

League of Women Voters of Michigan
VOTER GUIDE - Tuesday, AUGUST 3, 2010, PRIMARY Election
Michigan STATE REPRESENTATIVE – District 35

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 – 1 REPUBLICAN, 2 DEMOCRATS

<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>MICHAEL WEINENGER, REPUBLICAN DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>		
<p>ERIC COLEMAN, DEMOCRAT – Website: www.EricColeman.org</p>		
<p>Southfield resident 35 years. Former President, Southfield School Board. Oakland County Commissioner. Vice Chair Human Resources Committee. Past President, National Association of Counties. SEMCOG Executive Committee. President, Michigan Democratic County Officials. Executive Committee Member, Democratic National Committee. Member, Michigan Democratic Central Committee. BFA Degree, SAIC. Former Teacher/College Instructor. Alumni, Harvard's JFK School of Government. Business Executive. Married. Father/Grandfather. 14 years of legislative experience. A leader with a proven track record to bring people together and get results. I am uniquely qualified to refocus decision makers in Lansing on what's best for our children, schools, families, communities and businesses.</p>	<p>Establish a budget based on the priorities of our communities: education, health care, public safety and services for children and seniors. We need to address much needed structural changes to the budget.</p> <p>Cost reductions that should be adopted: Implement recommendations in performance/financial audits; Consolidate state government departments; Eliminate undocumented and fraudulent payments; Reduce cost in Department of Corrections: excess overtime, undocumented transportation cost; negotiate better price for products/services. State funding needs to be more fairly redistributed in order to return back to Oakland County and its communities a fair share of the tax dollars sent to Lansing.</p>	<p>Education and job creation/retention are my priorities.</p> <p>Stable and sustainable funding is needed for K-12, community colleges and public universities. In order to move our communities and families forward, we must invest in having a higher trained and skilled work force that can compete in a global economy.</p> <p>It's essential that Michigan's economic development strategy focuses on supporting existing businesses, along with diversifying our economic base by aggressively pursuing emerging technologies. In order to create and retain jobs, we must create a business climate that encourages innovation, technology and entrepreneurship.</p>
<p>RUDY HOBBS, DEMOCRAT – Website: http://voterudyhobbs.com DID NOT REPLY IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>		

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