

# MICHIGAN VOTER POWER CAMPAIGN

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## **State Senate Candidates Provide Their Views on Reform Issues**

Results of a State Senate candidate questionnaire on campaign finance, voting, and redistricting reforms are now available on Michigan Voter Power's website, [www.mivoterpower.org](http://www.mivoterpower.org). All candidates for the State Senate primary race were invited to state their positions on issues ranging from public funding for Michigan Supreme Court campaigns, early and no excuse absentee voting, and public participation in redrawing legislative districts in 2011. Candidates' responses provide additional information for voters to consider in the upcoming elections.

The survey was conducted by Michigan Voter Power and co-sponsored by the AAUW of Michigan, Business and Professional Women of Michigan, League of Women Voters of Michigan, Michigan Campaign Finance Network, Michigan Environmental Council, Michigan Nonprofit Association, and the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section. Michigan Voter Power is a project of the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

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### **Questions Asked:**

- What is your position on amending Michigan campaign finance law so that contributors and amounts spent on all forms of campaign advertising are disclosed?
- What is your position on establishing a voluntary public financing system for Michigan Supreme Court candidates?
- What is your position on "early voting", which would enable voters to cast a ballot or complete an absentee ballot in person for a period of time prior to Election Day?
- What is your position on "no excuse absentee voting", which would give any registered voter the opportunity to vote absentee without a reason?
- What is your position on requiring transparency and opportunities for genuine public participation in the Legislature's redistricting process in 2011?

**About Michigan Voter Power and the League of Women Voters of Michigan:** Michigan Voter Power (MVP) is a project of the League of Women Voters of Michigan (LWVMI). MVP works in partnership with other organizations to promote citizen participation and increase transparency in government.

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