



2022 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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Time with Current Employer: _____
Current Job Responsibilities: Am currently a member of the House of Delegates

Questions:

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

Government is a provider of rules for operation that align with the public interest while not interfering with operational decisions of business entities

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 have over 35 years of experience dealing with environmental issues pertaining to energy and industry. I understand better than many the implications of policy to environmental impacts

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.

Serbian Mens Club, AMSPWA

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?

Making wise use of our resources to the best of our advantage

5. 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.

Passing Amendment One has been a goal of mine since I entered the legislature in 2015. I believe we can help set the table for future prosperity using the flexibility the Amendment provides

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 are supplying 31% of the nations natural gas in this region. That puts us in a market dominant position. Leveraging this position should be used to maximize advantage

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?

Get our national leaders to close the border,

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 have always maintained a policy of not asking questions about one's life outside of work.

9. 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 have a well positioned system of community colleges that should benefit this effort. More communication is needed to develop programs and let students know what is available.

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

During the past session we passed a bill to strengthen K-3 resources. I think this time is critical to development and would like to revisit the initiative.

11. 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)?

Education needs to start focusing on STEM early in the educational process. This will be difficult if we do not address the purpose of education.

12. 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?

The clean air and clean water acts have been very successful in decreasing pollution. Review and discussion going forward to adjust the regulation is essential to good policy formulation.

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

Keep doing what we are doing, but with eyes open to the impacts

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

Companies can set their own internal standards. They should take great care to be fair to all people and entities.

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

Working to eliminate the business & inv. tax would be a good start.

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

Absolutely would be available

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

Facebook

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Charleston, W.Va.**

Monday, September 12, 2022

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