



**MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY YOUTH CAUCUS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Part 1: Candidate Information

Candidate Name: _____

Committee Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Office Sought: _____

Part 2: Leadership

As we have learned in recent years, leadership is a crucial component of good representation. The Michigan Democratic Party Youth Caucus believes that leadership transcends issues and that it is not acceptable to just “check the boxes.” We believe that you must be a strong voice for the issues you care about, and stand up for them whether or not they are popular.

The following questions are intended to give us a better understanding of who you are, what your election means to you, and how your leadership will impact the people you intend to represent. Please limit each response to one paragraph.

1. What personal qualities and characteristics do you have that will help you engender trust from others (your constituents)?

2. Based on your knowledge of your community, what is your vision for the future, and what makes you an attractive candidate to lead it there?

3. Where and when have you demonstrated a willingness to look at all sides of an issue, and make decisions in the best interest of the community, or organization where you work?

4. What are your philosophies and practices regarding the development of win-win relationships?

5. How do you work with and engender a sense of partnership with people of different or opposing views? (please provide an example if possible)

6. What areas of knowledge, expertise, and abilities do you bring to your potential role as an elected official?

Part 3: Issues

The Youth Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party has identified seven issue areas that are critical to the future of the State of Michigan. They include; Economic Development, Energy, Education, Environment, Healthcare, Civil Rights, and Youth Issues.

The items noted below have been established as priorities, and appear in no particular order. Please indicate your level of support for each item, or answer questions when applicable. Feel free to add attachments if you need additional space.

Economic Development

1. Do you support the enactment of a living wage provision in your jurisdiction?

YES ___ NO ___

2. Please note your level of support for economic development initiatives, in general.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please indicate your level of support for regional cooperation and regional initiatives.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Please indicate your level of support for providing tax credits and public incentives to attract new businesses.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. Please indicate your level of support for eminent domain.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

6. Please indicate your interest in public spending on infrastructure, including mass transit systems.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

7. Please explain your economic development plans. Indicate what you hope to achieve, how it contrasts with what currently exists (if it does), and what tough choices will you have to make in order to enact your program.

Energy

1. Please note your level of support for a comprehensive new energy portfolio.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

2. Please note your level of support for phasing out old energy sources (coal, gas) and replacing them with new energy sources. (wind, solar, geothermal)

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please note your level of support for investments in clean coal technology.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Please note your level of support for net metering.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. Please note your level of support for tax credits to encourage individuals to invest in new energy and energy saving technologies in their homes.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

6. Please note your level of support for Cap and Trade programs.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

7. Please note your level of support for the Kyoto treaty.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

8. Please add any additional thoughts about Energy use in the future?

Education

1. Please indicate your level of support for Public Education.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

2. Please indicate your level of support for School Vouchers.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please indicate your level of support for Charter Schools.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Please indicate your level of support for spending public money to make higher education more affordable.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. What ideas and plans do you have, if any, to turn around the “brain drain” in Michigan?

Environment

1. Please indicate your support for measures to combat Global Warming.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

2. Please indicate your support for the concept of Cap and Trade.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please indicate your feelings about urban sprawl.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Please indicate your support for cleaning up agriculture.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. Please indicate your support for Urban Gardens and Cooperatives.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

6. Please indicate your support for LEED certified building projects.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

7. Would you promote a policy of giving preferential treatment to LEED certified developments in planning, zoning, and licensing processes?

YES NO

Healthcare

1. Do you support the goal of universal access to healthcare for all citizens.

YES NO

2. Please indicate your support for subsidizing healthcare to those who cannot afford it.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please indicate your support for digital medical records.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Do you support the ability of Women to exercise their rights to make medical decisions about their bodies, without fear of retribution?

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. Please add any additional ideas or plans you have in regards to Healthcare policy in the 21st Century.

Civil Rights

1. Please indicate your support for affirmative action in the work place.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

2. Please indicate your support for programs to encourage female and minority business ownership.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please indicate your support for affirmative access programs in Education.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

4. Please indicate your support for equal treatment under the law for all citizens

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

5. Please Indicate your support for partnership benefits for Gay and Lesbian Couples.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

6. Please indicate your support for Civil Unions for Gay and Lesbian Couples.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

7. Do you support full marriage rights for Gay and Lesbian Couples?

YES NO

8. Please indicate your support for hate crimes legislation or ordinances to strengthen protections against violence for LGBT citizens.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

9. Please indicate your support for increasing accessibility in public facilities for persons with disabilities.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

Youth Issues

1. Please Indicate your support for funding after school programming.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

2. Please Indicate your support for programs such as Americorps or Peace Corps which provide viable options for High School Graduates to serve their country.

Strongly Favor Favor Undecided Oppose Strongly Oppose

3. Please add any additional thoughts you have on increasing or improving youth programming.

Part 4: Campaign

Candidate is: An Incumbent A Challenger Running for an Open Seat

Length of Term: _____

Please provide a brief overview of the position you are running for and how many seats are contested:

Date of Primary Election: _____

Primary Opponent(s): _____

Date of General Election: _____

General Election Opponent(s): _____

Do you have a campaign plan: YES NO

Do you have a campaign manager/staff: YES NO

If yes, please provide a list of their names, titles and contact info.

How many hours per day do you spend:

Fundraising: _____ Knocking Doors: _____

What is the Democratic Performance of your jurisdiction:

What is your proposed campaign budget:

Raised to date:

Part 5: Attachments

Please send the following items via email to political@youthcaucus.org;

1. Candidate Bio
2. Headshot
3. District/Jurisdictional Map
4. Endorsement List

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