

Q&A with the Candidates

Michigan Senate District 9

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



Padma Kuppa (D)



Michael Webber (R)

<p>Where do the candidates stand on funding for public schools and local control?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Sources: https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</p>	<p>Padma Kuppa opposes efforts to ban abortion and will enshrine the protections of Roe v. Wade in state law.</p> <p>Sources: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_sd9/</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Source: Right to Life of Michigan, Endorsements; SB 1198, 12/13/18</p>
<p>Where do the candidates stand on healthy and clean water?</p>	<p>Padma Kuppa is working to ensure access to safe, clean drinking water.</p> <p>Sources: https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Source: Follow the Money, accessed 5/08/22; SB 1244, 12/18/18; Bridge, 12/20/18; SB 840, 5/15/2018</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!