



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: SLADemocrats@gmail.com

- Candidate Name (as it will appear on the ballot): Kelly Breen
- *Candidate* email address: hello@kellybreen.com
- *Candidate* phone number: 734-673-4413
- *Campaign* mailing address (*if applicable*): PO Box 1050, Novi, MI 48376
- *Campaign* website: www.kellybreen.com
- *Campaign* social media (identify platform, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.):
 - Facebook: <https://facebook.com/votekellybreen>
 - Instagram: @votekellybreen
 - Twitter: @KellyBreenMI
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Office/Position running for (including district number of applicable): State Representative HD 21

Please answer the following to the best of your ability. Use as much space as necessary to provide your response:

Please share a brief biography and personal background:

I have filled many roles in my life so far, including an attorney, a mom, an activist, an educator's wife, a Novi City Councilmember, and a Michigan State Representative. I am a mom of two (Abigail 11, and Elliot 8). My husband Matt and I live in Novi.

As a native Michigander, my love for our state was built on a deep sense of admiration and pride in my neighbors and our community. That's why I entered public service in the first place. When my neighbors and I joined together to push back against an irresponsible local development project, we



were able to make an important change in our neighborhood. From that point on, I was sold on the idea of spending my days making life better for people in my community.

What are your qualifications for running (i.e., previous appointed or elected public office positions personal/professional experience you can bring to the position)

Since becoming your state representative, I have supported our district and all Michiganders by standing up for our public schools and teachers, helping Michigan families access affordable, high-quality child care, protecting essential workers during COVID, and most recently, fighting sexual abuse and empowering survivors. I've worked across the aisle with anyone who cares about helping our area and our neighbors thrive because I believe the role of a public servant is to improve our collective quality of life. From protecting our water and "lake life" to helping our working families and boosting our local economy, your priorities are my priorities. I'm committed to listening to your concerns and making good things happen for Michigan.

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

I filed for office with the \$100 fee on 2/25/22

**Amount of money raised as of date of submission:
for this election cycle I have raised over \$64,000**

What do you consider the principal duties of the office you are running for?

My principal duties are to represent the interests of the people of our district. From protecting our water and "lake life" to helping our working families and boosting our local economy, your priorities are my priorities. I'm committed to listening to your concerns and making good things happen for Michigan.

If elected (or re-elected), what will be your top priorities for this community?

During my time as a state representative, I have worked on two major initiatives: Childcare Taskforce and the School Safety Task Force. Both of these initiatives will continue to be priorities - keeping our children and schools safe, reducing gun violence and providing support to children and families. I will also continue to work on supporting critical infrastructure improvements that will reduce harm on our environment and providing safe water to drink and enjoy recreationally. Finally, I will have a focus on increasing access to healthcare for our residents. Any discussion of health care must realize the inseparable role of mental health in maintaining overall health. As a member of the School Safety Task Force, I'm also working to boost resources for students to ensure that caring for our mental health is a habit that starts early.



How will you communicate with constituents once elected?

I am always a call or a text away! I will also continue to provide regular legislative updates, host coffee hours and make resources available to those who reach out to our legislative offices.

What are your primary sources for information/news?

I read a lot of news! Locally, I read the Detroit Free Press (and Det News) as well as the NY Times and Washington Post. I also keep up with all the political news with Gongwer News (lansing based)

Local Issues

Indicate your position on the following topics, including solutions. Please indicate "NA" for any issues which are applicable to your prospective office

City / Township / County's Master Plan/Public Transportation:

My time on council, i worked to ensure the Novi Master Plan offered flexibility. I believe local governments need to ensure Master Plans are able to handle upcoming transportation initiatives to include mass transit, Elective Vehicles and driverless tech. This area is a hub for EV and Driverless technology and we need to make our Master Plans ready to adapt with charging stations, local ordinance updates, etc.

Local Environmental Policies:

I have been endorsed by Sierra club and League of Conservation Voters for supporting and promoting policies for green infrastructure, clean water and sustainability for our local communities.

Public Safety: We have a shortage of first responders all around the state. I have supported efforts to recruit, train and retain public safety officers in order to get best of best working in our communities. I also want to see local communities ensure that DEI initiatives are part of training for all first responders. Finally, I have worked on criminal justice reform initiatives that save resources by not jailing nonviolent offenders, and support social workers to go with police to calls pertaining to mental health crises.



Which planks of the Michigan Democratic Party do you feel most strongly about on a local level (select all that apply)?

- Education: Improving Public Education for Children and Adults
- Economy: Using Aggressive & Comprehensive Economic Development Policies
- Job Training: Improving the Skills of our Workforce
- Trade: Using an Approach Based on a Level Playing Field
- Economic Development: Improving Depressed Communities
- Agriculture: Protecting our Farms and Rural Communities
- Transportation: Providing Access to Opportunities
- Information Technology: Expanding Access to Information
- Small Business: Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Self-employment
- Income: Rewarding Work
- Taxes: Providing a Sufficient, Stable and Fair Tax System
- Health Care: Providing Health Security for Families and Individuals
- Children and Families: Providing Help for Working Parents with Children
- Coping With Misfortune: Bankruptcy, Foreclosure and Homelessness
- The Environment: Protecting Our Land, Water, Air and Open Space
- Social Justice: Achieving Equal and Humane Treatment Under the Law
- Women: Protecting the Rights of Women
- Veterans: Respect and Help for Those Who Serve Our Country
- Youth: Building Citizens Who Will Brighten our Future
- Seniors: Providing Retirement Security and Needed Services
- Voting: Nurturing Democracy and Promoting Civic Participation
- Faith: Connecting Our Party with People of Faith
- Public Safety: Creating Safer Communities for All
- Energy: Providing Power to the People
- Judicial System: Serving the People, not Special Interests
- Government: Freeing Politics from Money Influence and Special Interests
- Corporations: Insisting on Corporate Accountability
- Consumer Protection: Protecting People in the Marketplace
- Financial Services: Protecting People in Credit and Banking Transactions
- Providing Proper Oversight of Our Financial System
- Local Government: Defending Our Democracy

*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.*

