

Michigan Climate Action Network Candidate Questionnaire

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Attach a photo/headshot of the Candidate (optional)

We may use this on our website or emails to supporters about the survey.

1) 100% Renewable Energy and Carbon Neutrality

Renewable energy has increased rapidly in recent years. Michigan is already on track to achieve 40% renewable electricity by 2030, and 70% by 2040. To avoid severe climate impacts, scientific bodies including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have found we must cut climate emissions globally between 40-60 percent this decade and reach zero climate emissions (or carbon neutrality) by 2050. More than 175 U.S. cities and counties and 12 states have set 100% renewable electricity goals. Some are now setting goals to be carbon neutral - which includes transportation, heating/cooling of buildings, and land use.

Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2050?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to be carbon-neutral by 2050?
☒ Yes ☐ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

Setting Goals for Michigan to transition is always great, but we must set realistic attainable goals, then move forward and we progress

2) Climate Justice and a Just Transition to Renewable Energy

Environmental impacts from pollution and climate impacts like extreme weather events and heatwaves disproportionately harm communities of color, women, indigenous groups, and people of low-income, who also are rarely included in the process of planning for climate impacts. Clean energy will reduce these impacts, and can create thousands of family-sustaining jobs in Michigan. A just transition means that the movement off of fossil fuels includes support for workers and communities most affected by the closing of fossil fuel plants and investing in clean energy for under-resourced communities.

Would you support state general funds or other state funding being directed to programs that support communities and workers most impacted by the climate crisis and the transition to renewables, including programs to retrain workers displaced by the transition off fossil fuels?
☒ Yes ☐ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

I Do share A concern Regarding People of color
would like to know what you mean.

3) Line 5 Oil Pipeline and Proposed Tunnel

The 67-year-old Line 5 oil pipeline carries 23 million gallons of oil every day across our state and the waters of the Straits of Mackinac. Most of this oil (90-95%) passes through our state on its way to refineries in Sarnia, and studies have shown there are viable alternatives to transport this oil if Line 5 is decommissioned. Enbridge, the company that owns and operates the pipeline, was responsible for the 2010 oil spill into the Kalamazoo River, and is currently seeking permits to build an oil tunnel under the Great Lakes that would allow Line 5 to operate for up to 99 more years, continuing to threaten our waters and the climate.

Do you support the decommissioning of the Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you oppose the building of a Line 5 oil tunnel under the Great Lakes bottomlands?

☐ Yes ☐ No (recomm) at this point

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

I would prefer THAT WE SEEK ALTERNATIVES,
THAT WILL HARM HUMANS, PLANTS, ANIMALS, AIR
AND THE WATER WE CONSUME NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION

4) Supporting Solar and Wind Energy

Net metering is a billing mechanism that requires utilities to purchase excess solar electricity generated by customers at the full retail value of electricity. It allows Michigan residents, businesses, farmers, and communities to install solar and get a fair return on their investment, and the distributed generation of renewables benefits customer and the grid. Solar installations using net metering are on the rise, and increased 57 percent in 2018 according to the Michigan Public Service Commission. However, Michigan utilities' net metering programs are capped at 1 percent of the utility's peak load, and once utilities meet that cap additional customers cannot join the program.

Do you support lifting the cap on net metering to allow more residents and businesses to participate?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Legislation passed in 2016 eliminated net metering and now requires utilities to propose new distributed generation programs as part of rate cases. The programs created to date make installing solar less financially appealing for customers than net metering.

Do you support returning to net metering, and providing a fairer price to businesses and residents for the solar energy they generate?

☒ Yes ☐ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

I would support energy saving to businesses And
consumers. I believe if we can help Everyone
who is interested, we must make it
Affordable—

5) Community Solar

Many Michigan residents and businesses do not have access to solar because they rent or have roofs that are unable to host a solar system. Community solar is a solar project shared by multiple subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced. It provides more people with access to solar energy generation, and it makes for a stronger, more resilient grid. Community solar is the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. solar market and is growing rapidly in states with policies allowing customers to create their own community solar programs, like Minnesota and Illinois. However, Michigan is one of 31 states that does not allow community solar programs other than those offered by the utilities.

Do you support policy that requires utilities to allow customers to build community renewable energy projects with fair rates?

☒ Yes ☐ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

I believe our Michigan residents should have a choice and the opportunity to do so, at an affordable rate. / As the market grows, for the need.

6) Transportation and Electric Vehicles

Transportation is now the largest source of climate pollution in Michigan, contributing over 30 percent of our total carbon emissions and other pollution that harms human health. Our state put the world on wheels, and now we have the chance to lead the rapid global transition to electric vehicles. More and more affordable electric cars, trucks, and buses are coming to market, but for rapid adoption, we need state policy to create incentives and build charging infrastructure across the state.

Making public transportation in our state more affordable, reliable and convenient will reduce climate emissions, air pollution, road congestion, and provide mobility for the many Michigan residents who do not have access to a car. Making communities more walkable and bikeable is also a critical component of cutting climate emissions from transportation and improving the quality of life for Michiganders.

Do you support policies to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), including EV infrastructure like charging stations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you support policies and investments of state funds to help local communities and schools switch to electric transit and school buses?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you support policies and investing state funding to increase non-motorized transportation (like walking and biking) in Michigan communities, and to increase access to public transportation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

Again, the key to helping the people of Michigan is having options. And viable transportation, that is affordable and dependable. Yes I support infrastructure, switch to electric transit³ and the funding to increase non-motorized transportation.

7) No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge

There is a growing movement asking candidates to sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge. Since 2017 more than 2000 politicians from 49 states have committed to reject campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry. More information at Nofossilfuelmoney.org.

Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?

☐ Yes ☒ No

You may elaborate on your position here (100 words or less):

NO REASON, BUT I PLAN TO, AFTER MY RESEARCH
AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLEDGE.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey!

Would like to sign up to receive email from Michigan Climate Action Network? We will keep you updated on news about the climate in Michigan, share actions you can take to move the needle, and occasional emails about events to attend.

☒ Yes, Please
☐ No, Thanks