

**League of Women Voters of Michigan**  
**VOTER GUIDE - Tuesday, AUGUST 3, 2010, PRIMARY Election**  
**Michigan STATE SENATE – District 8**

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.

**5 Candidates for ONE 4-year term – 2 REPUBLICAN, 3 DEMOCRATS**

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**KEN LARKIN, REPUBLICAN**  
**DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION**

**DOUGLAS REIMEL, REPUBLICAN – Website: [www.dougreimel.org](http://www.dougreimel.org)**

I am a life long resident of Taylor. Downriver is my home. My education includes St. John's Lutheran School in Taylor, Taylor Truman High School, earning an associates degree from Wayne County Community College. I have worked as a licensed insurance agent, and at one time holding a series 6 securities license. But my heart is in the boat business. My family owns and operates the Prop & Sail / Angler's Marine in Taylor. It is what I love to do. You cannot buy a boat from my family if you do not have a JOB.

The Center for Michigan advises adopting a two year budget for projecting revenues with quarterly review of actual revenues the state receives. Picture this; your household budget is set the coming year. At the end of the year your earnings fall short. What do you think your boss would say to you if you asked for more money at the end of the year to pay your bills that you spent on the projected earning, asking your boss make up the difference so you don't have a deficit? Michigan residents know this our government should too.

This election is about JOBS. Jobs stabilize neighborhoods, Jobs stop foreclosure, Jobs keep Michigan children close to home, and Jobs create personal pride. Old economy, new economy, alternative energy, health care, and green jobs are all important to Michigan's Future.

Eliminate the MBT and surcharge that is killing our Michigan Business Partners. When Michigan's business climate is right, our Michigan business will hire Michigan workers. Michigan's future depends on bi-partisan cooperation. We need to get everyone working towards the same goal, a bright Michigan future.

Remember Vote Doug Reimel 8th Senate District

**SHERRY DRAGONE, DEMOCRAT – Website: [www.sherrydragone.com](http://www.sherrydragone.com)**  
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**Candidates Continued**

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<b>HOON-YUNG HOPGOOD, DEMOCRAT</b>		
I was born in Inchon, Korea and was adopted at 19 months of age and brought to Taylor, MI. I grew up in Taylor and graduated from Truman High School and the University of Michigan (BA). I served as a legislative aide to then State Rep. Ray Basham and I ran successfully to succeed him in 2002. I served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives (2003-08). I am running to serve my community, help bring jobs to my area, and secure opportunity for the next generation.	We need to make K-12 and Higher Education a top priority. We need to get more young people through college which will make our state more attractive to employers. We should look for tax credits/exemptions that aren't providing the public with the best rate of return and consider ending them. We should also look at modernizing Michigan's tax system to meet the needs of our changing economy. We also should reform Corrections spending with an eye toward common sense sentencing reforms to save money on the front end and serious rehabilitation efforts to save money later.	We need to invest in our physical infrastructure. Our roads, bridges and public transit systems are the backbone of our economy. We should push the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) project which will bring 10,000 direct jobs and more indirect jobs and will support our economy for decades to come. We need to expand public transit in Southeast Michigan which will also support economic development. We need to diversify our economy through efforts such as movie production, the Aerotropolis, green energy technologies and advanced manufacturing.
<b>MIKE KELL, DEMOCRAT – Website: <a href="http://www.votekell.com">www.votekell.com</a></b> <b>DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>		

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