

MNSCC Candidate Questionnaire



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Public Safety Issues

<p>Do you feel safe in the communities where you live, work, and play? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Yes, for the most part I feel safe in my community. I feel that I can connect or chat with just about anyone.</p>
<p>What does the phrase “public safety” mean to you? What builds safety? What detracts from it?</p>	<p>Public safety means there is a connection to and interest in people and businesses you are serving. People feel safe when there is a response by showing up in the community and being involved. Choosing to protect only certain people divides and creates a preconceived outcome of asking for help.</p>
<p>What is your understanding of the diversity of opinions around public safety in your district?</p>	<p>The thought of outsiders invading seems to stoke fear in this district. The reality that the sheriff office is 1 hour away from my home if I call to report a safety threat. Finding out that local</p>

How do your constituents think about what builds safety and what detracts from it in your district?	crime is often known and overlooked by law enforcement and schools to protect relatives committing the crime.
What changes do you think would help prevent violence and other undesirable behavior in your district? How will you go about making those changes?	Increasing wages and education opportunities along with better access to drug and mental health treatment.

Police Issues

What are your thoughts on the general culture of the police departments in your district?	I feel better seeing police and sheriffs driving thru communities and interacting at businesses and on the street.
* What police reforms, if any, do you think would help your district or the state? Please elaborate.	I would like to see investment in services that would not make police the first or only responder in cases involving mental health
* What changes to police budgets, if any, would help your district or the state? Please elaborate.	eliminate militarization funding/training
Are there any bills around policing that you would join or champion? What are they and why?	justice reform

Criminal Court Issues

Do you notice any inequities in the courts in your district? What do you see as the driving force in those inequities? How can we count on you to respond to any inequities?	Drug records seem to be a challenge to education funding and employment and also involve driving offenses and theft
Diving into topics like bail, services for crime survivors, court fines and fees, special prosecutors, and sentencing and probation guidelines can illustrate how public policy has immense and diverse impacts on Minnesotans. Are there any bills around	Incarceration should not be a for profit business, investment should be made to reduce re-offence with a second chance

<p>criminal court practices that you would join or champion? What are they and why?</p>	
<p>Incarceration Issues</p>	
<p>In your opinion, what is the purpose of incarceration? Do you believe that incarceration accomplishes those purposes well? If not, why not, and what would you do about it?</p>	<p>Incarceration is intended to punish to change behavior, unfortunately others profit from this. The alternative would be to provide training/support to change the behavior</p>
<p>What do you know about alternatives to incarceration and how they address violence and other undesirable or criminalized behavior? What incarceration alternatives do you support and why?</p>	<p>I used to ride the bus into Minneapolis with some young violent offenders in an alternative program, they seemed to have adjusted the path of their lives because they had that opportunity</p>
<p>* Every district in Minnesota is home to people who have experienced incarceration. How do you think issues like access to health care, visits/phone calls/emails, education, and other programming while incarcerated affect your constituents?</p>	<p>Continuing access to these services would provide a better chance of staying out of jail following release</p>
<p>* For purposes of drawing legislative districts, should incarcerated persons be counted as part of the district where they are incarcerated, or should incarcerated persons be counted as part of the district where they had their last residential address? Or something else? Why?</p>	<p>last residence, planning for them to return home</p>
<p>Are there any bills around incarceration or probation that you would join or champion? Which ones and why?</p>	
<p>Reentry Issues</p>	

<p>* People return from incarceration to every district in Minnesota. How do you think issues like access to housing, employment, health care, recovery resources, mental health supports, basic needs, and voting or civic engagement affect your constituents?</p>	<p>Continuing access to these services would provide a better chance of staying out of jail following release.</p>
<p>What, if any, changes would you make to re-entry policies? And what investments, if any, would you make to re-entry supports in your district? Why?</p>	<p>I had one constituent whose primary concern was re-establishing his gun owning rights, not sure re-entry was working for him.</p>
<p>Public Health Issues</p>	
<p>What are your thoughts about how the Department of Corrections has responded to the coronavirus pandemic?</p>	<p>I am not clear on how DOC is keeping track/monitoring of released offenders and providing access to rehab/life skills services</p>
<p>* What, if any, public health crises do you think have inequitable impacts on people who are involved in the criminal legal system, and how can we count on you to respond to these public health crises?</p>	<p>everybody deserves a chance to be treated with respect</p>
<p>Personal Connections</p>	
<p>* Are there any ways in which you feel personally connected to issues in policing, criminal court, incarceration, and/or re-entry? What is personal about these issues for you, and how will that impact your priorities and/or stances?</p>	<p>breaking the generation following generation of incarceration loop</p>
<p>How can your constituents support you in accomplishing any changes you've outlined here?</p>	<p>vote in their best interest</p>