



CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

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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.**

On the House side, I co sponsored House Bills 4629-4640 in April of 2019, and I am on the board of the Progressive Women's Caucus, which was the caucus that initiated these bills. I am in strong support of bringing these bills to the legislature for a vote. For too long, companies have been able to hide their unequal pay from women in the workplace - the Pay Equity legislation would certainly make steps towards ensuring equal pay for equal work.

2. Do you support or oppose a minimum wage of \$15 an hour? Please explain.

I strongly believe that workers should be paid a fair living wage and support a minimum wage increase 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 workers - time to balance caring for oneself and their families is important for the health of our people and our state. I am strongly against the legislative tricks used by Republicans last year to repeal paid sick leave, and strongly support it's reimplementation.

EDUCATION

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

I do not support the use of public dollars for private K-12 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 am in strong support for additional funding to ensure that our students and teacher are able to access remote learning. Every child should have equal opportunity to thrive in school, regardless of if there's a pandemic or not. We need to completely overhaul how we conceptualize and implement funding for public education in Michigan. I support adopting the recommendations set forth by the School Finance Research Collaborative and Michigan State University, including high-quality preschool, \$9,590 base funding for all K-12 students in district and brick-and-mortar charter schools, and additional funding above base funding for students with special needs. We also must earmark additional revenue streams specifically for K-12 education, including restoration of voter-approved local district enhancement millages, so communities have local control

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

1. 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 would support legislation that eliminates any non law enforcement officer from being able to openly carry a firearm on school premises. Children and teachers deserve to feel safe at school - eliminating the opportunity for random people to be legally able to carry a gun on school grounds is a vital step in ensuring safety.

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 am a strong supporter of gun violence prevention legislation. I am a proud co-sponsor of House Bills 4283, 4284 and 4285 to implement it into Michigan law.

HEALTHCARE/REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- 1. Should decisions regarding women's healthcare, including reproductive rights, be legislated by the state? Yes or no? Please explain your position.**

Absolutely not. I am strongly pro-choice and in support of pro-choice policies, because no lawmakers should be able to tell a woman what she can or cannot do with her body. Decisions should be left up to a woman and her doctor.

I am a leading sponsor of the Reproductive Healthcare Act, which would codify Roe v. Wade into Michigan law. In 2019, I gave a searing speech on the floor of the Michigan House against House Bills 4320 and 4321, which would ban the use of dilation and evacuation medical procedure.

- 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 am against health care providers, systems, insurance companies and employers refusing care or coverage on the basis of their moral or religious beliefs.

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?

I would vote to remove the time limit set on the Equal Rights Amendment - women across the country deserve the constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

ENVIRONMENT

- 1. What are your top environmental priorities?**

My top environmental priorities are ensuring clean drinking water for all of our residents, protecting our Great Lakes from pollution, and looking ahead to implement policies that allow for a green energy future.

- 2. What is your plan for protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan's drinking water?**

Regarding the Great Lakes, I believe that we as a state should be proactive in protecting such a vital natural resource. I have cosponsored legislation that would mandate corporations who pollute to pay to clean up their own messes, whether it be in the Great Lakes or in our communities. On the topic of drinking water, I secured \$120 million in funding to replace lead service lines in our communities. I also co-sponsored House Bills 4429-4432, which address water quality, accessibility, and affordability.

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.

-Mari Manoogian

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