

## **Theodore A. Golden, M.D. Runs for House District 45**

I am pleased to announce that I am running as the 2008 Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives, District 45, Rochester Hills and Oakland Twp. I am a physician, and have devoted my life to helping people. I now wish to help people lead fulfilling lives by being a representative in the Michigan House of Representatives.

My major legislative initiative will be the *Golden Legal Oversight Amendment*, which is an amendment to the Michigan Constitution that will have an independently elected board police the Michigan legal and judicial systems, write court rules, and administer the courts instead of the Michigan Supreme Court. The current Michigan Constitution of 1963 has empowered the Michigan Supreme Court to perform these vital legal functions. For the past forty five years attorneys policing attorneys have caused a scandalous situation in the Michigan legal system. The Justices cannot and will not maintain the integrity of the legal system due to conflicts of interest. It is time for the citizens of Michigan to control their legal system, which is what the adaptation of the *Golden Legal Oversight Amendment* will accomplish.

One half of all marriages in Oakland County fail. Due to the influence of family practice attorneys and conflicts of interest the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court have written court rules that are not in the best interests of divorcing families. The current adversarial process of divorce allows the legal system to abuse and take advantage of families and individuals during the process of divorce for the financial benefit of family practice attorneys. I propose new rules for the process of divorce and Family Court Judges that will decrease the adversarial process. I favor the concept of shared parenting time. The changes that I advocate will emotionally and financially benefit parents, children, and families in the throes of divorce, and after a divorce. However, this will require legislative initiatives that I will lead, and the ability of citizens to write Michigan Court Rules instead of the Michigan Supreme Court. I emphasize the importance of the *Golden Legal Oversight Amendment*, which will enable citizens to write the court rules concerning the process of divorce.

The financial base and sources of revenue for state government have contracted. Michigan must attract and retain businesses. This must be a priority for anyone in the legislature. The state should live on the revenue generated by the taxes in place after the tax increases of the fourth quarter of 2007. State spending priorities will have to be constantly evaluated and adjusted in a timely and orderly manner in order for the state budget to be balanced as mandated by our Constitution.

I have an obligation as a physician to promote state policies that will improve the health of our citizens. I am for banning smoking in public places and work places. Minors should not be able to expose themselves to tanning bed ultraviolet light. Obesity and diabetes are major health issues that must be addressed. The drunk driver must be more firmly treated as a medical problem. I favor a progressive state climate concerning medical research. The scope of chiropractic practice should not be expanded.

The current medical legal climate must be maintained and improved in order to contain medical costs. The expensive practice of defensive medicine must be reduced by alleviating physician fear of malpractice suits in the area of medical testing. Physician privacy should be protected concerning what they prescribe. Health insurance benefits should be stated to subscribers in a standard easy to read format that can be presented to health care providers. Health insurance companies should not be allowed to formulate their own interpretations of medical billing codes in order to avoid paying claims.

I became concerned about the medical and emotional fitness of police officers and public safety after investigating the tragic death of a Bloomfield Township police officer killed in 2004. Please, see my web site for further details. I will continue to be active concerning public safety, individual rights, and justice.

Michigan is one of four states spending more on jailing its citizens than on higher education. I would like to reserve that ratio. At the Federal level has our district's Congressmen done enough in obtaining Federal help in paying for our prisons? Tell Congressman Knollenberg or Gary Peters his challenger that security in Michigan comes before war in Iraq.

Michigan ranks low among states concerning the percentage of children graduating high school, and adults with college degrees. I feel that the low educational achievement of our citizens contributes to the high rate of incarceration. All of these facts contribute to a poor quality of life for many of us. I would like to improve these statistics.

As a dermatologist I observe and repair surface defects. Many of our roads have blemishes. I feel that this problem needs more research and study in order to determine if our roads can be made more durable.

Due to term limits our present District 45 representative John Garfield will not be able to represent this district after 2008. Even though I am not a candidate of his party, I will try to carry on any unfinished work that he has initiated that will benefit our district and the State of Michigan. I would like to meet with Mr. Garfield. I will be open to all individuals, groups, and ideas. I will be fair and honest in carrying out my duties as your state representative.

In 2010 the Michigan Constitution requires its citizens to vote on the question that appears on the ballot every 16 years as to whether the Michigan Constitution should be re-written. I would like to help Michigan citizens answer that question through educational opportunities that being your representative will allow me to partake.

Although my main political goal is the enactment of the ***Golden Legal Oversight Amendment***, my main goal for each individual is to enable everyone to have the opportunity to live life to the fullest. I will do all that I can as your state representative in order for you to have a fulfilling life.

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