



Legislative Issue Guide

Minnesota 2022 ♦ House District 58A

Below is a summary of your local candidates' positions on key issues that may be decided by the next legislature. We hope this guide helps you make an informed choice this election season.

1. Cost of Living

Do the candidates have a record of addressing the cost of living?

Kristi Pursell (D)

Y

Kristi Pursell supports raising the minimum wage and says she will never vote to raise taxes on middle-class families.

Source: <https://www.kristipursell.com/my-priorities>:

Gary Bruggenthies (R)

N

Gary Bruggenthies wants to make it harder to crack down on price gougers and bad actors, who take advantage of moments of crisis for personal gain.

Source: VoteBruggenthies.com/Issues; State Of Minnesota, Emergency Executive Order, 20-10, 3/20/20

2. Women's Health

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Kristi Pursell (D)

Y

Kristi Pursell describes herself as "a fierce protector of every Minnesotan's fundamental right to make their own personal decision about abortion."

Source: <https://www.kristipursell.com/my-priorities>

Gary Bruggenthies (R)

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Gary Bruggenthies is committed to restricting abortion in Minnesota, including extreme proposals that could make it harder for victims of rape and incest to access reproductive services.

Source: VoteBruggenthies.com/Issues; MCCL Primary Election Voter's Guide, June-August 2022

3. Elections

Do the candidates support our election system and voter rights?

Kristi Pursell (D)

Y

Kristi Pursell says that she'll support legislation to make it easier for eligible voters to vote and that she'll work to ensure that local officials can conduct elections fairly, transparently, and without intimidation.

Source: <https://www.kristipursell.com/my-priorities>

Gary Bruggenthies (R)

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Gary Bruggenthies supports repealing laws intended to make it easier and more convenient for Minnesotans to vote. He cast doubt on the outcomes of the 2020 election, despite there being no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

Source: VoteBruggenthies.com/Issues; Longview News-Journal, 5/20/22

This guide is not an endorsement of either candidate. Different positions will appeal to different voters, but an informed electorate is important to all of us. Visit MyVoterInformation.org for voting information and please be sure to vote!