

Racial Equity Scorecard
For Kalamazoo County Commission
June 2022

About Group

The Equity Collective created this document and our goal is to bring more transparency and awareness about candidates on the ballot for the upcoming elections in Kalamazoo County. The Equity Collective has a focus on racial equity and we aim to educate voters on where the incumbents stand on racial equity. The understanding of how systems of oppression affect marginalized communities and communities as a whole is essential for an elected official to properly serve their constituents. This is why the Equity Collective conducted research on local candidates running in the 2022 primary and general election, so that we may inform voters on which candidates have a racial equity lens.

The Incumbent Voting Record Review

This incumbent voting record review is currently for incumbents running for Kalamazoo County Commission. This review covers past voting history in the last and current term. Here are the categories for the voting record history: Housing, Public Safety & Public Health, and Public Support. We hope this information being presented helps voters make well informed decisions.

Incumbent Voting History
Housing

Approval in \$3 Million for Affordable Housing

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	Yes
District 7	Jeff Heppler	Absent for vote

Vote on Appointing People of Color Leaders/Experts to the Public Housing Commission

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

*This district number is based on the current district where the candidate is running

Public Safety & Public Health

Vote to End Emergency Order for Control and Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission in Educational Settings within Kalamazoo County

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	No
District 2	Jen Strebs	No
District 3	Monteze Morales	No
District 6	John H. Gisler	Absent for vote
District 7	Jeff Heppler	Yes

Vote to Support All Emergency Orders by Kalamazoo County Health Officer

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

Resolution to Support Public Database of Arrest Data and Outcomes

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

Vote on Resolution Declaring Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

Vote to Oppose Gearing Towards Privatizing Michigan's Mental Health System

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
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District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Not Yet Elected
District 6	John H. Gisler	Yes
District 7	Jeff Heppler	Yes

Community Support

Vote to Give \$1,000 to Aid Essential Workers

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

Vote to Continue the Keeping the Lights on After School Program

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	Yes
District 7	Jeff Heppler	Yes

Vote for Creation of DEI Director Hiring Subcommittee

*This vote aimed to create a DEI committee for Kalamazoo County and hire a director to lead the committee

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes

District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	Yes
District 7	Jeff Heppler	Yes

Hiring County Administrator

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	Yes
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No

Vote to Declare Juneteenth (June 19th) as a County Holiday

District Number	County Commissioner	Yes/No Vote
District 1	Tami Rey	Yes
District 2	Jen Strebs	Yes
District 3	Monteze Morales	Yes
District 6	John H. Gisler	No
District 7	Jeff Heppler	No