

Candidate Education



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- No direct ask for support for policy
- Most candidates will be completely unfamiliar with issue
- Goal is to educate them about issue, gauge receptiveness, establish relationship, offer yourself as resource
- Listen - let them talk about themselves, ask about their issue priorities/why they are running - try to make connection between their priorities and yours.



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The Candidate Meeting

- Introduction - give your name, short background info and why you wanted to meet
- Let candidate introduce themselves (let them tell you a little bit about why they are running)
- Provide a small amount of background about the issues you want to talk about - if possible, connect the issues to why they are running/their priorities
- Talk about your policy priorities (talking points)
- Respond to questions - Ask again about their priorities
- Acknowledge the variety of issues that they will be dealing with as elected official - offer yourself as resource in future
- Thank them for their time, offer them your contact information- try to get their cell phone if possible
- Reiterate your willingness to serve as a resource

Meeting should be as much listening as talking. Building relationship is most important. Do not worry if you do not get through all of your points.

Talking Points



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Climate and Energy

- Renew and Increase Michigan's successful energy waste reduction standard (EWRS) for electricity and natural gas past its 2021 sunset and add equitable spending requirements for low income homes.
- Establish strong Renewable Energy Standard (RES) & eliminate barriers for distributed generation
- Invest in public transportation
- Advance electrification in the transportation sector
 - Expand EV charging Infrastructure
 - Eliminate prohibitive registration fees that discourage EV purchases



Climate and Energy

- Increase investment in energy assistance and low-income energy waste reduction programs for single family and multifamily homes.
- Create fund within DHSS to address health & safety issues in low-income homes that prevent implementation of energy waste reduction measures
- Ban energy and water shut-offs for the duration of the COVID emergency.
- Develop income-based utility rates and payment plans that serve all Michiganders, regardless of their energy provider.
- Create minimum standards for utility payment plans that are based on actual ability to pay, include long terms of at least 12-24 months, an ability to renegotiate payments, and a cap on late payment fees and connection/reconnection deposits.



Lead Poisoning

- Universal testing for all children at 1 and 2 years old
- Shifting the burden of proof to landlords by:
 - Requiring the submission of documentation proving a rental home has been made lead-safe after a child living there has been lead poisoned; and
 - Requiring lead risks to be fixed or disclosed prior to renting a unit.
- Require a lead risk assessment at the time of sale or transfer of property.



Lead Poisoning

- Align with the Childhood Lead Exposure Elimination Commission (CLEEC), the commission created by Governor Snyder to work to eliminate lead exposure for Michigan children. The Commission's goals and actions are outlined in its 2018 Annual Report.
- Fund budget requests for lead abatement work done by Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, as well as for the Lead Commission.

PFAS

Turning off the Tap

- Focus on prevention, not just treatment, by banning the use of all firefighting foams containing PFAS and prohibiting the use of PFAS in food contact materials. Safer alternatives are available for use.
- Assure all state purchasing eliminates the purchase of PFAS-containing products where they are non-essential or when safer alternatives exist.



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- Provide adequate funding to continue testing for PFAS, remediation of contaminated sites, and treatment funds for water utilities and private well users to provide safe drinking water.
- Hold polluters accountable for contamination so municipalities and tax payers are not left footing the bill.