



SISTER DISTRICT
PROJECT

Mallory McMorrow

MICHIGAN STATE SENATE DISTRICT 13

SISTER DISTRICT POLICY SCORECARD

This candidate has pledged commitment to the following statements:

- ✓ We must protect a **woman's right to choose** the health care and reproductive services she wants and needs.
- ✓ We need to protect and expand our **social safety net**, not dismantle it.
- ✓ We should pursue **common-sense gun safety** policies, consistent with the Second Amendment and local community standards and needs, which vary from community to community.
- ✓ Climate change is real and we need to **protect our environment**.

TIMELINE & VOTER INFO

Election Day: November 6, 2018

Last day to register:

30 days prior to Election Day

Vote by mail / absentee voting: Voters must [apply for absentee ballots](#). Note that if you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you must appear in person to vote in your first election, unless you are over 60 years old, disabled, or live overseas.

Nested Congressional Districts: 8; 9; 11

BACKGROUND

Mallory got her first job when she was 12 years old, serving coffee at BINGO night at the town firehouse. Since then, she's been a grocery store cashier, night manager, and bartender, a digital image editor, babysitter, and researcher.



After going to college to study industrial and car design, she took on high-profile jobs in product design, media and advertising in New York and Los Angeles, and built a career solving complex big-budget problems. She has designed products, toys, and apparel for iconic toy brand Hot Wheels, where she earned a patent, helped lead creative direction with over 2000 global licensees for brands at Mattel - where she built rapport with executives and agencies from all over the world, across different cultures.

Mallory also helped launch and lead an LA-based advertising and documentary film production company to become an industry leader while encouraging diversity in our roster, and have had writing appear in outlets such as Road & Track, Jalopnik, and Jezebel.

Mallory met and married someone born and raised in Michigan, and they chose to make it their permanent home.

ON THE ISSUES (IN HER OWN WORDS)

Government Transparency

You should feel like your representative is fair, honest, and spends 100% of their time and efforts working for you. Unfortunately and for far too long, that hasn't been the case in Michigan. Nationally, Michigan ranks as one of the worst in government ethics, and representatives often seem to vote against the wishes of their constituents.

Accessibility and transparency are my #1 priorities. I'll treat this campaign as a test run for how I'd treat the office: I'll always keep you informed on what's going on, bring you inside the campaign trail, and be available to talk about the issues.

Education

Our district has some of the best public schools in the state. But teachers continually tell me that they feel disheartened, worn down, and stretched too thin. Our public school should challenge all of our kids, no matter who they are, what they love, or how they learn. It's not just about test scores. It's about creating a passion for learning and problem-solving that they can use throughout their lives. And it's about recruiting and retaining the best teachers and talent to protect the quality of our public schools now and for the next generation.

Healthcare

Healthcare shouldn't be a constant weight on your shoulders. Michigan currently has some of the highest prescription drug costs in the country, and people tell me they're worried about what's going to happen with the unease on the federal level. But states have the power to set their own standards, and Michigan should fight to ensure healthcare puts Michiganders first. I'll fight to support the Healthcare Bill of Rights, establish a bi-partisan Consumer Protection Board to fight against skyrocketing drug costs, and fight to ensure families have access to simplified healthcare no matter their situation. I believe that women should have more healthcare options, not fewer, and know that many families are not only taking care of themselves and their kids, but their aging parents as well.

A healthy Michigan improves education, the economy, and the overall well-being of our state, and it's time we prioritize that care.

Infrastructure

We're the state that put the American automotive industry on the map, but you wouldn't know it by our roads. We need to fix our crumbling infrastructure while planning for our future now to avoid paying a much higher price down the line.

Economy

Michigan has an unparalleled history of design, innovation, and manufacturing; with Southeast Michigan widely known as the birthplace of the middle class. We should be inspired by that history to pave the way for the future of jobs, become a fertile ground for starting and growing small businesses, and lead the country with innovative solutions. Let's close the skills gap and invest in education.

Environment

We're lucky to be home to over 20% of the world's fresh water supply. Not only is our responsibility to conserve our environment for generations, but economically advantageous to do so. Let's lead on water policy and conservation. Let's protect the quality of our land, water, and air. And let's ensure the local economies that rely on our natural resources and environment are sustainable for decades to come.

Gun Violence

It's time to take politics and special interests out of the conversation and focus on common-sense safety solutions that both protect the second amendment while ensuring the highest levels of safety for all residents. I'll support efforts to study and understand gun violence as both a health and public safety issue, and to ensure we move forward on areas where we have common ground on all sides: enhanced background checks, support of mental health issues, and fighting to ensure that dangerous weapons stay out of the hands of domestic abusers.

ABOUT THE INCUMBENT

Marty Knollenberg (R-Troy, Running for reelection) a former State Representative & Oakland County Commissioner.

Martin “Marty” Knollenberg (born September 21, 1963) is a Republican politician from the U.S. state of Michigan currently serving in the Michigan Senate from the 13th District. He was a member of the Michigan State House of Representatives, representing the 41st District which covers the cities of Troy and Clawson in Oakland County. He is the son of former U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg, who represented Michigan’s 9th congressional district from 1993 until 2009.

Knollenberg was elected to the State House in 2006 and re-elected in 2008 and 2010. He was term limited in 2012 and succeeded by Republican Martin Howrylak. He had previously served as an Oakland County Commissioner from 2002 to 2004 and Oakland County Parks and Recreation commissioner from 2004 to 2006. He was the subject of controversy in 2015 for comments he made in a State senate education committee meeting about race and school failure. He later apologized for his “clunky” choice of words.

Knollenberg has served three terms in the Michigan State House. He pushed for legislation in 2011 that would prevent teachers from receiving pay increases while they negotiate their labor contracts. He was the chief sponsor of House Bill 4054, a controversial right-to-work law in Michigan.

During his tenure in the Michigan House, Knollenberg sat on the redistricting committee. Following his father’s defeat in 2008 by Gary Peters, Knollenberg was expected to use his position to gerrymander the district. Political analyst Bill Ballenger said “I didn’t think there’s any question that he would love to seek revenge on behalf of his father if the circumstances are right — especially if it’s against Peters.”

Knollenberg was the subject of controversy in 2015 for statements he made during a State senate education committee meeting that suggested failing schools could be fixed if African American students could be made white. He stated, “You mentioned why these school fail, and you mentioned the economically disadvantaged and non-white population are

contributors to that. You know, we can’t fix that. We can’t make an African American white. It is what it is, and we can’t fix that.”

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

As of the 2010 census, a total of 259,747 civilians reside within Michigan’s thirteenth state senate district.

51.2% Female
48.8% Male

Race
84.0% White
8.7% Asian
4.5% Black
2.0% Two or More Races
0.2% Native American

WHY IS THIS RACE IMPORTANT?

Michigan is an important place to engage new voters and win back old Democratic voters who veered into the Republican camp due to their “support” for unions and trade protection. Michigan’s economy is built on automotive and steel industries as well as vast skilled trade works. Union membership is extremely high in Michigan compared to the rest of the country as is the headquarters for a number of unions - including the United Auto Workers (UAW). Michigan was a reliable Democratic presidential vote since 1988, but was won by Trump by a little over 30k votes amidst lower voter turnout.

Republicans have controlled the State House (and Senate) since sweeping into power in 2010. But this year, all 110 seats in the House of Representatives are up for election. Republicans control 63 seats of 110 seats. Five districts in the House voted for Clinton, but are represented by a GOP legislator.

MORE ABOUT MICHIGAN

Michigan is also surrounded by the nation’s largest freshwater resource - the Great Lakes. As the headquarters of three larger automakers - Ford, GM, and FiatChrysler - Michigan is on the frontlines of joint environmental-economic issues and their interrelationship.

Additionally, the people of Flint, Michigan were poisoned by lead and other toxic chemicals due to a poorly managed water infrastructure switch while under state management. The Republicans in Michigan have not fought nearly enough for the residents as many of them are still seeing toxic levels of lead in their water. This hot button issue will be on voters' minds in November.

REDISTRICTING IN MICHIGAN

Following the lopsided win by Republicans in 2010 - where House control flipped exactly from 67-43 under Democratic control to 67-43 GOP control - Michigan House Districts are very skewed in favor of Republicans who have been in control since that election.

CANDIDATE LINKS

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