

## **Larry Knight, House District 104**

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

- I am on the ballot to keep the Democrat in democracy and give the people in the 104th district a progressive choice as they contemplated their decision in the ballot box.
- If elected, I will work to ensure democracy is not separated from the republic by supporting progressive causes for our district, state and country that contribute to the well-being of constituents and their families

### **2. Describe three statewide strategies/policies that you would support to enhance economic growth in the region.**

- Infrastructure improvements
- Regional Innovation Districts
- Economic Diversification

### **3. Describe the policies that you see being the most effective/ineffective at addressing the housing shortage in our region?**

#### Most effective

- Zoning reforms
- Community land trusts
- Streamlined permitting
- Incentivize builders to build starter homes.

#### Least effective

- Restrictive zoning that encourages wealthy ownership
- Insufficient developer incentives
- Lack of infrastructure
- One-size-fits-all policies

### **4. What statewide policies best support talent retention and attraction in Northern Michigan?**

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- Talent Attraction and Retention Program
  - The seasonal nature of many northern Michigan businesses
  - presents a unique set of challenges. I will work to free up the seasonal labor challenges, including working with Federal legislators on the U.S. Visa program.
- Affordable Housing
- Higher Education

**5. How will you work to increase access to affordable and quality childcare?**

- Support Family Child Care Providers
- Increase Provider Reimbursement Rates
- Expand Child Care Subsidies

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

- Engage with the Economic Development and Small Business Committee in the House of Representatives to develop programs that:
- Encourage a return of the supply chain back to the U.S., and preferably in Michigan.
- Diversify suppliers and develop programs to encourage local sourcing as much as possible.
- Provide training and retention programs.