



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, MICHIGAN

Michigan Questionnaire for Michigan House and Senate Candidates 2026

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire to educate the voters in your district.

- Briefly provide biographical information, and relevant experiences, qualifications, and skills you bring to the position.
 - a. I have more than a decade of experience in public service and currently serve as Mayor Pro Tem of Lathrup Village, after previously serving eight years as Mayor and several years on City Council. During that time, I have worked on municipal budgets, infrastructure, economic development, public safety, and community engagement, while helping secure millions of dollars in outside funding for local projects. My professional background also includes leadership roles in higher education, government relations, project management, community advocacy, and voter protection.
 - b. I hold a BBA and a Master's degree in Information Systems and have served in numerous civic and community leadership roles across Michigan. These experiences have strengthened my ability to build relationships, manage complex projects, understand government at multiple levels, and bring people together around practical solutions. Most importantly, I bring a strong commitment to constituent service, fiscal responsibility, and making sure residents have a real voice in the decisions that affect their families and communities.
- What are the top three priority issues that the legislature should address?
 - a. **Healthcare Accessibility and Affordability**
I would work to make quality healthcare more accessible and affordable, especially for underserved communities and families struggling with the cost of preventive and ongoing care.
 - b. **Consumer Protection and Everyday Affordability**
I would examine disparities in gasoline pricing and the additional charges consumers may face when using credit or debit cards. Residents should have clear, transparent pricing and stronger protections from excessive or confusing fees.
 - c. **Utility Affordability, Especially Water**
I would prioritize making essential utilities more affordable, with a particular focus on access to safe, reliable, and reasonably priced water. No family should have to choose between paying for basic utilities and meeting other essential household needs.

- Please answer the following questions on specific areas of concern to our members and supporters:

EDUCATION

Background: *Michigan lawmakers periodically consider proposals that would allow public funds to be used to support students attending private or religious schools.*

Question: What types of legislative proposals would you be most likely to support or oppose, and why?

- A. I believe public education dollars should remain focused on strengthening our public schools. I would oppose voucher programs, education savings accounts, or other proposals that redirect taxpayer-funded education dollars to private or religious schools.

Parents have the right to choose the educational setting they believe is best for their children, including a religious education. However, I also believe in maintaining the separation of church and state and ensuring that public education dollars are used to provide every child in our public school system with access to a quality education.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Background: *In 2022, Michigan voters approved Reproductive Freedom For All (Proposal 3), which amended the Michigan Constitution to establish a constitutional right to reproductive freedom, including a right to choose abortion.*

Questions:

1. How should Michigan legislators approach future legislation that would affect reproductive healthcare in light of Proposal 3?
 - a. Michigan voters made their position clear when they approved Proposal 3 and placed reproductive freedom in our state Constitution. As a legislator, I believe we have a responsibility to respect that vote and make sure that future legislation is consistent with the constitutional protections Michigan residents approved.

I would approach future reproductive healthcare legislation by focusing on protecting access to quality healthcare, preserving the ability of patients to make decisions with their healthcare providers, and making sure that any legislation we consider complies with Michigan's Constitution.
2. Should access to mifepristone (medication abortion, which is available through telemedicine and mail) be protected? If so, how can it be protected within Michigan's existing legal and regulatory framework? If not, please explain.
 - a. Yes. If access to mifepristone is currently being provided safely and legally through Michigan's existing healthcare and telemedicine framework, I would support continuing to protect that access. I do not believe we should create additional barriers or regulations simply for the sake of changing a system that is working.

I would support maintaining Michigan's existing reproductive freedom protections and ensuring that state laws and regulations do not unnecessarily interfere with a patient's ability to receive legally available medication and care from a qualified healthcare provider. If changes become necessary because of federal court decisions or changes in federal law, I would evaluate those changes at that time and work to protect access within Michigan's legal authority.

HATE CRIME PREVENTION

Background: *In 2025, Michigan enacted the Michigan Hate Crimes Act, which expanded the state's hate crime law and established criminal penalties for offenses motivated by bias against protected characteristics. According to FBI data released in 2025, reported anti-Jewish hate crime incidents increased by 5.8% from 2023. In March 2026, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield was the target of an attack that authorities investigated as a hate crime.*

Questions:

1. What role should the Michigan Legislature play in implementing, evaluating, and, if necessary, modifying Michigan's hate crime laws to protect the safety of all communities from bias-motivated violence?
 - a. The Legislature has a responsibility to make sure Michigan's hate crime laws are not only strong on paper, but are actually enforced. When someone commits a crime motivated by hate or bias, there should be serious consequences, and those consequences should be applied consistently.

I would also support creating or strengthening a statewide hate crime task force that brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, community organizations, faith leaders, and other stakeholders to review trends, identify gaps in enforcement, and recommend changes when necessary. The goal should be to protect every community from bias-motivated violence while making sure the law is working as intended.

2. Are there additional legislative or budget actions you would support or oppose to prevent hate crimes, improve law enforcement training and response, assist victims, or enhance security for communities that are at increased risk of bias-motivated violence?
 - a. Yes. I would support additional funding for law enforcement training so officers are better prepared to identify, investigate, and respond to hate crimes appropriately. I would also support funding for victim services, including counseling, legal assistance, and other resources for individuals and families impacted by bias-motivated violence.

I would also support grants to help faith-based organizations, community centers, and other organizations that may be at increased risk improve security where needed. Any additional funding should be tied to clear standards and accountability so we can measure whether incidents are being reported, investigated, and resolved more effectively and whether communities feel safer.

VOTING RIGHTS

Background: *In 2022, Michigan voters approved Promote The Vote 2022 (Proposal 2), which amended the Michigan Constitution to expand several voting policies, including early in-person voting, a permanent absentee voter list, and prepaid postage for absentee ballot applications and ballots. In Congress, proposals such as the federal SAVE Act have sought to establish additional federal requirements for voter registration and election administration, including documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. In Michigan, the Americans for Citizen Voting ballot proposal (which echoes the federal SAVE Act on a state level) seeks to place a constitutional amendment on Michigan's November 2026 ballot.*

Question: What policies do you support or oppose regarding elections, access to the ballot and voting rights?

I support protecting the voting rights Michigan residents approved through Proposal 2 and making sure every eligible voter has reasonable access to the ballot. I oppose the SAVE Act and similar proposals that would create additional documentary requirements that could become unnecessary barriers for eligible citizens seeking to register to vote.

I would also work to pass the Michigan Voting Rights Act, which would strengthen state protections against voting discrimination and improve access for voters who may face language, disability, or other barriers. I believe our focus should be on secure elections while making sure every eligible Michigan voter has the opportunity to participate and have their vote counted.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Background: *Some lawmakers have proposed prohibiting the sale and manufacture of assault-style firearms for civilian use, while others believe such restrictions violate constitutional rights and would have little impact on violent crime.*

Question: Do you support or oppose restricting civilian access to assault-style firearms? Please explain your position and the factors that would guide your vote.

I believe people have a constitutional right to bear arms. While I personally do not understand why a civilian would need an assault-style firearm, I also recognize that lawful gun ownership is a protected right.

At the same time, I believe that right must come with responsible safeguards. I would support strong protections involving domestic violence, mandatory licensing and training requirements, and requirements that firearm sellers be properly licensed and held accountable for following the law. My vote on any firearm legislation would be guided by whether it protects public safety, keeps firearms out of the hands of people who pose a serious risk, and respects the constitutional rights of responsible gun owners.