

COSTS & CONSEQUENCES CHECKLIST

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OF MI VOTE

Before casting your vote, use the **Costs & Consequences Checklist**. A candidate who's serious about reigning in the downstream costs Michiganders are living with has a plan to:

MAKE ENERGY MORE AFFORDABLE & RELIABLE. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Lower household energy costs** through energy efficiency, weatherization and other cost-saving measures.
2. **Prioritize cost-effective energy investments** based on long-term affordability, reliability and value to ratepayers.
3. **Protect Michiganders from carrying disproportionate costs** for utility investments or large industrial customers like data centers.
4. **Expand affordable clean energy options** including renewable energy, storage and community- or household-owned power.
5. **Plan for Michigan's future energy needs** without locking families into expensive infrastructure.

PROTECT MICHIGANDERS FROM PREVENTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Protect clean air** by reducing pollution, particularly when air quality is unhealthy.
2. **Reduce exposure to toxic chemicals** such as PFAS and other harmful substances in our homes, communities and environment.
3. **Protect drinking water** by preventing contamination before it threatens public health.
4. **Address environmental health disparities** and the disproportionate pollution burdens faced by some Michigan communities.
5. **Make public health part of policymaking** on land use, development, infrastructure and environmental protections.



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0 MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE RESILIENT. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Invest in aging infrastructure** including drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and other essential systems.
2. **Reduce flooding and stormwater costs** through natural and built infrastructure investments.
3. **Expand affordable transportation choices** through reliable public transit and other alternatives to driving.
4. **Support more housing choices** so Michiganders can find affordable homes in communities across the state.
5. **Invest in safer streets and public spaces** for walking and biking.

0 PROTECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Protect Michigan's fresh water** by safeguarding groundwater, wetlands and land surrounding water supplies from polluted runoff and untreated waste.
2. **Hold polluters accountable** so companies responsible for contamination pay their fair share of cleanup costs.
3. **Protect the Great Lakes and Michigan's coastline** including beaches, dunes, wetlands and shoreline communities.
4. **Invest in parks, public lands and wildlife** through sustainable funding for conservation, trails and recreation.
5. **Protect Michigan's outdoor economy and heritage** including hunting, fishing, tourism and recreation.

0 FIGHT THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Reduce climate pollution** while preparing Michigan communities for climate impacts already occurring.
2. **Invest in long-term solutions that reduce future costs and risks** rather than waiting to respond after problems occur.
3. **Build a cleaner, more resilient transportation system** with affordable alternatives to driving.
4. **Protect Michigan's natural resources** for future generations through sustainable management of water, land and wildlife.
5. **Plan beyond the next budget cycle** with a long-term vision for Michigan's energy, infrastructure, housing and natural resources.

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