

Q&A with the Candidates

Michigan House District 22

Many voters are wondering where their candidates stand on key issues. Below, we've gathered select answers so you can make an informed choice.



Matt Koleszar (D)



Cathryn Neracher (R)

<p>Where do the candidates stand on funding for public schools and local control?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: Matt for Michigan</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: Freedom Voter Guide, Questionnaire; Michigan Advance, 3/21/22; Friends for Cathryn Neracher</i></p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</p>	<p>Matt Koleszar believes that women should have bodily autonomy and be able to make their own healthcare decisions.</p> <p><i>Source: https://housedems.com/koleszar-on-reproductive-freedom-for-all-petition/</i></p>	<p>Cathryn Neracher is committed to banning the right to choose, even if a woman is the victim of rape or incest.</p> <p><i>Source: Twitter, 6/14/22; Right to Life of Michigan,; AMA Journal of Ethics, 3/20/18; Bridge Michigan, 6/7/22</i></p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on healthy and clean water?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Source: https://mattformichigan.org/priorities/</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>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</i></p>

We encourage you to look at the candidates' websites and reputable news outlets for more information on these and other issues. Visit MyVoterInformation.org for information on early voting. The last day to vote is Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. We hope this information is useful to you and that you will be sure to vote!