



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.

1. Briefly provide biographical information, and relevant experiences, qualifications, and skills you bring to the position.

I was born and raised in Fraser, Michigan, and attended Wayne State for both undergraduate and law school studies. I worked in Washington, DC, for nearly 10 years as an attorney. I worked for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as a contractor attorney until my employment was terminated by the current administration along with thousands of colleagues in February 2025. I am very active in the community, having served on the City of Fraser's Board of Tax Assessments, the City of Troy's Global Troy Advisory Committee, and as a volunteer with various nonprofit organizations in the area.

2. What are the top three priority issues that the legislature should address?
1) Ensuring that minimum wages keep pace with inflation and the cost of living, 2) Getting ahead of AI and the exploding need for data centers (and their impacts on the communities that house them), and 3) public safety in all forms, from protecting children from violence to keeping seniors safe from online scams.
3. 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? I attended private school growing up and now my children attend public school, so I have experience with both. Michigan ranks in the bottom 10 in various national rankings for overall education, so a great deal of work remains to bring our schools up to acceptable levels. At the same time, for families who choose private education or homeschooling, I do favor exploring sustainable models that grant those parents some sort of tax credits or related deductions.

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?

Michigan legislators should always pay heed to the will of the voters, since they are public servants, first and foremost. I support reproductive healthcare policies that recognize the sensitivity and privacy of individuals and families in these situations. I am in favor of ensuring that pregnant women are given the educational and supportive resources they need, rather than any approach that risks treating them or their healthcare providers as criminals.

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.

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?

The legislature should receive continuous updates and briefings regarding ongoing and imminent threats, so that our laws are not constantly playing catch-up to the dangers we face. Communities should be able to enjoy safety from bias-motivated violence, since it is a form of terrorism against the target community/people.

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?

I believe that we should be providing the necessary resources to law enforcement to combat threats as well as all necessary support services and counseling for victims. Budgets should include funds for informational programming and resources in at-risk communities.

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?

Under the Constitution, states are given significant authority over conducting elections. Therefore, I oppose any unconstitutional federal attempts to strip away those powers. There is no evidence that widespread fraud is a hallmark of American elections. In Michigan, we have enjoyed fair elections while using early, mail-in, and in-person voting. I support systems that allow the maximum number of eligible, registered American voters to participate in the democratic process. Election data supports the fact that the states perform admirably well in ensuring the security and accuracy of our elections, even if it occasionally takes extra days to count all the ballots.

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.

Assault-style firearms should require extra scrutiny and enhanced checks since they are designed to inflict more harm than handguns. I believe in common-sense approaches that weigh any stated need to possess assault-style firearms against legitimate safety concerns. I support laws that would prevent individuals with histories of violence from obtaining firearms, while respecting the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners.