

OUR HOMES

OUR VOTES

BECAUSE HOUSING IS BUILT WITH BALLOTS



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Michigan 13th Congressional District

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

Very Important

2. 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

Housing Vouchers

Legal Aid

Public Housing Authority

3. Homelessness can happen to anyone -- with many households just one paycheck 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

Inadequate income

Lack of support network

4. MCAH supports solutions to prevent and end homelessness that will assist as many people as possible, but also recognizing 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

5. While Federal sources provide 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 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.

Support eviction diversion programs

Create avenues for formerly incarcerated individuals to access housing

Increase the federal budget for affordable housing, including Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing, project-based rental assistance and homeless assistance grants
Oppose efforts to cut housing benefits, including work requirements and time limits
Oppose changes that limit access to vulnerable populations, including immigrants and LGBTQ+ individuals
Provide protections against discriminatory/criminalization practices for those experiencing homelessness
Reform eviction practices, including record sealing, credit reporting, establishing right to counsel, and/or creating an eviction database

6. We are in the middle of an Affordable Housing crisis. In 2021, NLIHC found there were NO 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
Encourage communities to create their own housing trust fund
Increase Public Housing Authority resources
Protect and expand the national Housing Trust Fund
Reform the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to better serve households with greatest need

7. The government is sufficiently addressing the issue of homelessness in my district.

Strongly Disagree

8. Communities are sufficiently addressing the issue of homelessness in my district.

Disagree

9. People who work full-time have a right to affordable housing for themselves and their families.

Strongly Agree

10. People have a personal responsibility to work and be self-sufficient to obtain affordable housing.

Disagree

11. There is a role for the government to increase the availability of affordable housing in the United States.

Strongly Agree

12. Federal policy should move towards deregulation to increase local innovation with initiatives like Section 8 and Fair Market Rent.

Undecided

13. The inclusion of strict work requirements to receive certain benefits (housing vouchers, SNAP, Medicaid) will have a positive impact on homelessness.

Strongly Disagree

14. The United States has the tools to help the people experiencing homelessness out of poverty.

Agree

15. The free market is the most effective tool to address homelessness.

Strongly Disagree

16. The government has a responsibility to reverse the impact of historical housing policies targeting Black communities.

Strongly Agree

17. Non-governmental service providers are adequate in dealing with homelessness.

Disagree

18. COVID-19 will have a long-term impact on low-income households. The state received nearly \$1 Billion from the CARES Act to support emergency rental and utility assistance and eviction diversion programming. More than 250,000 households applied for assistance, with the program projected to end by September 2022. What additional actions would you support the state take to make sure low-income households are able to stay in their homes (select all that apply):

Additional funds for eviction diversion and rental assistance
Restrictions on late fees/penalties
Sealing and expungement of eviction records related to COVID-19

19. In 2020, there were 30,805 individuals who experienced literal homelessness in Michigan, including families with young children, unaccompanied youth, veterans, and seniors. While this represented a 19% decrease over the previous year, it was

likely an undercount based on Covid-related factors. What can you tell us about the issue of homelessness in your district (causes, related issues, and solutions)?

The City of Detroit overtaxed homeowners by \$6 million dollars, over 100,00 families lost their homes through no fault of their own. The city is refusing to make it right, the federal government needs to step in and address this tax fraud. Corporations are coming in and buying up houses, only to rent them at a profit without maintaining them. My district needs more oversight and code enforcement for landlords. We also need to close the wealth gap, increase wages, and put money back in everyday people's pockets so they can afford homes.

20. 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.

I understand firsthand the stigma of housing instability and homelessness. There were times where I slept in my car, or in public places to make ends meet. I don't want anyone to have to go through that. I plan to support legislation that guarantees Housing Choice Vouchers, implements national rent control standards, provides assistance for first time homeowners, and creates pathways to home ownership for people who do not qualify for traditional mortgages.

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

Yes