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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)?

There are a number of reasons why homelessness strikes residents of my district. Ultimately, it revolves around the lack of resources
available in communities. Whether it is access to employment, transportation, or mental health, having resources present and easy to
procure is critical.

Q5

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

(no label)   **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,

Street outreach

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,

Inadequate income,

Lack of access to reliable transportation,

Lack of employment,

Lack of safe, affordable housing units

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,

Veterans

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Q9

The majority of funding and policy decisions that affect Michigan homelessness comes from Congress. If elected, which of these potential solutions to prevent and end homelessness for Michigan individuals and families would you support (select all that apply):

Create source of income protections and mobility opportunities

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End the criminalization of homelessness,

Oppose efforts to cut housing benefits, including work requirements and time limits

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:

Increase Public Housing Authority resources,

Reform zoning regulations that reduce the supply of housing on the market

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Reform the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to better serve households with greatest need

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Create incentives for landlords and property managers to make existing units affordable

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Protect and expand the national Housing Trust Fund

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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.	**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.	**Agree**
People have a personal responsibility to work and be self-sufficient in order to obtain affordable housing.	**Undecided**
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.	**Agree**
The inclusion of strict work requirements to receive certain benefits (housing vouchers, SNAP, Medicaid) will have a positive impact on homelessness.	**Disagree**
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.	**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?

Additional funds for eviction diversion and rental assistance

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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 action you would be interested in taking at the Congressional level.

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

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

Yes