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Q4

In 2018, there were 65,104 individuals who experienced literal homelessness in Michigan, including families with young children, unaccompanied youth, veterans, and seniors. What can you tell us about the issue of homelessness in your district (causes, related issues, and solutions)?

As with anywhere, these problems are perpetuated by unattached families, absentee father figures in the home and drug and alcohol abuse. With the tremendous amount of money being spent on this issue, we need to work harder on keeping families together, employment opportunities and securing drug and alcohol free living.

Q5

How important do you feel it is to find solutions to housing insecurity and homelessness for your district?

(no label)

Very Important

Q6

Each Michigan county develops its own plan to end homelessness and provides services that assist those at-risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness. Check as many local resources used to assist those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness that you are familiar with

Energy assistance and/or home weatherization programs
,
Food Banks,
Homeless and/or domestic violence shelters,
Public Housing Authority

Q7

Homelessness can happen to anyone -- with many households just three paychecks away from losing their home. Select the top 5 issues that you believe are causes of homelessness:

Addiction and/or substance use disorder,
Lack of support network,
Mental health disorder,
Physical disability,
Willingness to work

Q8

MCAH supports solutions to prevent and end homelessness that will assist as many people as possible, but also recognize that certain demographics may require unique solutions to preventing and ending their homelessness. If elected, what are the top 3 subpopulations you would prioritize?

Aging Population (55+),
Families with children,
Foster youth and former foster youth

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Q9

While Congress guides much of the funding and solutions for homelessness, Michigan's legislature has the opportunity to enact proven policy to make it easier for individuals and families to have access to safe and affordable housing. If elected, which of these potential state-level legislative solutions to preventing and ending homelessness would you support (select all that apply):

Create avenues for formerly incarcerated individuals to access housing
,
Create new renters tax credit,
End the criminalization of homelessness,
Expand job training programs,
Increase funding for Emergency Shelter Programs,
Increase funding for homeless service providers,
Provide protections against discriminatory practices for those experiencing homelessness
,
Reinstate individual tax deductions for shelters and food banks

Q10

We are in the middle of an Affordable Housing crisis. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines Affordable Housing as a unit that a household can obtain for 30% or less of its gross income. The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) annually reports the number of households that are 'cost burdened,' or paying more than 30% of their income on housing (2020 Out Of Reach). In 2020, NLIHC found there were only 9 counties in Michigan where a full-time worker earning minimum wage can afford to rent a 2 bedroom unit at Fair Market Rent without being cost burdened. Select the top 5 solutions you believe will increase access to affordable housing, including developing new units, expanding access to new rental units, and/or increasing access to home ownership:

- Allocate permanent, dedicated funding for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund**
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- Capture funding for affordable housing from the hotel tax or real estate transfer tax**
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- Create incentives for landlords and property managers to make existing units affordable**
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- Encourage communities to create their own housing trust fund**
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- Increase Public Housing Authority resources,**
- Support efforts to create more workforce housing,**
- Support public private partnerships for new housing developments**
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- Create additional tax incentives for developers to create new units**
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- Create and fund a risk mitigation fund for landlords who rent to low-income or voucher holders**
- ,
- Reform the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to better serve households with greatest need**
- ,
- Support trade skills and encourage the return of builders to Michigan**

Q11

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

The government is sufficiently addressing the issue of homelessness in my district.	Undecided
Communities are sufficiently addressing the issue of homelessness in my district.	Undecided
People who work full-time have a right to affordable housing for themselves and their families.	Strongly Agree
People have a personal responsibility to work and be self-sufficient in order to obtain affordable housing.	Agree
There is a role for government to increase the availability of affordable housing in the United States.	Agree
Federal policy should move towards deregulation to increase local innovation with initiatives like Section 8 and Fair Market Rent.	Strongly Agree
The inclusion of strict work requirements to receive certain benefits (housing vouchers, SNAP, Medicaid) will have a positive impact on homelessness.	Agree
The United States has the tools to help the people experiencing homelessness out of poverty.	Agree
The free market is the most effective tool to address homelessness.	Agree
The government has a responsibility to reverse the impact of historical housing policies targeting Black communities.	Undecided
Non-governmental service providers are adequate in dealing with homelessness.	Undecided

Q12

COVID-19 will have a long-term impact on low-income households. The state allocated \$60 million from the CARES Act to support rental assistance and eviction diversion programming. MSHDA estimates this will only provide assistance for 20,000-25,000 households through December 2020. What additional actions would you support the state take to make sure low-income households are able to stay in their homes?

Additional funds for eviction diversion and rental assistance
,
Additional funding to support small landlords,
Eviction moratorium extensions or renewal,
Restrictions on late fees/penalties,
Sealing of eviction records related to COVID-19

Q13

Please share any additional thoughts or concerns with regards to housing instability, homelessness and affordable housing availability in the state of Michigan, specifically any additional state level solutions you would be interested in championing in the state legislature.

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

Yes

If elected, I will champion the issues of housing
affordability and homelessness:
