – Website: <a href="http://www.electjohnwalsh.com">www.electjohnwalsh.com</a></b>		
Having a unique combination of experience as a business owner, elected official, and educator, as well as a proven ability to work with all citizens in a non-partisan manner, I remain right for the job. I have spent my time in the Legislature delivering on my promises to: focus on jobs, promote common sense, and make the tough, responsible decisions that have too long been deferred. A proud Republican willing to work with anyone who has a good idea, regardless of party affiliation, I have demonstrated that civility and cooperation can open the doors for good public policy.	My priorities remain education, public safety, and protection for society's most vulnerable members. Nevertheless, funding for these priorities comprise the majority of the state's budget and responsible decision making cannot preclude any necessary cuts to these areas. Many proposals exist which will rein in the state's structural spending issues, modify our tax structure, or otherwise modernize Michigan's budget. I believe all such reforms are worth due investigation, and my support or opposition to such reforms depends largely on the extent to which they generate significant savings and reflect sensible public policy.	To secure our economic future, we must improve Michigan's reputation as a good state to do business, and thereby attract job providers. We must reduce the time it takes for any business license to be issued, reduce regulations, and encourage public-private partnerships.  A second, major concern is the protection of our Great Lakes and environment, as well as reaffirming the state's role in stewardship. To that end, I have introduced a resolution to oppose a rumored federal takeover of the Great Lakes and maintain partnerships with neighboring states over the proper use of these waters.
<b>JOSEPH W. LARKIN, DEMOCRAT</b>		
Attorney for 21 years, graduating from UM Law School. Further biographical information is on my website: <a href="http://Larkinleadership.com">Larkinleadership.com</a> . Owned my own law firm for the last 20 years, from which I have learned how businesses, individuals, and families are suffering economically and my focus will be on the economy and creating jobs. I was raised Catholic (member St Edith Catholic Church, Livonia, most of my life). Christian values are also an important quality I possess.	We must responsibly balance our state budget. My focus will be on creating and maintaining Michigan JOBS, JOBS, JOBS! Getting Michigan residents back to work will increase revenues and decrease expenditures. Thus, focusing on creating and maintaining jobs and businesses in Michigan is a must! I would create budget savings by auditing all state contracts to eliminate waste, disclose all spending for public review, cut politicians' office budgets, tie politicians' pay to state employees' pay, investigate and prosecute fraud in Medicaid and any other such programs.	My top priorities are 1) JOBS, JOBS, JOBS and 2) Increasing housing values. No one running for office cannot have any higher priority for the residents of Michigan than to create, attract, and maintain jobs in Michigan. More jobs will stabilize our economy, balance budgets, decrease crime, increase housing values, increase revenue sharing to local government and schools, etc. For most people, our homes are our biggest investment. Thus, focusing on stemming the tide of foreclosures, keeping people in their homes, and attracting new home owners to Michigan will increase our home investments.

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