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Journalist and community leader Mona Shand announces run for 42nd House seat

Mona Shand, an award-winning journalist and writer who has covered local and statewide politics for years, announces her candidacy for the 42nd District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives. The 42nd District covers the city of Brighton, the townships of Brighton, Green Oak, Genoa, Hamburg, and Putnam, and the Village of Pinckney.

Shand, a Genoa Township resident, enters the race because of a desire to serve the community in a new capacity, and a profound frustration with the status quo in Lansing.

“Our state is on a path that is not sustainable,” Shand said. “Enough with the in-fighting and partisan nonsense that has become the norm for our legislature. The only way we’re ever going to fix our roads, uplift our schools, and protect our children and our Pure Michigan way of life is by committing to working together in a bipartisan, creative fashion.”

A former teacher, Shand made a career move to journalism in 2003, working at WLNS-TV 6 in Lansing, Fox 2 Detroit, and WHMI 93.5 FM in Howell. For the past several years, she has been the Michigan producer and correspondent with Public News Service, an independent news agency covering policy and public interest issues across the state.

“As a journalist, I’ve devoted myself to making public policy understandable, and to holding our elected leaders accountable for their decisions,” Shand said. “Time and time again, I’ve seen good legislation addressing important issues go nowhere because our current politicians won’t look beyond party lines or special interests. Meanwhile, bills declaring our official state nickname to be Michiganders make it through. Our political process has become dysfunctional, and it needs to change.”

Shand grew up in the metro Detroit area and graduated from local public schools. She received a bachelor’s degree in French and International Studies from Northwestern University, and a master’s degree in Foreign Language Education from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She and her husband, Mark, an automotive engineer, have lived in Genoa Township since 2007, and they have three children, ages 10, 8, and 6.

Among Shand’s many community involvements include as a member of the board of directors of LACASA, the county’s advocacy organization for victims and survivors of interpersonal violence. She is also the marketing coordinator for the Livingston County Community Alliance, which is dedicated to reducing and preventing youth substance abuse.

Shand is running as a Democrat, and says that she feels the time is right for people to see beyond party lines and do the right thing for the future of the state. More information on her campaign is available at www.monashand.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/monashandforstaterep, and on Twitter @Mona4StateRep.

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