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2018 Lt. Governor Questionnaire

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Mayor John Fetterman

Office Sought: Lieutenant Governor

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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NN Lt. Governor Questionnaire

BACKGROUND

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?
 - Mayor of Braddock, PA
2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
 - Bringing new businesses and overall life back to Braddock, a town that had suffered greatly when the steel industry left.
 - Through efforts such as the Braddock FreeStore and 412 Food Rescue, my wife and I, helped eliminate clothing and food insecurity in Braddock, as well as eliminating heating insecurity with partnerships of local heating providers.
 - Through community policing efforts, we managed to extremely lower gun violence in Braddock, that also resulted in 5 ½ years without the loss of life due to gun violence.
 - b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?
 - As Mayor of Braddock, we did not have specific caucuses or committees in our area, such as a legislator would have.
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.)
 - N/A as I've answered above
4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, and information on your campaign strategy, expected funding sources, and endorsements.
 - Campaign Strategy:
 - See Below (Plan to win this race)
 - Funding Sources:
 - We currently have over 3,600 grassroots supporters who make small dollar donations to our movement. Our dominant online presence allows us to raise funds.
 - We have some labor endorsements which will allow us to receive some labor donations.
 - House parties and events held by supporters will bring in grassroots support.
 - Endorsements:
 - Former Governor Ed Rendell
 - State Reps:
 - Rep. Ed Gainey (PA24)
 - Rep. Austin Davis (PA35)

- Rep. Adam Ravenstahl (PA20)
- Mayors:
 - Bill Peduto (Pittsburgh)
 - Eric Papenfuse (Harrisburg)
 - Marita Garrett (Wilkinsburg)
 - Emily Marburger (Bellevue)
 - Matt Shorraw (Monessen)
 - Matt Rudzki (Sharpsburg)
 - Curtis Antoniak (Jeannette)
- Council Members:
 - President Tina Doose (Braddock)
 - Councilman Cornell Wilson (City of Lebanon)
- Labor:
 - United Steelworkers District 10 (Statewide)
 - BCTGM Local 6 (Lehigh Valley)

5. What is your plan to win this race.

- To build on the 20% statewide vote that I received in my 2016 Senate Primary race, by re-energizing my progressive base across the state.
- To continue to reach out to those “forgotten voters” who left the party in 2016. These voices deserved to be heard and to be fought for.
- Running a true statewide grassroots race that meets as many voters as possible, while also deploying our huge volunteer base on the ground to meet voters in all parts of the state. Between our social media outreach and our on-the-ground presence, no other candidate in this race can match out statewide reach.
- Being an outspoken leader on the issues at the forefront of our party today; whether that's a living wage of at least \$15 an hour, standing up for our union brothers and sisters across the commonwealth, criminal justice reform, or protecting a woman's right to choose; to just name a few.

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.

Duties of Lt. Governor

1) What would be your three highest priorities as Lt. Governor? Explain.

- To be a progressive backstop for the Governor and ensure that Tom Wolf gets re-elected, to advocate for economic justice and our forgotten communities, and to utilize and transform the office to its fullest potential compared to previous administrations

2) Do you agree or disagree that “tough on crime” policies have overcrowded our prisons, and if so, what steps would you take with the Board of Pardons to reduce our prison population?

- Agree. As Mayor of Braddock and head of the Braddock Police Department I’m proud of the work we’ve done to reduce violence and gun-related events. We did this through implementing common sense community policing practices that actually reduced crime and kept people from getting locked into the system in the first place. In the 2016 primary I was the only candidate running for Senate that supported marijuana legalization and I continue to stand by that position. The impact has always fallen disproportionately on communities of color, which is unacceptable. I support the PA Supreme Court decision that overturned juvenile life sentences, and I am completely opposed to solitary confinement.

As it stands, it currently takes 3–6 years to get a pardon. That’s ridiculous! As Chair of the Board of Pardons I will work to get non-conviction data automatically be expunged. There needs to be an online portal that is makes the process for applying for a pardon accessible and user-friendly. I would also like to see brick-and-mortar sites that have internet access and in-person support. As chair I will see to it that the Board of Pardons would review more applications to expand clemency, and would work with stakeholders like Philly Lawyers for Social Equity to vet the applications.

3) What opportunities does the Board of Pardons offer for the future of criminal justice in Pennsylvania? Is the term “restorative justice” meaningful to you and if so how does it differ from a punitive system?

- The Board of Pardons should be used as a bully pulpit for the larger issue of criminal justice reform, and push legislators to move forward on bills like the Clean Slate Act. There is a real opportunity to build a statewide platform that elevates and exposes the damage created by the school-to-prison pipeline, the prison industrial complex, and “tough on crime” policies like “Stop and Frisk” and cash bail.

Restorative justice to me is just common sense. I based my approach to law enforcement policy on restorative justice practices as Mayor of Braddock. We trained our police to show discretion--just because you can charge someone

with a nonviolent offence, doesn't mean that you should. Restorative justice means that you create real avenues for people to reintegrate into society, and don't penalize people who struggle with poverty, addiction and/or disability.

Education

- 4) How do you feel about the role of charter schools in Philadelphia's educational mix? If dissatisfied, what changes in state law would you sponsor to fix the problem?
 - I do not support expansion of publicly funded charter schools. There is very poor and inconsistent systems of accountability for charters, especially cyber-charters. Local control needs to be reinstated. Taking money away from public schools and putting them into charter and private schools does not solve anything.
- 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 should be considering how many kids there are, what kinds of specific challenges they may have.
- 3) Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free?
 - Yes I do.
- 4) What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any?
 - Standardized tests can help us to assess what schools and districts need help, but the method of "all or nothing" and penalizing by cutting funding has gotten us nowhere. If anything it's caused us to regress.

Budget and Taxes

- 5) Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part? Explain.
 - Yes, those with more wealth should absolutely pay more so that low income are not burdened with an unrealistic percentage.
- 6) What changes if any would you support in the corporate net income tax levels?
 - We need to close the Delaware loophole, first and foremost, and hold companies accountable for doing business in our state.
- 7) What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?
 - I would support increasing personal incomes of the top wealthiest, and a

decrease for those who are low income.

- 8) Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole?
 - Yes absolutely.
- 9) Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level?
 - Yes, we should absolutely tax fracking. The highest we can go.
- 10) How would you resolve the budget impasse in Harrisburg?
 - We are in a bipartisan gridlock. Building up progressive power and infrastructure, and both sides of the aisle being willing to do what is best for Pennsylvanians who are most in need, is the only way I see us moving forward.

Public Banking

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after the Bank of North Dakota? Explain.

- Yes, if this type of change were possible. I think it is more realistic to implement locally, at the municipal level. We need to have banks with non-predatory lending practices, that serve the public to plan for the future.

Women's Rights

- 11) Do you believe there should be any restrictions on a woman's right to choose? If so, what?
 - Absolutely not. No one but a woman herself should have say in what she does with her body.
- 12) What additional protections should be enacted into law to protect women's health care?
 - I would support any proposal to further protect reproductive healthcare. It is a critical part of the welfare of our society.
- 13) Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work?
 - Absolutely. Women and even more so women of color work often have to work twice as hard as men, and are still getting paid \$.40-75 on the dollar.

Children and Families

Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave?

- Yes, absolutely.

14) Should the state provide universal availability of affordable child care?

- Yes.

Environment

15) Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part? Explain.

- Yes, I support ending fracking and transitioning to renewable greener energy. We need to think about our children's futures and get to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

16) Would you support developing Philadelphia as an Energy Hub? Explain.

- I do not support this. We need to come up with solutions to job growth that are environmentally sustainable.

17) Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW?

- In Braddock, I worked with the local gas company to keep the gas on so that families would not suffer in the cold months. This year I am proud to say that after 5 years of this partnership, we have completely eradicated heat insecurity in Braddock. No one should be at the whim of gas companies, no household or family should go cold, and we should not give companies free reign to punish poverty without systems of oversight at the municipal level.

18) What measures would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources?

- Recently I signed a pledge to not accept any money from oil, gas, or coal for my campaign. I am also a part of the Pennsylvania Coalition for 100% Renewable Energy by 2050. We need to attract renewable energy job creators to our state, and give them incentives to build a sustainable economy that will build toward a real future, free of fossil fuels.

Criminal Justice

19) Should marijuana be legalized in all circumstances, or for medical use? Explain.

- In the 2016 primary I was the only candidate running for Senate that supported marijuana legalization and I continue to stand by that position. The impact has always fallen disproportionately on communities of color, which is unacceptable. We should go full on Colorado and legalize it recreationally.

- 20) Should privately-owned prisons be permitted in Pennsylvania?
- No, absolutely not.
- 21) Should we ban the box in Pennsylvania?
- Yes, absolutely.
- 22) Should PA continue to build new prisons?
- No, we should be working on emptying them.
- 23) Should PA begin to close prisons? Explain.
- We need to start expunging records of people with marijuana possessions and stop penalizing minor offenses with jail time. It's inhumane.
- 24) Do you support an end to the death penalty?
- Yes, it's a barbaric practice.
- 25) When if ever, should a juvenile be tried as an adult?
- Never except in the case of extreme violence and danger to the public.
- 26) How would you deal with the problem of mass incarceration of minorities, particularly minority youth?
- We should be putting money into our public schools, not into prisons.
- 27) Should stop and frisk be limited or outlawed?
- Outlawed.

Campaign Finance Reform

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

- Yes

Labor

- 28) Should the minimum wage be increased? If so, to what level and should the increase be indexed to inflation?
- \$15/hr at least, but yes, it needs to increase with inflation.
- 29) Do you believe that Philadelphia should continue to be pre-empted from increasing the minimum wage on its own?
- The minimum wage should be increased statewide.
- 30) Do you support privatization of retail liquor sales in Pennsylvania? Are there any other services that you believe should be considered for privatization?
- Privatisation often leads to little oversight, and consumers and workers are hurt by it.
- 31) Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to

form or join a union? Explain.

- Absolutely. There is still a ton of risk for workers to try and unionize, resulting in retaliation that can fly under the radar.

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, we need to be putting more revenue into public transportation and safe options for cyclists.