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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)?

Pontiac is the endpoint of the "Greyhound Therapy". In other words, the Greyhound bus ends in Pontiac. Our homeless population are in designated areas throughout the city. My husband and I opened an office that specifically caters to this population. We have been serving our homeless community for over a decade.

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

- Eviction diversion programs,
- Energy assistance and/or home weatherization programs
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- Food Banks,
- Homeless and/or domestic violence shelters,
- Hotel/Motel Vouchers,
- Legal Aid,
- 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:

- Domestic abuse and/or personal situation,
- Foreclosures and/or evictions,
- Lack of employment,
- Lack of support network,
- Mental health disorder

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?

I would focus on solutions for everyone

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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):

Other (please specify):
I would select them all. I am the founder and co-chair of the Poverty and Homelessness Caucus. We are developing legislation as I write.

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:

Other (please specify):

Again, we are looking at them all on the local and state level.

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.	Strongly Disagree
Communities are sufficiently addressing the issue of homelessness in my district.	Disagree
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.	Strongly Agree
There is a role for government to increase the availability of affordable housing in the United States.	Strongly Agree
Federal policy should move towards deregulation to increase local innovation with initiatives like Section 8 and Fair Market Rent.	Agree
The inclusion of strict work requirements to receive certain benefits (housing vouchers, SNAP, Medicaid) will have a positive impact on homelessness.	Undecided
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.	Disagree
The government has a responsibility to reverse the impact of historical housing policies targeting Black communities.	Strongly Agree
Non-governmental service providers are adequate in dealing with homelessness.	Disagree

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?

Other (please specify):
All of them

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.

I am the founder and co-chair of the poverty and homelessness caucus. We are looking at legislation to mitigate poverty and homelessness statewide.

Q14

Yes

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