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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)?

I have someone in my family who is an awesome woman. She helps me and I help her. She's my cousin and she has lived with me for one and a half years. Prior to that she was homeless.

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

Central Point of Intake Agency (Housing Assessment Resource Agency)

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Eviction diversion programs,

Energy assistance and/or home weatherization programs

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Food Banks,

Homeless and/or domestic violence shelters,

Housing Vouchers,

Legal Aid,

Public Housing Authority,

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,

Domestic abuse and/or personal situation,

Foreclosures and/or evictions,

Lack of access to reliable transportation,

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?

Other (please specify):

That is information that I really need to speak with my district to find out what their needs are. I'm not going to make a commitment to three things that may not even be relevant to the community.

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):

- Advance fair housing,**
- Champion anti-poverty solutions, including expanding EITC, SNAP, CHIP, TANF, Medicare/Medicaid, SSI/SSDI, etc**
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- End the criminalization of homelessness,**
- Oppose efforts to cut housing benefits, including work requirements and time limits**
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- Oppose changes that limit access to vulnerable populations, including immigrants and LGBTQ+ individuals**
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- Provide protections against discriminatory practices for those experiencing homelessness**
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- Reform eviction practices, including record sealing, credit reporting, establishing right to counsel, and/or creating an eviction database**

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:

- Change the way fair market rent and / or area median income is determined**
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- Create and fund a risk mitigation fund for landlords who rent to low-income or voucher holders**
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- Encourage communities to create their own housing trust fund**
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- Support trade skills and encourage the return of builders to Michigan**
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- Create incentives for landlords and property managers to make existing units affordable**

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. **Strongly 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. **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. **Disagree**
- The inclusion of strict work requirements to receive certain benefits (housing vouchers, SNAP, Medicaid) will have a positive impact on homelessness. **Strongly 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. **Strongly Agree**
- Non-governmental service providers are adequate in dealing with homelessness. **Agree**

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,**
- Rent cancellation,**
- 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 action you would be interested in taking at the Congressional level.

Let's talk. Please call me anytime at 313-728-5211. I have concerns about homelessness of children, families, men, and women. I need to find out how do I get identify those who are homeless in my district and I'm hoping that you can help me with that.

Q14

Yes

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