

State Legislative Candidates – House District 100 – Nate Bailey

1. Why are you interested in serving the people, families, and businesses in northern Michigan?

I was born and raised in this area, and have been here my whole life. This is home, and these people are family.

2. How will you use your role to support the economic vitality of our region?

Just as I have used my role as City Council Member in Reed City, I will propose and vote for measures that make my area more attractive to investors and businesses.

3. Do you believe local government should have broad authority to regulate short-term rentals?

In the case of allowing or not allowing them, no. However local government should have authority in matters of public nuisance, such as excess noise.

4. How would you address the shortage of skilled labor in northern Michigan?

One method would be to provide funding to unemployment agencies to allow those unemployed and without normal means a method of retraining and gaining appropriate licensing in skilled trades.

5. How would you prioritize leftover funds from federal aid packages and surplus dollars in the state's general fund?

I would start by identifying communities in dire need of infrastructure maintenance, repair, and/or replacement, and provide a method of funding for them to get essential services and general infrastructure to their people.

6. The availability of housing is a barrier to business growth and talent attraction in our region. How do you intend to address the affordable housing shortage?

The State of Michigan has an abundance of undeveloped land which is not part of nature preserves or the like, which can be partitioned and sold off to private individuals for the purpose of housing development.

7. Many families struggle to secure quality child care. This can be a barrier to attracting talent and keeping people in or bringing people back into the workforce. How will you work to increase access to affordable and quality child care?

A complete look into the guidelines and requirements of child care facilities could reveal unnecessary and costly aspects which increase the cost of services to families. Additionally, funding child care vouchers for those in financial straits would allow for parents to return to the workforce as more effective workers due to a decrease in personal financial burden.

8. What are your solutions for supporting businesses being affected directly by inflation and supply chain costs?

This is an issue that is incredibly complex and with many facets, and no single solution is going to fix it. I certainly don't have all the answers. So I would propose a joint commission comprised of economists and representatives from all affected industries to work together to form a complete plan of action, test it in a small capacity, and then implement it statewide after satisfactory results.