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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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District: 99

Q2

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Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state): Eastern Tech
Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA): Baltimore Community College
Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations): Locust Hill Golf Course, Owner
Describe your current job & responsibilities: Daily Business Operations
How long have you worked for your current employer?: 12 years

Q4

Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

The state of West Virginia should set basic guidelines that do not infringe upon the businesses ability to be successful and allow the business to construct its own guidelines so that it can be prosperous in the state

Q5

What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

I have been a pillar for success in my area for several years I am an advocate for helping other local charities grow and be successful and I am the third largest tourist attraction in my area

Q6

Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

I am a member of the PGA I am the Director of the first tee program for the state of West Virginia

Q7

West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

Currently the state of West Virginia has significantly lowballed its budget for several years which is leading to a runaway surplus and it's time for some tax relief to businesses small businesses and its citizens

Q8

Do you support the passage of Amendment One on the November 2022 General Election ballot? The measure provides the legislature with the authority to repeal or phase out tangible personal property in the future, this includes tax on personal vehicles, small business inventory, and tax on manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment.

Not only do I support it I was at a sponsor

Q9

What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

One of the biggest obstacles we have in regards to growth in the state of West Virginia Is the fact that we do not have enough site ready Properties we should use resources through the EDA To identify site ready properties throughout the state so that we can market businesses to come to our areas

Q10

Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

Opioids have been a long problem for the state of West Virginia but one of the things that we're not looking at is the gateway drugs that lead us to many of these situations

Q11

Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

I understand these rights but as a business owner I have never looked at hiring or not hiring someone because of the color of their hair the way they dressed the whether or not they consider themselves a man or woman it is not my place to ask or to be involved in their personal sexual orientation or life it is my job to put the best employees to work for my company

Q12

What are your specific ideas for addressing workforce skills gaps in industry? Specifically, with the growth of manufacturing jobs in the state and need for diverse and skilled labor, what are your ideas to prepare the state's current and future workforce for manufacturing jobs.

Preparing the workforce starts in high school not all students are meant to go to college increasing vocational teachings in the high school level will help students identify whether they are best fit for college or treats

Q13

What are your ideas for improving outcomes in the state's K-12 public education system?

As a member of the education committee I work hard for the last two years and making our education system better the increase in school choice for our state has been tremendous but now we need to tackle individual programs that will help those who are directly impacted in our public schools

Q14

What ideas do you have for incorporating a focus on STEM education in our public schools and how could industry engage to support increased workforce learning models in middle and high schools, as well as career and technical education centers (vo-tech)?

As I've said before increasing the exposure to take classes in schools I gotta help to identify whether each child is better fit for college or to enter the trade market

Q15

Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

With the recent ruling by the Supreme Court that will keep the EPA out of the state of West Virginia's business I think we will see a more competitive atmosphere for growth we also need to address local control in regards to local county ordinances that are against manufacturing or large scale business

Q16

What do you think West Virginia could do to promote energy diversity including the growth of renewable energy sources in the state?

As a member of the Energy Committee I've seen several new Legislative pieces that are helping the state become more energy diverse this is something that many businesses are looking for and we need to continue to build on solar and other diverse energy programs and maintain our leader ship in this country is an energy exporter

Q17

Many corporations have established environmental, social, and governance criteria. How would such goals impact your decision making on relevant policy issues as a member of legislator?

The legislature should not get involved in a businesses ideas or thoughts on environmental or social issues if that businesses choose to we just need to make sure that all businesses are working on the same balanced playing field

Q18

If you could work on a single piece of legislation to help support manufacturers with in the state of West Virginia what would it be? and Why?

As a mentioned before having site ready programs in place so that we can attract specific businesses that will fit into these properties and fit into the communities we will see an increase in business is moving to the state of West Virginia. Secondly we need to make sure that the communities are prepared with infrastructure to assist with growth from supportive businesses and housing for employees

Q19

Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Remotely or in person during interims

Q20

Where may the WVMA follow you on social media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

Clark for Delegate on Facebook
