**PA STATE LEGISLATIVE 2022 QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION**

Candidate Name:

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I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature: Date:

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**2022 PA State Legislative Questionnaire**

**BACKGROUND** *Please note: answers to questions 7-9 are optional.*

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?

2. If you have previously held a government office:

a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?

b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?

3. If you have not previously held a government office, what community or policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)

4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, advertisement copy, and flyers.

5. What, if any, endorsements have you received? What others are you seeking?

6. What is your plan to win this race, including your fundraising goals and strategies.

7. What, if any, genders, do you identify with?

8. What is your sexual orientation?

9. What is your racial, ethnic identity?

**ISSUES**

**Please note: Although many of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” you should feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position. If you believe you do not have enough information to answer a question, or have not formed an opinion, please say so.**

**I. OVERALL**

What would be your three highest priorities as a legislator? Explain.

**II. Education**

1. Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free?
2. What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any?
3. What factors do you believe should be considered in determining *overall levels* of school funding in the Commonwealth, and funding *per school district?*
4. Approximately 33% of Philadelphia students are enrolled in charter schools. What is your position on the expansion of charter schools? Should they be given public money via vouchers or similar programs (like ESAs)? What role do you think public schools play in our city?

**III. Budget and Taxes**

1. Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part?
2. What changes if any would you support in the corporate net income tax levels? See this: https://krc-pbpc.org/issues/corporate-income-taxes/
3. What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?
4. Do you support the [Fair Share Tax Plan](https://krc-pbpc.org/issues/corporate-income-taxes/) proposed by the PA Budget and Policy Center, with its emphasis on raising the tax rate on unearned income?
5. Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole?
6. Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level?
7. Do you support the Keystone Opportunity Zone program? Would you introduce legislation to eliminate it, or to limit the number of times a parcel's KOZ designation can be renewed or extended? More generally, do you support tax breaks to lure or retain businesses?

**IV. Public Banking**

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after the Bank of North Dakota, and/or the creation of local public banks in PA cities and counties?

**V. Women's Rights**

1. Do you believe there should be any restrictions on a woman's right to choose? If so, what?
2. What additional protections should be enacted into law to protect women's health care in light of the pending decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to override or sharply curtail Roe v. Wade?
3. Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work?

**VI. Children and Families**

1. Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave?
2. Should the state provide universal availability of affordable childcare? If yes, how would you achieve this?

**VII. Environment**

1. Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part? Explain.
2. Would you support banning the use of single-use plastic bags?
3. Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW?
4. What measures would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources?
5. What criteria would you use in making appointments to the P.U.C.?
6. What steps would you take to ensure environmental justice in the placement and remediation of structures that pollute?
7. What, if any, other measures would you support to preserve or improve our environment? (water issues, park preservation, detoxification of school buildings, etc.)

**VIII. Criminal Justice**

1. Should stop and frisk be limited or outlawed?
2. How would you deal with the problem of mass incarceration of minorities, particularly minority youth?
3. Should marijuana be fully legalized?
4. Should privately-owned prisons be permitted in Pennsylvania?
5. Should we ban the box in Pennsylvania?
6. Should PA continue to build new prisons?
7. Should PA begin to close prisons? Explain.
8. Do you support an end to the death penalty?
9. When if ever, should a juvenile be tried as an adult?
10. As a general matter, what do you think the state can do to reduce the murder rate in Philadelphia, while maintaining respect for civil liberties and the overall need for decarceration of our city?

**IX. Campaign Finance Reform**

Would you support legislation to provide public financing for state and local election campaigns?

**X. Labor**

1. Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to form or join a union?
2. Should the minimum wage be increased? If so, to what level and should the increase be indexed to inflation?
3. Do you believe that Philadelphia and other municipalities should continue to be pre-empted from increasing the minimum wage on their own?
4. Do you support privatization of retail liquor sales in Pennsylvania? Are there any other services that you believe should be considered for privatization?
5. Philadelphia remains the most impoverished major city and about 75% of our residents lack bachelor's degrees. What policies would you implement to ensure that decent, high-paying jobs created here are accessible to the majority of our population, not just the relatively well-educated and already well off?

**XI. Reforming Legislative Districts**

1. Do you support legislation that would (1) form an independent commission, and (2) apply sound methodologies, to draw all congressional, State House, and Senate districts fairly in Pennsylvania?

**XII. Public Health**

1. Would you support state legislation to create a single-payer system in PA?
2. How would you reduce or eliminate the racial disparities in the provision of health care, in particular the distribution of lifesaving COVID vaccines and medications?

XIV. **Housing**

1. How would you deal with the growing affordable housing gap in PA, both in the homeownership and rental markets?
2. Would you support a mandate requiring landlords to show good cause for evictions?