

# Q&A with the Candidates

## Michigan House District 55

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



**Patricia Bernard (D)**



**Mark Tisdel (R)**

<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on funding for public schools and local control?</b></p>	<p>Patricia Bernard believes all children have the right to a quality education. She will fight to make sure we fully fund our schools.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://drpatbernard.com/issues">https://drpatbernard.com/issues</a></p>	<p>Mark Tisdel is supported by the DeVos family and school privatization groups. They are pushing an extreme education agenda, including taking taxpayer dollars that our schools need and giving them to for-profit private schools.</p> <p>Source: <i>Great Lakes Education Project, Endorsements; Detroit Free Press, 3/7/17</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</b></p>	<p>Patricia Bernard will fight to protect women's health in Michigan.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_hd55/">https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_hd55/</a></p>	<p>Mark Tisdel opposes access to abortion.</p> <p>Source: <i>Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on healthy and clean water?</b></p>	<p>Patricia Bernard will ensure access to safe, clean drinking water.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-55-bernard/">https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-55-bernard/</a></p>	<p>Mark Tisdel doubted the existence of climate change. He also voted to allow oil drilling in city parks and cemeteries.</p> <p>Source: <i>Mark Tisdel Facebook; Rochester City Council minutes, 12/3/12</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](http://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!