



Legislative Issue Guide

Michigan 2022 ♦ House District 61

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. Clean Water

Do the candidates support efforts to ensure clean water?

Denise Mentzer (D)

Y

Denise Mentzer will make clean water a priority. We can trust her to fight for our health and safety.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-61_mentzer_clean-water/

Mike Aiello (R)

N

Mike Aiello is supported by Republicans in Lansing who have blocked efforts to clean up cancer-causing chemicals like PFAS and have cut programs that remove toxic waste in drinking water.

Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Secretary of State, 9/29/22; Transparency USA, accessed 9/21/22; Bridge Michigan, 12/18/18:

2. Public Safety

Do the candidates support efforts to reduce crime?

Denise Mentzer (D)

Y

Denise Mentzer comes from a law enforcement family and will work to make sure law enforcement has the funding and training they need to keep our communities safe.

Source: <https://denisementzer.com/>

Mike Aiello (R)

N

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.

Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners 2022 Primary Candidate Survey

2. Women's Healthcare

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Denise Mentzer (D)

Y

Denise Mentzer is committed to protecting access to women's healthcare.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-13_hd61/

Mike Aiello (R)

N

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.

Source: Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey

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 for voting information and please be sure to vote!