

League of Women Voters of Michigan
VOTER GUIDE - Tuesday, AUGUST 3, 2010, PRIMARY Election
Michigan STATE REPRESENTATIVE – District 21

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

<p>QUESTION 1 (100 Words or less): Provide biographical information, including your qualifications for this office and the reasons you are running.</p>	<p>QUESTION 2 (100 Words or less): What are your state budget spending priorities and how would you adjust revenue and expenses to support those priorities?</p>	<p>QUESTION 3 (100 Words or less): What are your top two other priorities, why did you select them, and what actions would you take regarding them?</p>
<p>LORI LEVI, REPUBLICAN – Website: www.lorilevi.com DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>		
<p>SHANNON PRICE, REPUBLICAN – Website: www.ShannonPrice2010.com</p>		
<p>As a husband and a father of two, Shannon Price balances his commitment and dedication to his family with his desire to serve local communities. His unique blend of lifelong passions--technology and government--have been assets in his work with non-profit organizations and local municipalities where he has a proven record in managing projects and developing and managing communication plans. Working in concert with Canton Township officials, Shannon has been working on projects designed to ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, and has lead the fight to assist Schoolcraft College in filling the nearly 12,000 nursing vacancies in Michigan.</p>	<p>As our State Representative I will lead the fight to create jobs, protect our families, and provide a first class education to our children. In order to bring back high paying quality jobs we need to send a message to the world that Michigan is open for business. We can do that by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating the 2007 personal income tax increase • Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, moving our state's business tax from the 47th worst in the United States to the top 10 nationally • Amending the State Constitution to require a super majority for any new tax increase 	<p>I will fight to keep the Lansing bureaucracy under control by Work to keep sex offenders and murders where they belong – incarcerated (Governor Granholm has released inmates at a record rate), demand that public employees take pay and benefits cuts similar to those in the private sector.</p> <p>I will also fight for a first class education for all of our children by raising the minimum standards for passing, require that our tax dollars be used to create smaller- more efficient classrooms and not squandered on administrative costs, and implement an incentive program for successful teachers and schools.</p>
<p>DIAN SLAVENS, DEMOCRAT – Website: www.dianslavens.com</p>		
<p>I worked as a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years in Southeast Michigan hospitals, including William Beaumont Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital. I am not a career politician. I am a mother and a grandmother who wants to continue fighting on behalf of our families here in Western Wayne County who, just like me, are sick and tired of the political games in Lansing. We deserve better and I will keep working to make sure our residents' voices are heard.</p>	<p>I've seen firsthand that our state government is broken. In these tough times, we must focus on what truly matters: creating jobs, protecting middle-class families and stretching our taxpayer dollars as far as they'll go. Lansing must learn to live within its means like Michigan families do. That's why I have been fighting for reforms to hold our lawmakers accountable and cut wasteful government spending, including ending taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for all legislators and cutting lawmakers' pay – including my own – by 10 percent.</p>	<p>Another top priority is making Michigan a leader in advanced battery manufacturing so we can create good-paying jobs for our first-class workers. I fought to expand incentives for companies that make advanced batteries for electric vehicles. My plan has attracted eight companies that plan to invest billions of dollars here and create nearly 8,000 jobs for our workers. I am also committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents and families. That's why I voted to hold drug companies accountable when their products harm or kill our residents, and I will keep fighting for this common-sense plan.</p>

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