

Here's Ron Hawkins' League of Women Voters Questionnaire. He filled it out prior to the August 2020 Democratic Primary. His opponent, Luke Howell, did not submit one before the primary election. The questionnaires are published at www.Vote411.org, until after the primary, and are then taken down to avoid confusing the voters. Hawkins lost to Howell by 81 votes.

EDUCATION: What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?

It is my belief that publicly collected funds should follow each child and it is the right and responsibility of the parents to determine the educational environment for their child. As a participant in vocational training in high school I believe this is an important element of education that is currently underfunded and overlooked.

ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?

It is my belief that minimizing governmental intrusion into private business will foster economic growth allowing business expansion and increased jobs as an outcome of business expansion.

ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

The integrity of the vote is essential. I will support only those changes which ensure the integrity of the vote can be maintained. A mail ballot which uses the Asian system of individual chop (stamp) and individual thumbprint to validate the mailed in ballot should be considered.

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

It is my belief that individuals should work toward energy efficiency in their daily lives. It is my belief that public utilities should maintain a reasonable amount of energy resources from renewable energy. I am concerned that any continuing reliance on nuclear energy generation has a high degree of potential environmental damage. A fracturing of the Madrid Fault line has the potential of damaging several nuclear plants whose failure could render the mid-west a near dead zone from the radiation released into the environment from these plants.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

It is my belief that all individuals should be treated equally, period. I believe the Michigan Legislature should act to clarify that the Michigan Civil Rights Act term sex is inclusive of sexual orientation to resolve this question and that the Michigan Supreme Court concur with the Legislature clarification. I believe that taxation of senior's income, retirement and social security should be ended.

GUNS: Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?

I will not support any legislation that diminishes individual rights defined in the United States and State of Michigan Constitutions.