

# **BOB BEZOTTE**

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**47<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Bezotte Denied Opportunity for Public Statement During Debate**

Today I was informed that I would not be given the opportunity to provide a public statement as to why I will not be in attendance for the LCGOP debate. This has been an allowed practice for other debates of candidates in the past for prior elections. The Livingston County GOP Chair, Meghan Reckling, is one of my opponents and is not allowing my campaign to make a statement as I had intended. Below is my prepared statement that I had asked one of my supporters to read on my behalf.

Good Evening

It is with disappointment that I announce I have decided not to participate in tonight's debate.

As many of you know, one of the candidates for this race is the current chair of the Livingston County Republican Party that is sponsoring the debate, as well as a member of the elections committee who organized the debate.

The County Party recently appointed a committee to write questions for tonight's event. Almost all members of this committee are friends, family and /or supporters of the chair.

This past week, the chair posted on Facebook a picture of herself sitting outside on a deck with the majority of the question-writing committee. The appearance of this post presents a challenge to the impartiality of the question-writers' process, however unconsciously done.

Last week, the chair and I participated in a debate hosted by the League of

Women Voters, WHMI radio, the Livingston Post and the Hartland Crompton District Library. Questions were asked of each candidate on a variety of issues of importance for the 47th district. I feel we have already had ample opportunity to express our opinions on issues facing our county.

Should anyone want to know where I stand on issues, they have only to reach out and contact me through email or phone. I respond to all messages in a timely manner.

I appreciate the overwhelming support and number of endorsements I have received during the past months. I feel my experience and proven leadership make me the best candidate for the State Representative of the 47th district. I humbly ask for your vote on August 4th.

Thank you.

Bob Bezotte

### **About Bob Bezotte**

Bob Bezotte has been a resident of the 47<sup>th</sup> House District in Livingston County for 37 years. He has dedicated his life to public service and safety including 33 years of law enforcement in the Livingston County Sheriff Department. Bezotte, a Vietnam Veteran, was elected three terms as Livingston County Sheriff and two terms as a Livingston County Commissioner. He has entrepreneurial and corporate experience as well.

Bob Bezotte is currently running for 47th District State Representative and has been endorsed by Right to Life, Livingston County 2A, Michigan Association of Police Officers (MAPO), LLEA – Livingston Law Enforcement Association, Michigan Republican Assembly and a host of local leaders including former Michigan Attorney General, Bill Schuette, 47<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Hank Vaupel and former 47<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Cindy Denby.

For a full list of endorsements or to join us in electing Bob Bezotte as our 47th District State Representative, go to [BobBezotte.com](http://BobBezotte.com)

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