

CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

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Occupation/Current Position: State Representative – HD35

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QUESTIONS

ECONOMIC ISSUES

- 1. A package of bills (HB 328-339 and SB 4629-4640) concerning pay equity was introduced in the Michigan House and Senate committees in April, 2019. The bills address transparency regarding pay, asking job applicants about past compensation, and informing employees about equal pay laws. Do you support or oppose bringing these bills to the legislature for a vote? Please explain. I support these bills.
- 2. Do you support or oppose a minimum wage of \$15 an hour? Please explain. I support a minimum wage of \$15 an hour.
- 3. Do you support or oppose earned paid sick leave for all workers? Please explain. I support paid sick leave for all workers.

EDUCATION

1. What is your position on funding K-12 private or parochial/religious schools with public monies? I believe public dollars should support public schools.

2. What is your position on providing additional funding for equitable public education to ensure that all students have access to remote learning by qualified teachers when necessary because of COVID-19 or a similar situation? I support funding for equitable public education to ensure all students have educational access.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Current Michigan law allows for open carry guns in Michigan schools. What is your position on legislation that would eliminate guns in schools with the exception of law enforcement officers? I support common sense gun laws including red flag laws. I support legislation to eliminate guns in schools, with the exception of law enforcement officers.
- 2. Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation has been proposed that would allow a judge to temporarily remove a person's firearm if presented with clear evidence from family or law enforcement that there is serious risk to the individual or others. Do you support or oppose this legislation? Please explain. I support this legislation.

HEATHCARE/REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Should decisions regarding women's healthcare, including reproductive rights, be legislated by the state? Yes or no? Please explain your position. No. I serve as Vice Chair of the Progressive Women's Caucus and women's healthcare decisions, including reproductive rights, should be between medical professionals and their patients.
- 2. What is your position on health care providers, hospital systems, insurance companies, and employers refusing care or coverage based on their religious or moral beliefs? I do not support refusal to provide medical care or coverage based upon religious, moral beliefs, nor based upon a person's race, gender, or marital status.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Equal Rights Amendment has been approved by more than the 38 states needed to put it into the Constitution. Would you vote to remove the time limit on the Equal Rights Amendment to allow this to happen? Why or why not? Yes. Removal of a time limit on the Equal Rights Amendment will ensure permanent protections for women.

ENVIRONMENT

- 1. What are your top environmental priorities? Clean Air; and Clean Water
- 2. What is your plan for protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan's drinking water? Strengthen clean up standards, increase enforcement of pollution entities and support polluter pay legislation.

By submitting this form as a candidate for state office, I certify that the answers given to this survey are either completed or reviewed by me before submission.

(Name and contact information for campaign staff person completing this form if not the candidate.) Cheryl Gambrell Harris

Date:8/25/20