



HOUSE DISTRICT 61

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



Mike Aiello (R)



Denise Mentzer (D)

ISSUE 1: CLEAN WATER

Do the candidates support efforts to ensure clean drinking water?

Mike Aiello (R)

NO

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.

Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Secretary of State, 9/29/22; Transparency USA, accessed 9/21/22; Bridge Michigan, 12/18/18.

Denise Mentzer (D)

YES

Mentzer will make clean water a priority. She says she will fight for our health and safety.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/hd-61_mentzer_clean-water/

ISSUE 2: PUBLIC SAFETY

Do the candidates support efforts to reduce crime?

Mike Aiello (R)

NO

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.

Source: Mike Aiello's Facebook; Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners 2022 Primary Candidate Survey

Denise Mentzer (D)

YES

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.

Source: <https://denisementzer.com/>

ISSUE 3: WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Mike Aiello (R)

NO

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.

Source: Lifespan 2022 General Election Candidate Survey

Denise Mentzer (D)

YES

Mentzer is committed to protecting access to women's healthcare.

Source: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-13_hd61/

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!