

# Q&A with the Candidates

## Minnesota House District 54A

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



**Brad Tabke (D)**



**Erik Mortensen (R)**

<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on gun safety?</b></p>	<p>Brad Tabke helped pass expanded background checks and red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of violent criminals. Tabke also passed legislation to provide local police departments with bulletproof vests and safety equipment.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://tabkeformn.com/issues/">https://tabkeformn.com/issues/</a></p>	<p>Erik Mortensen supports allowing individuals to carry firearms without having to first undergo criminal background checks or basic weapons training.</p> <p>Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 6/23/22; Erik Mortensen at Online Townhall, 1/13/21</p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</b></p>	<p>Brad Tabke is pro-choice. Tabke opposes efforts to criminalize abortion and birth control in Minnesota.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://tabkeformn.com/issues/">https://tabkeformn.com/issues/</a></p>	<p>Erik Mortensen supports outlawing abortion and certain types of birth control and celebrated the Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade.</p> <p>Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 1/22/20, 5/2/22</p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on vote-by-mail and election issues?</b></p>	<p>Brad Tabke says he wants to secure voting rights for all Minnesotans and advocates for additional government transparency.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://tabkeformn.com/issues/">https://tabkeformn.com/issues/</a>; Twitter @BradTabke</p>	<p>Erik Mortensen attended an event hosted by an election conspiracy theorist, signed a letter calling for Minnesota's 2020 election results to be overturned, and voted against a resolution that voiced support for free, fair, and democratic elections.</p> <p>Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 8/10/21; Bring Me the News, 1/26/21</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](http://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!