

## 2018 Suburban Legislative Questionnaire

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### CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Daryl Boling

Office Sought: State Representative, District 152

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: *Daryl Boling*      Date: 2-20-18

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# NN Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

## BACKGROUND

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held? NA
2. If you have previously held a government office: NA
  - 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.) NA
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. We have a 6 term Republican incumbent with a losing record on voting for Social issues - but the voters don't know this. We will be working with grassroots orgs, like Turn PA Blue, to make sure we are getting the message out there, door to door, via phone, and via social media. The numbers are there - we just have to win back our socially conscious democrats!

## ISSUES

**Please note: Although most of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position.**

### I. OVERALL

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

First, our public education system needs reform. Desperately. We are mismanaging our resources when our public schools have to fundraise year-round just to maintain basic programs... not to mention advanced or special programs. Our kids deserve better, and that begins with better management of education dollars. I will bring a relentless dedication to ensuring the best use of public school funds while improving quality and access for our kids.

Second, I will fight for women's rights. We're going to end this debate, once and for all: about Equal Pay for Equal Work, about a woman's right to full reproductive freedom. I will fight the fight for women's rights because it is the right thing to do.

And fourth, equality for all – regardless of race, religion, gender or gender identification. Equality for all is the only acceptable victory in the fight against discrimination. We've had too much cruelty, too much exclusion, and too much silence in defense of the voiceless.

### II. Education

- 1) How do you feel about the role of charter schools in Pennsylvania's educational mix? If they have been given the necessary amount of time to reach a base year of operations and are functioning at desired levels, they can be great. But they must be given the time to establish and, after that time, if not performing well, we should re-evaluate. But priority one is public school funding – as it affects the greater number of students. If dissatisfied, what changes in state law would you sponsor to fix the problem? There just needs to be clear, established performance guidelines that are adhered to –for both schools and educators – and allow that to determine next steps.
- 2) What factors do you believe should be considered in determining *overall levels* of school funding in the Commonwealth, and funding *per school district*? *We have to level the playing field and make sure that resources are allocated to those districts that are underserved fiscally so that ALL students are allowed an equitable educational experience.*
- 3) Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free? I do believe that, based on one's individual profile, that this should be an option for all eligible students.
- 4) What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any? Don't feel most standardized tests are accurate assessment of student's abilities – and we spend too much time teaching for the test and not for a balance of experience.
- 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? Most students learn better when engaged face to face. Think it is a mistake. Human interaction is key.

### **III. Budget and Taxes**

- 1) Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part? Explain. Yes, In whole
- 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?  
yes
- 3) What changes if any would you support in corporate net income tax levels? Yes, increases
- 4) What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?  
tax cuts for middle class

- 5) Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole? fully
- 6) Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level? Yes, at the highest possible level.

#### **IV. Public Banking**

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after [the Bank of North Dakota](#)? Explain. From what I have read about the project and potential benefits, I am initially in support. That said, would prefer to due diligence to see success rates of other comparables.

#### **V. Women's Rights**

- 1) Do you believe there should be any restrictions on a woman's right to choose? If so, what? Zero restrictions
- 2) What additional protections should be enacted into law to protect women's health care? Expanded protections within the FMLA and short term disability to provide coverage for extended care both in hospital and postpartum recovery.
- 3) Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work? It should be the law of the land.

#### **VI. Children and Families**

- 1) Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave? I certainly think a healthy incentive for businesses who offer this benefit would be helpful.
- 2) Should the state provide universal availability of affordable child care? I think it is the goal, but I have not seen yet the fiscally responsible path yet. But it is the goal.

#### **VII. Environment**

- 1) Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part? Explain. I think it should be banned in whole. Period.
- 2) Would you support developing the Philadelphia area as an Energy Hub? Explain. For wind and solar, yes

- 3) Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW? Only if the primary benefactor from the sale are the citizens of Philadelphia and not that of top executives.
- 4) What measures would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources? Embracing wind, solar, geothermal as next generation industrial boom and incentivizing users.

## **VIII. Criminal Justice**

- 1) Should marijuana be legalized in all circumstances, or for medical use? Explain. All circumstances. All studies indicate it to be far less dangerous than alcohol or cigarettes, yet those are available to all once legal age. Billions of dollars of lost tax revenue left sitting on the table - while jails are unnecessarily filled with individuals for either use of small time distribution charges.
- 2) Should privately-owned prisons be permitted in Pennsylvania? No
- 3) Should we ban the box in Pennsylvania? yes
- 4) Should PA continue to build new prisons? We need to spend \$ on rehabilitation and not on incarceration.
- 5) Should PA begin to close prisons? Explain. Incentivize people to be contributing members of society as opposed to locking them up and throwing away the key
- 6) Do you support an end to the death penalty? yes
- 7) When if ever, should a juvenile be tried as an adult? There is no one litmus test for this. Case by case basis - must factor in all extenuating circumstances.
- 8) How would you deal with the problem of mass incarceration of minorities, particularly minority youth? Again - if we judge all on the same basis, and allow all youth regardless of economic background the same benefits, this could greatly reduce this issue.
- 9) Should stop and frisk be limited or outlawed? Racial profiling should be ended. Again - case by case basis. With proper training, sometimes it might be necessary.

## **IX. Campaign Finance Reform**

Would you support legislation to provide public financing for state and local election campaigns? Yes, if it corresponded with caps/limits on private funding.

## **X. Labor**

- 1) Should the minimum wage be increased? If so, to what level and should the increase be indexed to inflation? Raise to \$12 to start - review every several years to reflect COLA.
- 2) Do you believe that Philadelphia and other municipalities should continue to be pre-empted from increasing the minimum wage on their own? No
- 3) Do you support privatization of retail liquor sales in Pennsylvania? Are there any other services that you believe should be considered for privatization? yes
- 4) Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to form or join a union? Explain. Yes - raises wages, reduces wage inequality and set standard for non-unionized labor

## **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? yes

## **XII. Redistricting**

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? Yes

