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**Q1**

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

**Candidate Name:** Mark A Hunt  
**Office Seeking:** State Senat  
**Party Affiliation:** Republican  
**District:** 8

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**Q2**

Contact Info-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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**Q3**

Education &amp; Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

**High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state):** Stonewall Jackson 1978  
**Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA):** University of Charleston B.A. '82; Marshall University M.A. '84; University of the District of Columbia J.D '94  
**Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations):** Mark A Hunt & Associates PLLC  
**Describe your current job & responsibilities:** Managing Attorney  
**How long have you worked for your current employer?:** 28 years

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**Q4**

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

Government should only establish a framework for the free market economy to thrive with out regulation.

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**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 am a business owner of 28 years. An Attorney with 20 years of Legislative experience. I've passed over 100 bills to promote life in WV.

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**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.

WV State Bar, Ky State Bar, Moose, Masons.

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**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?

West Virginia must continue to improve and build infrastructure, roads, schools, clean water and sewage, broadband.

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**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.

Yes

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**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?

It's all about infrastructure, good schools, safe streets, better roads. A good tax structure without over regulation.

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**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?

Drug use comes from hopelessness. Good paying jobs would go a long way.

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**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?

WV Human Rights Act protects all persons. Those violating should be penalized.

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**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.

We need to bolster our Community College programs and encourage students who wish to attend our technical schools.

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**Q13**

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

We need safe and modern schools with qualified teachers and be able to reward and pay our teachers who excel and reward our students who excel with more help to continue their education or skills.

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**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)?

STEM classes should be mandatory in both middle and High School. Business Industry should offer our students some incentives to do well in STEM classes.

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**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?

Rules should be no more restrictive than Federal Standards. In some areas like Coal and Timber we should seek waivers from Washington to allow our industries to survive outside of normal operations.

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**Q16**

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

WV should look to solar and hydro sources, also wind. But balance our need to mine coal and sell it particularly the metallurgical coal. Tax incentives could promote the above.

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**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?

Any effort to educate legislators on issues regarding business is always helpful.

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**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?

Improved Infrastructure in any and all fashions.

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**Q19**

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

Yes

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**Q20**

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

Mark Hunt For State Senate, Facebook, [www.votemarkhunt.com](http://www.votemarkhunt.com)

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