

**MICHIGAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name:

Name of Campaign:

Campaign Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

Office Sought:

Political Party Affiliation:

Opponent(s):

Please attach the following supporting information regarding your campaign:

- * Campaign budget for primary and general elections
- * Amount raised to date
- * Recent polling data on race (if any)
- * Key endorsements from national, state and local organizations, media, etc.
- * Issues/themes you plan to emphasize in the elections
- * Significant prior legislative accomplishments.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ALLOWED TO ENDORSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO
GENERAL ELECTION, STATE LEVEL CANDIDATES ONLY.**

2009-2010 BPW/MI Legislative Platform

Preamble

The Equal Rights Amendment, as authored by Alice Paul, is the priority above all other issues that may appear on this platform until equal legal rights for women and men becomes guaranteed in the United States Constitution:

The Equal Rights Amendment: *"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."*

Platform

Economic Equity

- Ensure pay equity and equal educational and economic opportunities at all stages of life;
- Encourage and promote women-owned small businesses;
- Educate on and promote retirement savings incentives; and
- Promote affordable, quality dependent care to help ensure economic self-sufficiency for women.

Health

- Ensure reproductive choice and full access to all reproductive health services and education;
- Ensure funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs;
- Ensure social and work environments protect the health of all; and
- Encourage the development of a state and national health care policy that recognizes the special health care needs of women & children.

Civil Rights

- Ensure equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives;
- Support affirmative action; and
- Eliminate all forms of harassment and violence against women.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you support the issues of our Legislative Platform? Yes No

Support your position.

Economic Equity and Retirement Security

1. Would you support pay equity legislation that outlaws gender discrimination in pay scales for the same job? Yes No

Describe any action taken in support of your position.

2. Do you favor/oppose privatizing Social Security? Yes No

Describe any action taken in support of your position

3. Were you in support of the minimum wage increase? Yes No

Describe any action taken in support of your position.

4. Do you support legislation that requires equal treatment of women and men in pensions and insurance? Yes No

Describe any action taken in support of your position

Civil Rights

1. Do you support the equal rights amendment and its ratification? Yes No
Describe any action taken in support of your position.

2. Do you favor Affirmative Action programs that would increase the number of qualified women, minorities and people with disabilities in occupations in which they are under-represented?
Yes No
Describe any action taken in support of your position.

Health Issues

1. Do you support a woman's right to privacy and personal choice regarding reproductive issues?
Yes No
Describe any action taken in support of your position.

2. Would you support a woman's right to access family planning and reproductive health services?
Yes No
Describe any action taken in support of your position.

Date:

Candidate's signature

** Please feel free to include campaign materials and/or position papers for our review*

**Upon completion, please return to: Denise Garn, BPWMI/PAC Chair,
2143 Sandcrest St., Jenison, MI 49428**