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2018 Legislative 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: _____

Please complete, sign and return this form via mail to:

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NN Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

BACKGROUND

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, and information on your campaign strategy, expected funding sources, and endorsements.
5. What is your plan to win this race.

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, say so.

I. OVERALL

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

II. Education

- 1) How do you feel about the role of charter schools in Pennsylvania's educational mix? If dissatisfied, what changes in state law would you sponsor to fix the problem?
- 2) What factors do you believe should be considered in determining *overall levels* of school funding in the Commonwealth, and funding *per school district*?
- 3) Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free?
- 4) What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any?
- 5) What is your view of plans to increase the use of computers in public schools, particularly as a way to reduce the number of teachers?

III. Budget and Taxes

- 1) Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part?

- 2) If legal, would you support raising the tax on unearned income as a way to increase state revenue without increasing burdens on working people?
- 3) What changes if any would you support in corporate net income tax levels?
- 4) What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?
- 5) Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole?
- 6) Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level?
- 7) Would you support abolition of the property tax for all or some payers? If so, which ones, and how would you replace the revenue?

IV. Public Banking

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after [the Bank of North Dakota](#)? Explain.

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?
- 3) Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work?
- 4) Do you support legislation to protect individuals against sexual assault?

VI. Children and Families

- 1) Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave?
- 2) Should the state provide universal availability of affordable child care?

VII. Environment

- 1) What measures, if any, would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources?
- 2) Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part?

- 3) Would you support developing the Philadelphia area as an Energy Hub?
- 4) Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW?

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 legalized for recreational use?
- 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?

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?

XI. Transportation

Currently the state constitution mandates that revenue from the state gasoline tax be spent only on roads and bridges. Would you support an amendment to the Constitution allowing gas tax revenue to be spent on public transportation?

XII. Reforming Legislative Districts

- 1) Do you support SB 22 (2017), which would (1) form an independent commission, and (2) apply sound methodologies, to draw all congressional, State House, and Senate districts fairly in Pennsylvania?
- 2) Would you support the reduction in size of the current PA House from 203 seats to 151 seats, as stipulated in HB 153?