

South Lyon Area Democrats: Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire

Application for recommendation by the SLAD to voters in support of your campaign.

City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, and Green Oak Township.

Please email to SLAD candidate endorsement committee: matthew.kardel@gmail.com

Candidate Name (as it will appear on the ballot):

Brian Mosallam

Office/Position running for (including district number of applicable):

Michigan State University (MSU) Trustee

Date of submission: 9/16/2020

Please share a brief biography and personal background:

I am a current MSU Trustee. I am married with two children and live in Dearborn. I am a Financial Advisor, and President and co-owner of Spartan Wealth Management in Birmingham. I am also Co-Chair of the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority. It is the entity that owns Comerica Park and Ford Field.

Qualifications for running (include previous appointed or elected public office positions and short resume):

I have eight years experience as a MSU Trustee and have led MSU through it's darkest hour as a fierce advocate for the Larry Nassar survivors. I issued a plan of reform in May of 2018 and led the charge to remove John Engler as President of MSU. I know what it is going to take to make MSU the national model for student health and wellness.

List requirements you have completed for the office (# signatures collected, date filed, fees paid):

I was renominated by the Michigan Democratic Party at the August State Convention.

Amount of money raised as of date of submission:

600k

Principal duties of the office you are running for:

Approve the budget, hire the President and set general policy. We also have fiduciary oversight over the administration.

Top priorities once elected:

While I'm proud that MSU has started to incorporate the structural reforms that I proposed in May of 2018, there is still a lot more that needs to be done to keep our students, employees, and guests safe. My entire reform plan is available here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/134E9le3kSUwXzCeNuETGJFA1cQeoUP7VNGLDobIn7j4/edit?ts=5f566bd8&skip_itp2_check=true&pli=1

MSU also needs to regain the public's trust, and one way to do that is with more transparency. My reform plan calls for all of our sub-committee meetings and sessions to comply with the Open Meetings Act (OMA). MSU will not regain the public's trust until all 6,000 privileged documents regarding the Nassar scandal are released. I support releasing these documents once our legal and insurance claims are settled.

My plan of reform also asks for all FOIA requests to be posted on our website and for the Board to adopt a higher standard to deny a FOIA request than the law currently requires.

Plans for communicating with constituents once elected:

My campaign is currently engaged in calling, texting, and mailing voters statewide. My campaign is also putting up billboards and producing radio ads.

What are your primary sources for information/news?

I try and read as many sources as possible to understand what the other side is thinking as well.

Issues

Indicate your position on the following topics, including solutions. A response is needed only if applicable to your prospective office

Environment (land, water, air, open space, climate change):

MSU has a sustainability and renewable energy plan in place. We have reduced carbon emissions at MSU.

Health care:

As a Trustee, I'm proud to work with the unions at MSU to make health care as affordable as possible.

Income inequality and wages:

I am a strong supporter of unions. The stronger and larger union membership is, the smaller the gap in wages, child care, and health care. There is no question that when unions are strong, workers have good wages, good benefits, and safe working conditions. And when unions are weak we see significant wage disparity.

Economic prosperity:

MSU needs to make tuition affordable so students have the tools to go into the workplace and succeed and not be saddled with crushing debt.

For three years in a row I voted to freeze tuition. I support the policy of families living below the poverty level having the ability to go to MSU for free. I would also like to see those who graduate and stay in Michigan have the income tax they pay from their Michigan based job applied to their student loans. This will encourage our graduates to stay and work in Michigan.

Voting rights:

I have used my position as Trustee to help Democrats and our allies make voting as easy and accessible as possible.

Reproductive healthcare:

Women should have the right to choose their health care decisions.

Infrastructure:

The nation needs to have a comprehensive plan to fix our infrastructure, which includes roads and drinking water.

Public education, charter schools, support for community colleges & public universities, pre-K programs:

I'm a strong supporter of public education and proud to have graduated from public schools. We need to continue to support our public school system and our colleges and universities, and we need to close for-profit charter schools.

Children and families:

We need to realize the importance of pre-K to third grade education and pump more resources into that. We need to have tax and social policies that help working families.

Economic development:

I support economic development, as long as it pays a fair wage and doesn't damage the environment.

Faith:

Everyone in this country should have the right to worship as they choose, and be safe in doing it. We need to continue to defend the separation of church and state.

Social justice:

America is at a critical juncture on social justice issues. Pressure must continue to be applied so that structural racism is addressed and no longer a factor in American society.

Contact Information

****Candidate preferred email address:**

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**Candidate preferred phone number: 313 712 5300

****Candidate home address (where you live) street address, city, state, zip:**

35 Turnberry Ln; Dearborn, MI 48120

Campaign mailing address (if applicable):same

Campaign website:

<http://VoteMosallam.com>

Campaign social media (identify platform, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.):

Facebook: <http://BrianMosallam/MSU>

Twitter: [@BMosallam63](https://twitter.com/BMosallam63)

Campaign hashtags: #unfinishedbusiness

Campaign contact name and title (manager / assistant): Dennis Denno

Campaign contact preferred phone number: 517 295 5325

Campaign contact preferred email address: brianmmosallam@gmail.com

Other contact & media info:

Thank you for submitting your candidate info to SLAD. By submitting this information, you agree that all information submitted, except for the **starred items (candidate preferred email address, phone number, and street address), can be made public and shared on SLAD online platforms and physical documents.