

Ted Golden, M.D. for Michigan Senate, District 13
(Rochester Hills, Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Royal Oak)
Best Democrat 2014 Best Candidate (Withdrew)

Seeking Your Vote and Not Special Interest Endorsements

Michigan must reorganize at the top with constitutional amendments.

- 1. Citizen Control of Vital Government Functions:** Citizens must control vital government functions instead of special interest groups or professions. I have proposed the **Golden Legal Oversight Amendment**, which will create an independently elected board to police the Michigan legal system instead of the Michigan Supreme Court as currently mandated by our outdated constitution.
- 2.** The **majority** of members of boards regulating professions in Michigan should not be from the group it regulates as currently specified by a clause inserted in our 1963 Constitution. I propose state boards of the people, by the people, for the people.
- 3. Retention Elections:** Incumbent judges should be held accountable and run against themselves in retention elections. In Illinois after the incumbent judge's name the voter is asked, "*Should this judge be retained for another term? Yes or No.*" The judge needs a 60% approval in order to serve another term in Illinois. California has retention elections.
- 4. Commissions to Evaluate Judges:** The Arizona Constitution mandates commissions to evaluate in an unbiased manner the performance of all judges, and the information is available to voters prior to retention elections.
- 5. Reduce the Governor's power concerning judicial appointments by either making the Governor appoint from a list submitted by a non-partisan judicial selection committee or make the judicial appointment subject to senate confirmation.**

Legislative Agenda: Reduce government induce anxiety and stress.

- 1. Health Insurance:** I will have Michigan give self paid health insurance premiums the same state income tax breaks that employer paid health insurance premiums currently enjoy.
- 2. Reform Process of Divorce:** The adversarial process and conflict must be reduced. Judges, Referees, attorneys, and others servicing the divorce industry must meet higher standards, and be held accountable by citizens, and not their peers as is presently the case.
- 3. Speed Traps:** Prohibit highway robbery on illegally marked roads.
- 4. Testing of Police Officers:** Require periodic physical and psychological testing of all police officers, which is currently not the standard and not done in your community.
- 5. Liquor Laws:** Change outdated laws and regulations controlling the sale of alcoholic drinks that add unnecessary overhead to the price of the product.
- 6. Michigan Consumer Protection Act:** The Act is almost worthless because the Michigan Supreme Court ruled most consumer complaints must go to peer dominated state regulatory boards. I will rewrite the 1970s Act in order to restore its original intent.
- 7. Health of Individuals:** I am a Dermatologist. I see expensive health care in the future for many unhealthy individuals. The public will pick up the tab. Your help is needed to improve the health of our citizens. I will strongly advocate policies for good health.
- 8. Education:** Education must be individualized to each child in order to realize one's full potential.
- 9. Individual Rights:** I will not allow any group to be denied equal rights and protection under the law based on exclusionary legislation.