

Q&A with the Candidates

Michigan House District 61

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



Denise Mentzer (D)



Mike Aiello (R)

<p>Where do the candidates stand on reducing crime?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><small>Source: https://denisementzer.com/</small></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><small>Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners 2022 Primary Candidate Survey</small></p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</p>	<p>Denise Mentzer is committed to protecting access to women's healthcare.</p> <p><small>Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-13_hd61/</small></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><small>Source: Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey</small></p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on healthy and clean water?</p>	<p>Denise Mentzer will make clean water a priority. We can trust her to fight for our health and safety.</p> <p><small>Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-61_mentzer_clean-water/</small></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><small>Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Secretary of State, 9/29/22; Transparency USA, accessed 9/21/22; Bridge Michigan, 12/18/18:</small></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!