



# Legislative Issue Guide

## Michigan 2022 ♦ House District 22

Below is a summary of your local candidates' positions on key issues that may be decided by the next legislature. We hope this guide helps you make an informed choice this election season.

### 1. Public Schools

#### *Do the candidates support our public schools and teachers?*

**Matt Koleszar (D)**

**Y**

Matt Koleszar helped pass record investments in public education to help reduce class sizes, make sure classrooms have the supplies they need, and prioritize hiring and retaining quality teachers.

Source: Matt for Michigan

**Cathryn Neracher (R)**

**N**

Cathryn Neracher doesn't think sex ed should be taught in "any way, shape, or form" and would prevent teachers from discussing history in the classroom.

Source: Freedom Voter Guide, Questionnaire; Michigan Advance, 3/21/22; Friends for Cathryn Neracher

### 2. Women's Healthcare

#### *Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?*

**Matt Koleszar (D)**

**Y**

Matt Koleszar believes that women should have bodily autonomy and be able to make their own healthcare decisions.

Source: <https://housedems.com/koleszar-on-reproductive-freedom-for-all-petition/>

**Cathryn Neracher (R)**

**N**

Cathryn Neracher is committed to banning the right to choose, even if a woman is the victim of rape or incest.

Source: Twitter, 6/14/22; Right to Life of Michigan,; AMA Journal of Ethics, 3/20/18; Bridge Michigan, 6/7/22

### 3. Clean Water

#### *Do the candidates support efforts to ensure clean water?*

**Matt Koleszar (D)**

**Y**

Matt Koleszar helped pass the bipartisan Clean Water Plan to protect the Great Lakes, get rid of lead pipes, and upgrade our water infrastructure. He will force polluters to clean up their mess.

Source: <https://mattformichigan.org/priorities/>

**Cathryn Neracher (R)**

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Cathryn Neracher is backed by the party bosses who want to loosen regulations on big polluters, allowing them to dump more toxic waste into our rivers and lakes.

Source: Michigan Department of State, 7/22/22; Bridge Michigan, 4/27/22; Michigan LCV; HB 4443 & 4444, 4/27/21; Sierra Club, 5/5/22

This guide is not an endorsement of either candidate. Different positions will appeal to different voters, but an informed electorate is important to all of us. Visit [MyVoterInformation.org](http://MyVoterInformation.org) for voting information and please be sure to vote!