

VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS

VoteSafe Project Legislator Questionnaire

Voters Not Politicians (VNP) is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to strengthen democracy in Michigan. We represent thousands of volunteers and supporters who came together to end gerrymandering in our state and who continue to work toward structural democracy reform.

Voting is fundamental to a representative government and Michigan voters have the right to vote without putting our lives at risk. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, as many voters as possible should vote by mail in Michigan's primary and general elections in 2020. The state must act now to put measures in place to protect the public health.

Voters Not Politicians supports vote by mail, which means for this questionnaire:

- Mailing every registered Michigan voter a ballot with prepaid return postage
- Ensuring voters have the option of returning the ballot by mail, to a secure drop box, or to their local clerk's office
- Providing safe, accessible polling locations with safety procedures that protect voters and poll workers
- Funding and infrastructure to ensure that ballots are secure, voters can track their ballots, and no voter is disenfranchised
- Protecting in-person voter registration and voting access at clerks' offices with expanded days and hours leading up to and on Election Day to minimize crowding.

We ask that you complete this questionnaire and submit your responses to jlyonseddy@votersnotpoliticians.com by 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020. We will share your responses **(or failure to respond)** with our volunteers, supporters, and the public.

As you consider your responses, we suggest you review [this Stanford University study published on May 6, 2020](#), which found that vote by mail does not appear to favor any political party.

1) **What is your name?** _____

2) **Please indicate the district you represent:**

Michigan Senate District _____

Michigan House of Representatives District _____

3) Do you support a process where the State of Michigan mails every registered voter a ballot for the August and November 2020 elections?

Yes

No

4) Do you support state appropriations to fund vote by mail as defined above in Michigan for the August and November 2020 elections?

Yes

No

5) Do you support the State of Michigan providing additional funding to municipalities to expand access to clerks' offices in the days and hours leading up to and on Election Day for the August and November 2020 elections?

Yes

No

6) Will you publicly support a vote-by-mail process as defined above in Michigan for the August and November 2020 elections?

Yes

No

7) If you have any comments on vote by mail, please add them here.

8) Looking to the future, what policies do you think Voters Not Politicians and the Legislature should work on together to strengthen democracy in Michigan?

Thank you for submitting your responses by 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020. If you wish to speak to someone at Voters Not Politicians, please contact Jamie Lyons-Eddy, Director of Campaigns and Programs, at jlyonseddy@votersnotpoliticians.com.