

Health



Election Questionnaire May 2026 Part 1

Both candidates strongly agreed that access to affordable, quality healthcare is a human right.

Diana Kastenbaum: As a candidate from a rural district, I am distraught over the recent cuts to Medicaid and its foreseeable consequences on rural hospitals and individual access to health insurance. As a former caregiver from a rural district, having cared for my late parents and husband, I understand the challenges facing rural residents when it comes to accessing quality healthcare, and I know that recent Medicaid cuts will only make things worse. The time has come to stop arguing over ways to reduce costs in a private system and join the rest of the developed world and institute universal, single-payer healthcare!

Alissa Ellman: Healthcare is a human right, and everyone deserves good quality healthcare.

Both candidates strongly agreed that access to reproductive healthcare is a human right -- without government intrusion.

Diana Kastenbaum: Recent attacks against reproductive healthcare are of great concern, as are attacks against affordable healthcare in general. They both reflect a push to strip individuals of their ability to make their own decisions about their bodily health and wellness. I will work tirelessly to reaffirm reproductive rights across the country and make progress towards a single payer healthcare system.

Alissa Ellman: The right to an abortion is the right to make healthcare decision for yourself, and should never be taken away by the government.

Both candidates strongly agreed that disinformation-fueled vaccine skepticism is dangerous.

Diana Kastenbaum: Strongly agree. No comment.

Alissa Ellman: Vaccines work!

Both candidates strongly agreed that transgender and nonbinary individuals should have equal access to public accommodations, safety, full civil rights.

Diana Kastenbaum: I fully support transgender people in their search for bodily autonomy and self-determination. I hope for a world where gender differences are not frowned upon, but rather accepted and accommodated.

Alissa Ellman: My campaign would not be here today without the contributions of trans and non-binary supports and volunteers who helped me make it this far. Trans people should be able to make their own decisions of their own bodies and should be protected from violence and hateful attacks which are all too common.