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**[Ted Golden, M.D.](#) for Michigan House of Representatives, District 45  
Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township  
[Best Democrat 2018 Best Candidate](#)**

**Improve State Government for Better Quality of Life and Save Money  
Seeking Your Vote and Not Special Interest Endorsements**

**Michigan must reorganize at the top with constitutional amendments:**

1. **[Retention Elections:](#)** Incumbent judges ([ie. Judge Lisa Gorcyca](#)) 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.
2. **[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.
3. **Reduce the Governor's power concerning judicial appointments by making the Governor appoint from a non-partisan [Judicial Nominating Committee's](#) submitted list.**
4. 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.

**Legislative Agenda to Improve the Living Climate in Michigan:**

1. **[Health Insurance Premiums and Medical Expenses:](#)** I will make self paid health insurance premiums and medical expenses a full deduction on the Michigan income tax return (MI-1040).
2. **[Health:](#)** Individuals have been harmed in this community and elsewhere ([ie. Dr. Fata](#), Flint water, Legionnaire's Disease) due to substandard performance of state agencies. Protecting the environment, drug deaths, doctors, abortion, tobacco 21, health care, and guns are health issues.
3. **[Education:](#)** Education must be individualized to each child in order to realize one's full potential.
4. **[Taxes:](#)** I favor a graduated state income tax due to Synder's tax breaks for corporations. Most will pay less income tax.
5. **[Amend Michigan Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#)** How long must we wait for this?
6. **[Liquor Laws:](#)** Change outdated laws and regulations controlling the sale of alcoholic drinks that add unnecessary overhead to the price of the product.
7. **[Marijuana:](#)** Recreational use of marijuana should be decided by a vote of the citizens. I favor a proposal that empowers the state and local communities with proper oversight.
8. **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, be held accountable by citizens, and not their peers as is presently the case.
9. **[Speed Traps:](#)** Prohibit highway robbery on illegally marked roads. **[Bad Roads](#)**
10. **Testing of Police Officers:** Require periodic physical, psychological testing, and evaluation of all police officers for maintenance of their license, which is currently not the state standard.
11. **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.
12. **Individual Rights:** I will not allow any group to be denied equal rights and protection under the law based on exclusionary legislation.

**13. Governor Synder:** Governor Synder and his administration have made serious errors concerning the sanctity of the individual. Time for Democrats to clean up the mess.

[A better living climate is needed to make happy citizens and elevate Michigan's economy.](#)

**Golden is the best State House candidate for District 45. Vote for Dr. Ted Golden.**

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