



Candidate Questionnaire

Name _____ Phone _____

Office Sought _____ District No. _____ Political Party: _____

Campaign Committee Name

Campaign Address

Incumbent? Yes ___ No ___ Have you previously been elected to public office? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, in what position(s)/capacity?

Home Address

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Website _____

Date of Primary Election _____ Date of General Election _____

Current Occupation _____

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Have you hired a campaign manager or political consultant for this race? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, please provide contact information:

Name of Campaign Manager or Consultant _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____

1. Why are you seeking the support of Detroit Plumbers Local 98?

2. What experience do you have working with Detroit Plumbers Local 98 or other Building Trades organizations? Please cite specific examples.

3. Are you or any member of your immediate family a current or former member of any union?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please describe what labor unions you or members of your family are affiliated with:

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4. Please list 5 other endorsements you are seeking or secured that are most important to you and the constituency you are seeking to serve?

5. Licensing

In the State of Michigan, a person must be a licensed journeyman or registered apprentice to install plumbing. In recent years there has been a push by some in the Michigan Legislature to weaken the Michigan Plumbing Law and the Michigan Plumbing Code. Would you support legislation that strengthens both?

Yes___ No___

Current Michigan Plumbing Law requires a worker to be a licensed journeyman or registered apprentice to install plumbing in a Water Treatment Plant and in all other businesses, homes, factories, hospitals, hotels, etc. There is NO requirement for a worker to be a state licensed plumber on the piping in between these buildings. Would you support legislation which would require workers to be state licensed plumbers when installing water mains and sewers?

Yes___ No___

6. Prevailing Wage

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In 1965, Michigan enacted the Prevailing Wage Act (P.A. 166) to establish labor rates within construction projects financed by state government. Since then, Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinances have also been adopted by many local units of government for bidding on local government projects.

Do you support the Michigan Prevailing Wage Law?

Yes ___ No ___

Please explain why you hold this position:

7. Under pressure from interest groups, many public entities have turned to privatizing some services, such as bus transportation, custodial work and other critical support roles. Privatization often means that important, publicly funded work will go to the lowest bidder, regardless of the bidder's skills, training or safety standards. Would you vote to support the privatization of public-sector jobs?

Yes ___ No ___

Please describe your position in detail regarding privatization of public sector jobs and services:

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8. A Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

PLA is one way of assuring quality construction on a building project. PLAs ensure that local standards are maintained and they promote labor harmony. The legislature has passed legislation that prohibits PLAs on publicly funded projects. Would you support legislation to repeal these laws?

Yes ___ No ___

Would you support PLAs on private work in your community/ district?

Yes ___ No ___

9. A misconception of many elected officials is that they have the responsibility to take the lowest bid for construction projects. In fact, your duty is to take the lowest responsible bid and to consider factors such as skilled labor, safety issues and employing local residents. Do you plan to support responsible contracting practices in the bidding process?

Yes ___ No ___

10. Right to Work

In 2012, Michigan adopted so-called "Right-To-Work" legislation that requires unions to provide services to workers who refuse to pay their fare share for representation. The legislation makes organizing and bargaining for wages more difficult and costly for workers.

Michigan repealed it's Right to Work Law in March 2023, with the law taking effect on February 13, 2024. This marked a significant shift in Labor policy, allowing unions to require all employees in a unionized workplace to pay union dues, regardless of their membership status.

Please explain why you support or oppose Michigan's "Right-To-Work" law:

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12. Many of our members are avid hunters and outdoorsmen. Do you support the Second Amendment and environmental rights that ensure that our members will always have access to the land and firearms that they enjoy today?

Yes ___ No ___

13. Data Centers

Data centers are rapidly expanding across our region, bringing billions in investment and major infrastructure demands. These facilities rely on complex industrial process piping systems, including plumbing and cooling systems that are critical to their operation. What is your position on ensuring that publicly incentivized data center construction projects utilize highly trained local union labor, including skilled trades like Plumbers Local 98, to perform this specialized work? And will you support policies that protect fair jurisdictional standards and prevent the exclusion of qualified local trades from this growing sector?

Signature of Candidate

Date

Please return completed questionnaire to:

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