



SENATE DISTRICT 9

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



Michael Webber (R)



Padma Kuppa (D)

ISSUE 1: CLEAN WATER

Do the candidates support efforts to ensure clean drinking water?

Michael Webber (R)

NO

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.

Source: Follow the Money, accessed 5/08/22; SB 1244, 12/18/18; Bridge, 12/20/18; SB 840, 5/15/2018

Padma Kuppa (D)

YES

Kuppa is working to ensure access to safe, clean drinking water.

Sources: <https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities>

ISSUE 2: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do the candidates support our public schools and teachers?

Michael Webber (R)

NO

Webber voted to give public funding to for-profit private schools and supported a plan to cut funding to public schools, undermine teachers' rights to organize, and end pensions for new teachers.

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

Padma Kuppa (D)

YES

Kuppa has opposed the DeVos plan to take \$500 million a year from public schools and give it to unaccountable private schools.

Sources: <https://www.electpadmakuppa.com/priorities>

ISSUE 3: WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Michael Webber (R)

NO

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.

Source: Right to Life of Michigan, Endorsements; SB 1198, 12/13/18

Padma Kuppa (D)

YES

Kuppa opposes efforts to ban abortion and will enshrine the protections of Roe v. Wade in state law.

Sources: https://mainstsentinel.com/2022-07-15_sd9/

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!