HOUSE DISTRICT 55

Dear Neighbor — We research legislative candidates' voting records, public statements, campaign websites and endorsements, then provide that information to voters like you. ***In your district, where do the candidates stand on important issues?***

Your Candidates

Mark Tisdel (R)   Patricia Bernard (D)

ISSUE 1: ENVIRONMENT

Do the candidates support efforts to protect our environment?

Mark Tisdel (R) | NO |

Tisdel doubted the existence of climate change. He also voted to allow oil drilling in city parks and cemeteries.

Source: Mark Tisdel Facebook; Rochester City Council minutes,12/3/12

Patricia Bernard (D) | YES |

Bernard will ensure access to safe, clean drinking water.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-55-bernard/

ISSUE 2: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do the candidates support our public schools and teachers?

Mark Tisdel (R) | NO |

Tisdel is supported by the DeVos family and school privatization groups. They are pushing an education agenda, including taking taxpayer dollars that our schools need and giving them to for-profit private schools.

Source: Great Lakes Education Project, Endorsements; Detroit Free Press, 3/7/17

Patricia Bernard (D) | YES |

Bernard believes all children have the right to a quality education. She will fight to make sure we fully fund our schools.

Source: https://drpatbernard.com/issues

ISSUE 3: WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Mark Tisdel (R) | NO |

Tisdel opposes access to abortion.

Source: Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey

Patricia Bernard (D) | YES |

Bernard will fight to protect women's health in Michigan.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_hd55/

Candidates' positions are often more complicated than "yes" or "no." We have done our best to represent each candidate in a fair and reasonable way within that framework, but encourage you to seek out additional detailed information on these and other issues. We hope this information is useful as you make your choice in this important election!