



Alcohol Issue Questions to Ask Candidates

1. How large of a concern is underage drinking?
2. How large of a concern are other alcohol problems (binge drinking, drunk driving, assaults, etc...)?
3. Do you think there should be limits on where and how many alcohol retailers are permitted in the State of Michigan?
4. Most people in Michigan report that alcohol is very available, yet the Legislature and the MLCC continue to make alcohol more available by giving out more licenses to retailers that have historically not sold alcohol in the past (for example, have made it easier for a gas station to sell alcohol, a Bed, Bath, and Beyond store is selling alcohol). Do you agree or disagree with this?
5. For many years Michigan law requires that retailers stop selling alcohol at 2:00 a.m. Are you in favor of maintaining this 2:00 a.m. time to stop selling alcohol?
6. Research consistently proves that increasing alcohol taxes will save lives, reduce rates of cirrhosis, reduce alcohol related traffic fatalities, as well as have many other positive public health benefits. However for more than 50 years the excise tax on beer in Michigan has been less than 2 cents per 12 oz. serving. Additionally, recent polling indicates that about 70% of the public supports increasing the tax on beer. If elected, would you support raising the beer tax?
7. Everyone has a role in reducing and preventing underage drinking. Please tell me how you see yourself helping in this area.