



2020 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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Questions:

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

I Support Less Government Intervention; Permit Businesses To grow/encourage Businesses To Come To WV

2. 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 Am ProBusiness in my district as well as WV. I believe my Voting Record during the 84th legislature will support my claim

3. 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.

4. 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?

We need to continue to encourage business and industry to relocate here, and grow with us. We must work to keep spending down and growth up.

5. During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

It is a very complex issue. However, I ~~believe~~ would have voted to permit West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment phase the tax out.

6. 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?

We need to find ways to attract investors and encourage job growth. Find proven ways to grow our economy.

7. 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?

We have to continue to find ways to help with addiction while making certain that our criminal code is up to date with regard to punishment for those responsible for distributing, selling, and moving it into our state.

8. 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 don't believe in discrimination against the human race period. These "tags" have to go.

9. What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

- ✓ Make our state attractive to people wanting to relocate
- ✓ Vocational and Technical training in our schools
- develop a "Work Ready" pool specifically trained to meet the needs of our changing state.

10. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

I support the WV DEP approach of establishing an "active" workgroup to look at the situation

11. 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?

I don't believe we should be "over regulating" ~~businesses~~ businesses or industry. We have to find ways to stimulate job growth not restrict it.

12. What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

I look forward to a continued great working relationship with the membership and thank you for your past endorsements

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

yes

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

Facebook: Delegate David L. Kelly - District 6
Twitter: David Kelly @WVDelegateDKelly
Instagram: Delegatedavidkelly - Delegate David L. Kelly

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Charleston, W.Va.**

Monday, November 16, 2020

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