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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

Candidate Name: Walter Hall
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Party Affiliation: Republican
District: 58

Q2

Contact Info-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state): Saint Albans High School - Saint Albans, WV
Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA): Marshall University - B.S. Business Administration with emphasis in Marketing
Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations): Agent - Morris Insurance Services
Describe your current job & responsibilities: Insurance Agent
How long have you worked for your current employer?: 15 Years

Q4

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

I am a strong advocate for business and industry in West Virginia.

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 spent my whole life working for the betterment of my community whether that be serving as the Vice Mayor of the City of Saint Albans, or President of the 25177 Foundation raising money for our youth.

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.

Member - St. Albans Area Chamber of Commerce

Member of the BAD Building Team (Addresses vacant and dilapidated structures in St. Albans)

President of the 25177 Foundation (Non-profit organization geared towards helping our youth)

Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of St. Albans

Member of the Rotary WV Flood Relief Team

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?

One of the most important issues our state faces is our youth are simply leaving our state. I will work in the House of Delegates everyday to ensure that our youth has quality, high paying jobs right here in West Virginia.

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.

Strongly Support

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?

Our state's youth is extremely important for the future of our state. I will work extremely hard in the Legislature to attract companies to locate in West Virginia and produce quality jobs for our youth.

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?

Unfortunately, my district is not exempt from the opioid crisis. As President of the 25177, I have done work to promote healthy choices for the youth in Saint Albans. I will continue to work with the youth in my district to educate them on the dangers of opioids. I think that a strong economy with booming businesses and plentiful job opportunities is paramount to keep our citizens from turning to opioids. We also need to have quality help available to those who truly want help with their addiction.

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 look forward to joining the team in the West Virginia Legislature has done great work in recent years to make West Virginia more business friendly.

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.

I believe that it is important to our youth to be afforded with more opportunities to attend technical and trade schools so they are able to learn the skills to become successful. I am proud to say that I offer scholarships to youth that plan on attending one of these schools.

Q13

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

As I have said many times before, our youth is extremely important to the success of West Virginia. We must provide educators with competitive pay and benefits to keep them in West Virginia. We also need to ensure that our youth has adequate resources available in and out of the classroom to excel.

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 someone who provides scholarships for students entering CT and Vo-Tech programs, I am in strong support.

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?

I am supportive of policies that will help West Virginia's business climate grow to create quality jobs for all West Virginians. I plan on taking my experience and skill to the House of Delegates to be apart of meaningful legislation to encourage this.

Q16

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

I would be open to exploring some of West Virginia's energy resources, especially ones that would save business money. I have spoken to multiple small businesses in my district about solar panels on roofs and how much they would save monthly on electric bills. I am very much open to exploring things that would be business friendly.

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?

I plan on working with House Leadership on any piece of legislation that would help to make West Virginia more business friendly. I look forward to bringing my experience working with non profits and small businesses to the legislature for economic development policy.

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 pro-business and manufacturing delegate, I would to sit down with various West Virginia manufacturers to see what their needs are and craft legislation that would make their lives better.

Q19

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

Yes to both

Q20

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

Facebook - Walter Hall for House of Delegates in District 58
