

Gubernatorial Small Business Voter Guide

1. Why are you the best candidate for small businesses?

I have owned small businesses, and employed people in small businesses. In my 35 years of experience, I have aided in the development of statements of purpose, vision statements, budgets and proposals for numerous organizations in Michigan, Indiana, and Canada.

2. SBAM Policy: There should be no new associated costs or rate increases for small businesses related to unemployment insurance changes or usage due to mandated government closures.

Question: Do you support the state fully replacing the funds depleted from the unemployment insurance trust fund due to actions taken or required by state government during the pandemic, without assessing any new costs to employers?

Yes

3. SBAM Policy: The government should not set or limit prices businesses can charge.

Will you oppose rules or laws that set or limit the prices that a business could charge for its goods or services?

Yes

4. SBAM Policy: The government should not set or control the benefits and wages agreed to between businesses and their employees.

Will you oppose rules or laws that set or control the wages or benefits between employers and their employees?

Yes

5. SBAM Policy: Michigan should strive to be ranked a top 10 state when compared to other states (according to the Tax Foundation Rankings) so that small businesses can compete effectively in the national and global marketplaces.

Would you favor establishing a goal and benchmark to get and keep Michigan in the top

10? Yes

6. SBAM Policy: Continue to support the Pure Michigan tourism and business development campaign.

Would you commit to funding the Pure Michigan tourism and business development campaign at least at current levels?

Yes or consider better proposals that would benefit small business and tourism.

7. SBAM Policy: Our education system must prepare students for the workplace, focusing on skills needed to compete in today's economy while also providing quality, well-rounded education.

Would you support an accountability structure for our K-12 system that is transparent and is coupled with adequate funding for economic disadvantaged, special needs, and CTE students?

Yes

8. SBAM Policy: Support a last-dollar in tuition-free community college program that is not tied to tax increases.

Do you support making at least a 2 year associates degree or skilled trades certificate universally available to Michigan students?

Yes, and I have a plan to do this.

9. SBAM Policy: SBAM supports the 2018 tunnel agreement as the best solution to ensure uninterrupted and affordable energy supply under the Straits of Mackinac; we also

oppose undoing properly enacted legislation through the use of legal technicalities by the executive and judicial branches.

Will you oppose any and all actions that delay or undermine the completion of a tunnel to place Line 5 into, and further, take direct action to aid in the completion of the project without any delay and without any interruption in service to the current Line 5?

Yes

10. SBAM Policy: SBAM supports adequate infrastructure funding to maintain safe and efficient transportation infrastructure because it is necessary to maximize economic growth. The road funding plan should be sufficient to rebuild roads that are beyond repair and adhere to a maintenance schedule that maximizes the useful life of our infrastructure investments. Road funding should be paid for from user fees and/or reprioritization within the state budget, and not by taking on debt.

Do you support and will you commit to adequately funding infrastructure in a way that replaces and maintains roads without taking on more debt?

Yes