

Equality and rights



Both candidates strongly agreed with all eight questions in this section. They offered comments only on #2.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should recognize the basic human rights of everyone in this country to bodily autonomy, reproductive freedom, access to healthcare, housing, education, work.

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Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should be aware of the institutional bigotry embedded in our country's laws, policies, institutions, and police actions.

Diana Kastenbaum: Strongly agree. A just future requires us to recognize that America's diversity is its strength and to address past injustices against non-white communities. Non-white voices must be heard, and their views incorporated into existing institutions wherever possible, in order to address these past wrongs.

Alissa Ellman: I will strive to represent everyone in my district no matter where they come from or what they look like. We are all Americans and it is important that every voice is heard. The only way to fight against bigotry is to make sure marginalized voices are heard.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should ensure residents and visitors safe and equitable access to all public and commercial attractions in our communities.

Both candidates strongly agreed that action from governments and agencies at all levels to increase affordable housing.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should address increasing costs of food and rates of hunger in our communities.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should avoid local cooperation with federal efforts to unjustly detain and deport immigrants, to maintain the Finger Lakes as a safe, healthy, and prosperous community.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should decry hatred and bigotry in all forms, and should support corrective efforts like DEI.

Both candidates strongly agreed that elected leaders should disavow the "Big Lie" that the 2020 election was stolen, disavow the false claim that there is widespread voter fraud in this country, and protect the right to vote.