**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 first elected to the Farmington Hills City Council in 2013 before running for the Michigan House of Representatives in 2020, where I am now serving my third term. In Lansing, I've served on the Appropriations Committee and chaired the Higher Education budget in 2022, working to strengthen Michigan's workforce pipeline and expand opportunity for students. I'm running to keep delivering results for the district I've spent my career serving.

2. What are the top three priority issues that the legislature should address?

   My top goals are strengthening public education, protecting access to quality, affordable health care, and continuing to improve Michigan's infrastructure. I want to build on the progress we've made to make life more affordable for families, support small businesses, and ensure every community has safe roads, reliable water systems, and strong schools. I'm committed to working collaboratively to deliver results that reflect the needs and values of the people I represent.

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 oppose proposals that divert public funds to private or religious schools because they weaken Michigan's public education system and reduce accountability. I support strengthening public schools and ensuring that state resources remain focused on equitable, transparent, and high-quality public education for every student.

## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

a. How should Michigan legislators approach future legislation that would affect reproductive healthcare in light of Proposal 3?

Michigan legislators should continue advancing policies that protect and strengthen the reproductive freedoms affirmed by Proposal 3. That means ensuring patients can access the full range of reproductive healthcare without unnecessary barriers, keeping decisions between patients and their medical professionals, and maintaining clear, evidence-based standards in state law. I will oppose any effort that undermines or restricts the rights Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported.

a. 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.

Yes. Access to mifepristone should be protected. Michigan can safeguard that access by maintaining clear statutory protections for medication abortion, ensuring telemedicine remains available for reproductive healthcare, and preventing any state-level restrictions that conflict with FDA standards. My priority is keeping these decisions between patients and their medical professionals, consistent with the rights Michigan voters affirmed under Proposal.

## HATE CRIME PREVENTION

a. 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 has a responsibility to ensure Michigan's hate crime laws are strong, enforceable, and responsive to the threats communities face. As one of the Jewish members of the House, I've seen firsthand how bias-motivated violence impacts families, schools, and community institutions, and I believe our laws must reflect that reality. Lawmakers should regularly evaluate whether current statutes, reporting systems, and penalties are effectively protecting people, and be willing to update them when gaps emerge. My priority is ensuring every community in Michigan can live safely and free from hate-driven violence.

a. 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 support continued investments in security for communities at elevated risk of bias-motivated violence. I've been proud to champion and testify in support of funding for Jewish institutions, where targeted security measures have been proven to reduce threats and keep people safe. I will continue to fight for these resources, and I believe similar support is essential for other vulnerable communities as well. Strengthening law enforcement training, victim services, and community-based security programs helps ensure every Michigander can live safely and free from hate-driven violence.

## VOTING RIGHTS

**Question**: What policies do you support or oppose regarding elections, access to the ballot and voting rights? (Wanted you to discuss prop 2 and SAVE Act-type legislation)

I support policies that protect and expand access to the ballot, consistent with the voting rights Michigan voters affirmed through Proposal 2. That includes maintaining early in-person voting, secure absentee voting, and the ability for eligible voters to verify their identity without unnecessary barriers. I oppose efforts like the federal SAVE Act or similar state-level proposals that add new documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements, because they create unnecessary barriers for eligible voters and weaken the secure, accessible system Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported. My priority is ensuring secure, accessible elections where every eligible Michigander can participate freely and confidently.

## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

**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 support restricting civilian access to assault-style firearms. These military-style weapons are designed for rapid fire and mass casualties, and they have no place in our neighborhoods, schools, or houses of worship. My vote would be guided by evidence showing that limiting access to high-capacity, assault-style firearms reduces the lethality of violent incidents and helps keep communities safe.