



### 2010 Michigan Candidate Survey

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To participate, please fill out both sides of this survey sheet. Please print clearly or type all fields.

Candidate Name: Rich Olson

Office & District Number Running For: State Representative, Dist 55

Party Affiliation: Republican

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Current Occupation: SEMI-RETIRED

Former Occupation(s): Lawyer, Agricultural business manager, Certified Financial Planner, public school business manager, attorney for legislature

Education: Stanford Law School (JD, 1978) Michigan State (BS, Ag Economics, 1970), Univ of CA, Davis (M.S, Ag Economics, 1972)

Former Public Service: NONE ELECTED. EMPLOYEE FOR WA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WA: GOV. OFFICE & MT Local School Districts Date of Birth: 11/18/1949

Endorsements NONE YET, BUSINESS COALITION SUPPORT LIKELY

How long have you lived in the district: SINCE NOV, 2005

How long at your current address: " "

Did you vote for term limits?  Yes  No I WAS NOT IN THE STATE THEN

Do you support them now?  Yes  No Yes, in amended form as proposed by Bipartisan Freshman Caucus, ≤ 14 years of any combination of Rep or Senator. No change for Exec. Branch

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**Issues:**

Please rank the top 3 of the following issues you feel is most pressing for your district (the first issue marked will be listed in your biography):

- 1 Economy
- \_\_\_ Job Security
- \_\_\_ State Government Efficiency
- 2 State Government Reform
- 4 Transportation Funding
- 3 Education K-12
- \_\_\_ Education - Higher
- \_\_\_ Health Insurance
- \_\_\_ Health Care Quality
- \_\_\_ Auto Insurance
- \_\_\_ Excessive Taxes
- \_\_\_ Local Government Funding
- \_\_\_ Inner City Infrastructure Investment
- \_\_\_ Other

Why are you interested in running for state office? (In 25 words or less)

To apply my talents & experience to improve the business climate to allow all businesses the opportunity to succeed & create jobs

Are you pro life?  Are you pro-choice?

In 2010, voters will have an opportunity to vote for a rewrite of our state constitution. Would you vote yes or no on this proposal?  Yes  No

Some racetracks would like to offer slot machines and expanded gambling on their premises. Would you vote yes or no on such a proposal if it were on a ballot?  Yes  No I despise gambling.

Would you support turning the flat income tax into a graduated income tax?  Yes  No

Have you or will you take the "no tax pledge"?  Yes  No

Do you support Michigan moving to a part-time Legislature?  Yes  No

Why or why not? I worked for a part-time legislature in Washington and it would not help, only cosmetic change, Coupled with term limits, we would always have incompetent legislators.

Yes, I would like a free trial subscription to MIRS after the filing deadline of May 11, 2010 through the election. (E-mail address must be provided).

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