

**League of Women Voters of Michigan**  
**VOTER GUIDE - Tuesday, AUGUST 3, 2010, PRIMARY Election**  
**Michigan STATE REPRESENTATIVE – District 20**

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.

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

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| <p><b>QUESTION 1 (100 Words or less):</b><br/>Provide biographical information, including your qualifications for this office and the reasons you are running.</p>  | <p><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?</p>  | <p><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?</p>  |
| <p><b>STEVE BOOHER JR., REPUBLICAN</b><br/> <b>DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>  |  |   |
| <p><b>KURT HEISE, REPUBLICAN – Website: <a href="http://www.heise4us.com">www.heise4us.com</a></b></p>  |  |   |
| <p>I'm a lifetime resident of Wayne County and have over 15 years of public service experience. I graduated from the University of Michigan and Wayne State Law School. I've previously served as the Director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, a Mayor's Deputy, and a City Attorney. I am now an attorney and small businessman, consultant, and Professor at UM-Dearborn and Wayne State. I have a proven track record in managing multi-million dollar public sector operations, and have extensive knowledge of the policy issues, challenges, and leadership in each of the six communities in our House District.</p>  | <p>Michigan must create jobs and economic opportunity for our residents – and business creates jobs, not the government. We must cut job-killing business taxes, burdensome regulations, and live within our means like every working family. I propose a two-year budget which would allow us to cut spending and taxes, and address the structural budget reforms that both parties have put off for too long. We must also make education funding a priority and make sure that funding is spent in the classroom. Other states are doing it, and so can Michigan.</p>  | <p>To support Michigan's turnaround and create jobs, we must make government smaller, more efficient, and more responsive, as I did during my 15 years in public service. Michigan must be a partner for local governments, which is the government closest to the people. We must encourage consolidation of inefficient school districts, innovative and cost-effective sharing of municipal services, and the merging or elimination of costly district and circuit court operations. We must reform the "revenue sharing" concept in Michigan, and prohibit annexation of large-population townships as Northville was threatened with a few years ago.</p> |
| <p><b>JOAN WADSWORTH, DEMOCRAT – Website: <a href="http://www.joanwadsworth.com">www.joanwadsworth.com</a></b></p>  |  |   |
| <p>I'm running for the legislature to help build a thriving economy, strengthen education, and protect the natural assets Michigan citizens value. I have served the Northville community as a member of the Board of Education (16 years); Chamber of Commerce; Downtown Development Authority; Friends of the Library; Senior Advisory Commission; Parks and Recreation Commission, and other organizations. I have worked with non-profits including Kids Against Hunger and volunteered with Bridgepointe in the Detroit Public Schools. BA Wells College, MBA University of Michigan Married to Steve Calkins; three children. For more information see <a href="http://www.joanwadsworth.com">www.joanwadsworth.com</a></p> | <p>The state budget must reflect our top priorities: creating jobs and reviving the economy. We need to be aggressive, using every tool at our disposal. New businesses – especially entrepreneurs – need to know they are welcome, and existing businesses need to know they are appreciated. Business taxes can be reduced and simplified; regulations streamlined; financial institutions encouraged to increase lending. We need to leverage the great resources we have by building partnerships with universities, high tech and research companies; supporting our emerging green initiatives; re-engaging our manufacturing base; focusing on mass transit and infrastructure; and helping our citizens compete.</p> | <p>One of the most significant ways to strengthen the economy is through an educated workforce. We know what it takes to achieve a high rate of post secondary education: early childhood education, early intervention, more time in school, and strong connections between K – 12 and higher education.</p> <p>Our lakes, rivers, and other natural resources are a source of joy for Michigan residents and extraordinary economic assets, because of the tourism industry and because they make Michigan a special place to live – thus helping attract business. Our future depends on our ability to support education and protect natural resources.</p> |

## ***Michigan STATE REPRESENTATIVE – District 20 (Continued)***

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