

# Q&A with the Candidates

## Minnesota House District 55A

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



**Jessica Hanson (D)**



**Gabriela Kroetch (R)**

<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on funding for public schools and local control?</b></p>	<p>Jessica Hanson wants to expand access to pre-K and early childhood education, and she has a plan to fully fund our neighborhood schools, expand access to job training programs, raise teachers' pay, and cut class sizes.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://www.jesshansonforhouse.com/equitable-education">https://www.jesshansonforhouse.com/equitable-education</a></p>	<p>Gabriela Kroetch is backed by far-right politicians who have pushed to send taxpayer money to charter schools, which could lead to fewer teachers, worse student performance, and crowded classrooms in our public schools.</p> <p>Source: <i>GabrielaForMNHouse, Facebook, 6/14/22; Tyler Kistner for Congress, Issues</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on women's health and abortion access?</b></p>	<p>Jessica Hanson describes herself as "pro-choice and pro-privacy" and says that Minnesotans should have the right to make private medical decisions regarding reproductive healthcare without government interference.</p> <p>Source: <i>Twitter @JessHansonMN</i></p>	<p>Gabriela Kroetch is backed by extremists who have long advocated for a total ban on all abortions with no exceptions for abortions following rape or incest.</p> <p>Source: <i>GabrielaForMNHouse, Facebook, 6/14/22, 7/23/22</i></p>
<p><b>Where do the candidates stand on vote-by-mail and election issues?</b></p>	<p>Jessica Hanson is committed to "protecting and expanding voting rights" for Minnesotans.</p> <p>Source: <i>Twitter @JessHansonMN</i></p>	<p>Gabriela Kroetch refused to acknowledge the results of the 2020 election as legitimate, instead saying "voters are divided on the issue" and declining to give her own opinion on the matter.</p> <p>Source: <i>SunThisWeek, 4/14/22</i></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!