

# MINNESOTA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING

## Sample Candidate Questions 2026 Elections

### *Questions for State Representatives and State Senators*

#### **Ageism and Equity**

- *How would you use your role as a legislator to reduce ageism in public policy and ensure that communities that have been historically underserved benefit as each of us as we age?*
- *Can you name one policy area where you would push for more equitable outcomes?*

#### **Housing, Transportation and Community Design**

- *What specific actions would you support to expand affordable, accessible housing and reliable transportation so people can remain connected and independent in their communities across the lifespan — especially in our district?*

#### **Caregiving and Workforce**

- *Minnesota faces growing needs for caregiving and a direct care workforce shortage. What policies would you prioritize to support family caregivers while also strengthening wages, training, and career pathways for paid care workers?*

#### **Emergency Preparedness and Digital Access**

- *How should the state invest in broadband, digital skills, and inclusive emergency preparedness so people of all ages and abilities can stay connected, informed, and safe — especially in rural and underserved communities?*

## Questions for Gubernatorial Candidates

### Vision and Accountability

- *What is your vision for making Minnesota an age-friendly state where each of us can thrive as we age — free from ageism, with equitable access to housing, transportation, health, and economic opportunity?*
- *How would you measure progress and hold systems accountable?*

### Multisector System Integration

- *Many of our biggest challenges — housing, health, caregiving, workforce, transportation, and digital access — cut across multiple agencies and funding streams. How would you align state and federal systems to reduce fragmentation and deliver age-friendly, person-centered outcomes across the lifespan?*

### Workforce and Caregiver Sustainability

- *How would you strengthen the direct care workforce and support family caregivers at scale — including wages, training, immigration/workforce pipelines, and workplace flexibility — so communities can meet growing needs as our population ages?*

### Resilience and Emergencies

- *How would you ensure emergency preparedness, climate resilience, and public infrastructure investments reflect the needs of people of all ages, abilities, and living situations — especially during extreme weather and public health emergencies?*