



Official Voter Guide

Michigan House District 61

This is our official 2022 voter guide for your upcoming competitive state legislative race. We had researchers dig through local candidates' backgrounds, statements, and votes on key legislative issues, then provide that information to voters like you—so you can make an informed choice on Election Day.

| Candidates | Water Quality | Women's Health | Public Safety |
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|  Denise Mentzer (D) | <p>Denise Mentzer will make clean water a priority. We can trust her to fight for our health and safety.</p> <p>Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-61_mentzer_clean-water/</p> | <p>Denise Mentzer is committed to protecting access to women's health care. She is opposed to extreme efforts to enact a 91-year-old law that bans abortions. She believes abortion is a private decision to be made between a woman and her doctor, without the interference of politicians in Lansing.</p> <p>Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-13_hd61/</p> | <p>Denise Mentzer comes from a law enforcement family. Her dad was a detective and both of her brothers work in law enforcement. Denise is endorsed by both local police and fire departments because she will work to make sure they have the funding and training they need to keep our communities safe.</p> <p>Source: https://denisementzer.com/</p> |
|  Mike Aiello (R) | <p>Mike Aiello will be another vote for Republicans who want to loosen regulations on big polluters, allowing them to dump more toxic waste into Michigan's rivers and lakes. He is supported by Republicans in Lansing who have blocked efforts to clean up cancer-causing chemicals like PFAS and cut programs that remove toxic waste in drinking water.</p> <p>Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Secretary of State, 9/29/22; Transparency USA, accessed 9/21/22; Bridge Michigan, 12/18/18</p> | <p>Mike Aiello supports the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and taking away a woman's right to choose. He would ban abortion in Michigan. He would even restrict access to birth control.</p> <p>Source: Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey</p> | <p>Mike Aiello supported a call for gun violence and for people to quote, "Lock n load" in response to peaceful protests. He is even endorsed by a far-right gun organization.</p> <p>Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners 2022 Primary Candidate Survey</p> |

In-person early voting begins on Thursday, September 29th and runs to Monday, November 7th. If you vote by mail, your ballot must be received by your city or town clerk by 8pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th.

Visit MyVoterInformation.org for more information on early vote, vote-by-mail, and Election Day voting. And be sure to vote!