PEOPLE'S WATER BOARD

WATER IS A RIGHT !!

The People's Water Board, a coalition of more than three dozen non-profit organizations working for clean, affordable water in southeast Michigan and beyond, created a survey designed to elicit the views of candidates in the tri-county area running for the state legislature on issues related to safe water access and affordability. The survey was mailed and e-mailed to all 138 candidates running for either the state house or state senate in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties. Follow-up calls were made to those who did not initially respond. Each candidate was asked to indicate their level of agreement with each of the 9 statements below [Y-agree; N-disagree; NR-don't know/no response] **and** to prioritize the issue [On a scale of 1-5, rate level of priority you would give to this issue. 1-not a priority; 5-among your highest priorities].

1) I believe each person in Michigan has the right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water for drinking, cooking and sanitary purposes.
2) I believe that it is the duty of the legislature to ensure that all Michigan residents have safe, clean, affordable and accessible water.
3) I believe that a water affordability program will better meet the needs of low-income households than water assistance programs will.
4) I believe that a water affordability program based on household income must be established in Michigan.
5) I support the decriminalization of the act of re-connecting water service where the shutoff was on account of inability to pay.
6) I support a requirement that all Michigan water providers must submit an annual report, available to the public, stating water rates, how they were determined and how many shutoffs they performed the previous year.
7) I support a moratorium on all water shutoffs pending the adoption of a water affordability plan, with particular attention to vulnerable populations.
8) I support mandatory water testing for lead and other contaminants in schools, day care centers, universities, hospitals, and veteran's facilities.
9) I support full line replacement (from water main to private house/building) by the government of all lead service lines.

As of October 3, 2018, we received responses from 47 candidates; their responses are summarized below in accordance with a scoring method provided to the candidates along with the survey:
[The number in the first column represents the percentage of "YES" responses and the number in the second column is the average level of priority assigned to issues.] All statements were equally weighted. Detailed responses of each candidate will be available on or before October 10, 2018 on the PWB web site (www.peopleswaterboard.org). Candidates whose names do not appear did not respond to the survey.

People's Water Board Candidate Survey Results

CITY OF DETROIT

Office	Candidate Name	Party	% YES	Priority
SD 1	Stephanie Chang	Dem	100%	5.0
SD 2	Adam Hollier	Dem	89%	3.8
SD 2	Lisa Papas	Rep	67%	4.0
SD 3	Kathy Stecker	Rep	100%	5.0
SD 4	Angela Savina	Rep	NR	NR
	Not campaigning due to illness.			
SD 5	Larry Betts	WkgClass	100%	4.0

Office	Candidate Name	Party	% YES	Priority
HD 1	Gregory Creswell	Lib	0%	1.0
HD 2	Joe Tate	Dem	67%	4.2
HD 4	Isaac Robinson	Dem	100%	5.0
HD 5	Cynthia A. Johnson	Dem	78%	5.0
HD 8	Valerie Parker	Rep	78%	1.3
HD 9	James Stephens	Rep	0%	0.0

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SD 6	Brenda Jones	Rep	100%	4.6

HD 12	Alex Garza	Dem	100%	4.1
HD 14	Darrell Stasik	Rep	78%	3.0
HD 19	Laurie Pohutsky	Dem	100%	4.8
HD 20	Matt Koleszar	Dem	89%	4.4

MACOMB COUNTY

SD 8	Paul Francis	Dem	78%	5.0
SD 8	Peter Lucido	Rep	44%	2.2
SD 25	Debbie Bourgois	Dem	67%	3.6

HD 24	Laura Winn	Dem	100%	4.8
HD 33	Andrea Geralds	Dem	100%	4.2
HD 36	Robert Murphy	Dem	78%	4.4
HD 36	Benjamin Dryke	Lib	100%	4.7

OAKLAND COUNTY

SD 11	James K. Young	Lib	100%	4.3
SD 12	Rosemary Bayer	Dem	100%	4.9
SD 12	Jeff Pittel	Lib	33%	1.0
SD 14	Ruth Johnson	Rep	NR	NR
	Not responding due to current office.			
SD 14	Jessica Smith	Green	100%	4.3
SD 14	Renee Watson	Dem	100%	4.8
SD 15	Julia Pulver	Dem	100%	5.0

HD 26	Al Gui	Rep	89%	5.0
HD 27	Robert Wittenberg	Dem	100%	5.0
HD 29	Brenda Carter	Dem	78%	4.6
HD 35	Theodore Alfonsetti III	Rep	56%	3.0
HD 35	Kyra Harris Bolden	Dem	100%	5.0
HD 37	Christine Greig	Dem	100%	4.9
HD 37	Mitch Swoboda	Rep	78%	3.3
HD 38	Kelly Breen	Dem	100%	4.4
HD 38	Brian Wright	Lib	89%	5.0
HD 40	Mari Manoogian	Dem	100%	4.8
HD 41	Padma Kuppa	Dem	100%	4.8
HD 43	Nicole Breadon	Dem	100%	5.0
HD 44	Laura Dodd	Dem	89%	4.2
HD 45	Kyle Cooper	Dem	100%	4.4
HD 46	Mindy Denninger	Dem	89%	4.3
HD 51	David Lossing	Dem	100%	5.0

Detailed responses of candidates by question can be found at www.peopleswaterboard.org.