



Legislative Issue Guide

Michigan 2022 ♦ Senate District 9

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?

Padma Kuppa (D)

Y

Padma Kuppa is working to ensure access to safe, clean drinking water.

Sources: <https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities>

Michael Webber (R)

N

Michael Webber voted to allow polluters to dump more chemicals into our waterways, blocked efforts to clean up cancer-causing chemicals like PFAS, and cut programs that remove toxic waste from our drinking water.

Source: Follow the Money, accessed 5/08/22; SB 1244, 12/18/18; Bridge, 12/20/18; SB 840, 5/15/2018

2. Public Schools

Do the candidates support our public schools and teachers?

Padma Kuppa (D)

Y

Padma Kuppa has led the fight to stop Betsy DeVos from taking \$500 million a year away from our public schools and giving it to unaccountable private schools.

Sources: <https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities>

Michael Webber (R)

N

Micheal Webber voted to give public funding to charter and for-profit schools and supported a plan to cut funding to public schools, undermine teachers' rights to organize, and end pensions for new teachers.

Source: SB 574, 1/18/18; Michigan Radio, 10/19/17; HB 4647, 6/15/2017; HB 5387, 5/5/16, 6/2/16; The Gander, 6/9/22

3. Women's Healthcare

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Padma Kuppa (D)

Y

Padma Kuppa opposes efforts to ban abortion and will enshrine the protections of Roe v. Wade in state law.

Sources: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_sd9/

Michael Webber (R)

N

Michael Webber opposes access to abortion for women even if they are victims of rape or incest. He also voted to restrict access to birth control.

Source: Right to Life of Michigan, Endorsements; SB 1198, 12/13/18

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!