

# VOTER GUIDE – FEBRUARY ELECTION STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 29

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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### 2 Candidates for STATE REPRESENTATIVE for ONE partial term ending 01/01/2013

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>BOB GRAY</b> 2012 Allerton Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	<p>Robert Allen Gray, married to Cindy (Wilson) for 27 years last July. We have two children: Leah Ann Gray, Robert Allen Gray Jr. I graduated from Lake Orion 1974. Graduated from Midwestern Baptist College in 1980. Spent 34 years in U.S. Army, while in Army I went to Georgetown University to work on my masters. I worked 11 years at GMC Truck &amp; Coach. I also taught High School and Jr. High School for 23 years. I coached baseball, football, basketball, and Track &amp; Field for 15 year.</p> <p>I believe it is time to help change the way things are in Lansing. I want to make a difference for our citizens in Auburn Hills &amp; Pontiac. I believe we need to help get government off the backs and out of their wallets and we need to do this real soon. We need to lower taxes, bring jobs back to Michigan ...</p>	<p>Issue No 1: Jobs/Economy</p> <p>Our unemployment is at 10.2 and many people are suffering. The question is are you better off today better than you were 2 or 4 years ago, most people answer no. We need to repeal a lot of the regulations that cause businesses to leave Michigan. Then we need to cut taxes or give more tax breaks to allow business to come back to Michigan or do the same to encourage people to start businesses.</p>

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<p><b>Democrat</b> <b>TIM GREIMEL</b> 2640 Greenstone Blvd. #1704 Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	<p>Our state is in an economic crisis. We need experienced and effective leadership, and I offer that.</p> <p>I attended the University of Michigan, where I received a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in public policy, and a law degree.</p> <p>As the former president of the Rochester school board, I understand what it takes to design and implement effective education policies.</p> <p>As an Oakland County Commissioner representing Pontiac and Auburn Hills for the past 5 years, I understand the diverse needs of our communities. As the current chair of the Democratic caucus on the commission, I have never been afraid to stand up to those who have pushed bad policies for the middle class, but I have never hesitated to work with both parties to get positive things done. I have successfully worked with my colleagues to deliver balanced budgets on time and to protect the county's AAA-bond rating.</p>	<p><b>Jobs:</b> We need to preserve job-creating tax incentives, like the film tax credit, and invest in efficient mass transit and other quality of life amenities that retain and attract educated and talented young people and the industries that employ them. I will also fight to repeal the new tax on seniors' pensions and to protect the Earned Income Tax Credit that rewards work.</p> <p><b>Education:</b> I will work to increase the per pupil foundation allowance for the Pontiac and Avondale school districts to make their funding more equal to those of their neighbors. It is essential that we institute quality, early childhood education throughout the state.</p> <p><b>Neighborhoods:</b> We have to fix our broken road-funding system so that we can repair our crumbling streets. I will fight to restore revenue sharing for our local communities so they can keep police officers on the streets and fire fighters on the job.</p>

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