

Detroit Plumbers Local 98 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 _____

What is your campaign goal for fundraising for this race?

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 the 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:

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

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:

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

Yes ___ No ___

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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 fair share for representation. The legislation makes organizing and bargaining for wages more difficult and costly for workers.

If given the chance, would you vote to repeal this unfair “Right to Work law?

Yes ___ No ___

Please explain why you support or oppose repeal of Michigan’s “Right-To-Work” law:

If given the chance, would you support Fair Share legislation in Michigan that would require individuals who opt out of the union to pay a fee for representation and other services that the union must provide to them by law, even if they are not members?

Yes ___ No ___

Comments:

11. In 2011, unemployment benefits were reduced from a maximum of 26 weeks to a maximum of 20 weeks. Do you support restoring unemployment benefits to 26 weeks, which is the national norm?

Yes ___ No ___

12. Legislation was recently enacted to ban “dues check-off” for public employees. This new law bans public employers from being able to collect dues from unionized workers’ paychecks. Do you support restoring dues check-off for public employees?

Yes ___ No ___

13. 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 ___

14. Candidate contributions from the Detroit Plumbers come from the paychecks of hard working men and women who care about integrity, quality, and a job done right. Will you commit to returning contributions from the Detroit Plumbers Local 98 if you are convicted of a crime while in elected office, or if you are expelled from office?

Yes___ No ___

15. Do you support the replacement of aging water, natural gas or oil pipelines in Michigan?

Yes___ No ___

a. If yes, which aging pipelines do you support replacing?

- I only support the replacement of aging water pipelines
- I support the replacement of aging water and natural gas pipelines, but not oil
- I support the replacement of aging water and oil pipelines, but not natural gas pipelines
- I support the replacement of aging oil and gas pipelines, but not water pipelines
- I support the replacement of all aging pipelines

16. Do you support a plan to maintain the operation of Line 5 until the proposed utility tunnel is constructed and a replacement line is housed inside the tunnel?

Yes___ No ___

a. If no, please explain your energy plan.

b. If no, what is your plan to restore the thousands of good paying union jobs in our region?

Signature of Candidate

Date

Please return completed questionnaire to:

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