

# MNSCC Candidate Questionnaire



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## Public Safety Issues

Do you feel safe in the communities where you live, work, and play?  
Why or why not?

What does the phrase “public safety” mean to you?  
What builds safety? What detracts from it?

Public safety is a large topic that describes the general public in regards to everything from land use, traffic planning and criminal behavior. A safe street for instance refers to both traffic planning and protection from robbers. What is already happening is mass surveillance and people have opted in with the cameras on their phones and the cameras in public places. There will be more cameras and people won't get away with crimes. It is good to have accountability but crime has to be redefined a personal choice or petty behavior like drug use or J-

	walking is completely different than accident due to negligence or personal attacks on people and theft.
What is your understanding of the diversity of opinions around public safety in your district? How do your constituents think about what builds safety and what detracts from it in your district?	
What changes do you think would help prevent violence and other undesirable behavior in your district? How will you go about making those changes?	We need more citizens involved in both the process of encounters and reviews of encounter video evidence. I think any person that kills another person for any reason including officers involved deaths should be required to be incarcerated for a minimum period. We mostly need to help police solve crimes and hold perpetrators accountable.
<b>Police Issues</b>	
What are your thoughts on the general culture of the police departments in your district?	Police departments have both a profit motive and a quota system meant to grade officer competence but the opposite is often what happens. Police sometimes create a crime to fill their quota or get weapons and super vehicles that take the police away from the citizenry. Instead of having a connection with the local police we just get a fancy car with blacked out windows and flashing lights. We need to support our police department by funding them properly and define their role better a lot is expected of them and they are often put into many diverse situations and a volatile dangerous situation can happen at anytime
* What police reforms, if any, do you think would help your district or the state? Please elaborate.	One of my core belief is we need to do more to fight extra ordinary crimes like violence and disregard for others well-being. Drugs need to be decriminalized and we need to make available continuing education and enlightenment opportunities for our people and work to end for profit policing.
* What changes to police budgets, if any, would help your district or the state? Please elaborate.	Police budgets need to do more for prevention, early intervention programs, and accountability. We need more citizens involved in both the process of encounters and reviews of encounter video evidence.
Are there any bills around policing that you would join or champion? What are they and why?	

## 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?

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 criminal court practices that you would join or champion?  
What are they and why?

## Incarceration Issues

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?

Incarceration should both help those that want help to re-enter society and also differentiate and separate those that are unable to rejoin society in a productive way. There is a reason for the justice system the general public shouldn't have to fear for their lives because of psychopaths. We are better off working collaboratively as a civilization the government holds dear life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we need to fight to protect that right.

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?

\* 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

We need to provide extra help to those who express interest and willingness to learn skills. In addition required basic skills classes like budgeting economics, cooking, career counseling, and arithmetic are earmark to a rehabilitation program, and also books and learning videos need to be made available to aid in self improvements.

programming while incarcerated affect your constituents?	
* 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?	
Are there any bills around incarceration or probation that you would join or champion? Which ones and why?	
<b>Reentry Issues</b>	
* 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?	
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?	
<b>Public Health Issues</b>	
What are your thoughts about how the Department of Corrections has responded to the coronavirus pandemic?	
* 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	Many people in the criminal justice system are addicted to drugs and being incarcerated exacerbates this issue by only dealing with the surface issue and we need to help people who want to learn more about their issues at a base level by teaching about self-esteem and creating a supporting environment. I will work

<p>count on you to respond to these public health crises?</p>	<p>to make cannabis (a healing plant) more available to the inmate population.</p>
<p><b>Personal Connections</b></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>Often police are put in a position to be aggressive and forceful we need to help them to better understand a role as an arm of the courts and not the court. A person is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The law enforcement professional needs to dutifully write their ticket or apprehend their suspect and deliver them to be the court system without passing judgment or creating crime.</p>
<p>How can your constituents support you in accomplishing any changes you've outlined here?</p>	<p>Vote for me and make progress together incremental gains will produce long term success.</p>