



2010 State Candidate Questionnaire

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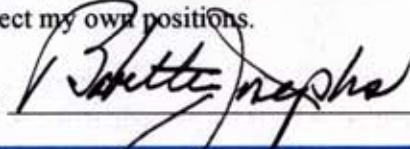
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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Babette Josephs Office Sought House of Rep. (182nd)

I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature:  Date: 4/14/10

Please complete, sign and return this form via mail to:

Neighborhood Networks
c/o John Hogan and Kathy Quinn, Co-Chairs, Elections Committee
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BACKGROUND

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?
2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
 - b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?
3. If you have not previously held a government office, what community or policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)
4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, and information on your campaign strategy, expected funding sources, and endorsements.

ISSUES

1. Would you support legislation to provide public financing for state and local election campaigns?

Yes No

2. What limitations, if any, do you think should be placed on the rights of Pennsylvania citizens (including former prisoners) to vote? *None*

2a. Would you support legislation allowing for a verified paper ballot receipt?

Yes No

2b. Would you support legislation providing for same day registration and unrestricted voting by absentee ballot?

Yes No

3. Would you support any limitations, including waiting periods, on a woman's access to abortion?

Yes No

3a. Would you support repeal of existing restrictions on a woman's right to choose?

Yes No

3b. Would you support any limitations on a woman's access to contraception, including emergency contraception?

Yes No

3c. If yes to either, what limitations do you support? *n/a*

I started the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League in the 1970's.

4. Do you believe that same-sex couples in committed relationships should have the right to marry?

Yes No

4a. If no, do you support the right to domestic partnership rights? *n/a*

Yes No

5. Would you support legislation to limit the purchases of handguns to one a month?

Yes No

5a. What other legislation, if any, would you sponsor or support to reduce the number of handguns in circulation in Philadelphia?

*Reporting lost stolen handguns
Restore state funding for Gun Violence Task Force + its expansion
Gun dealer mandatory reporting
Apply good gun standards to ammunition
Require background checks for gun dealers*

6. Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to form or join a union? *yes*

*Allow local gun laws
Eliminate "Florida" loophole in concealed carry reciprocity agreements
Limit number of guns one citizen can purchase over time*

*gun
control
weapons*

Yes ___ No

7. Do you favor an automatic cost-of-living adjustment to the minimum wage?

Yes ___ No

8. What measures, if any would you support to strengthen anti-discrimination laws?

Pass HB 300 to address employment, housing, and public accommodation discrimination against LGBT citizens
End discrimination against (mostly) women based on familial or marital status.
Fully fund the PA Human Relations Commission

9. Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working for contractors of the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work?

Yes ___ No

10. Would you support an increase in the state's share of funding for public schools?

I support the Good Schools formula

Yes ___ No

11. What measures would you support to guarantee access for all Pennsylvanians to quality affordable healthcare?

Single payer legislation - I am a co-sponsor of HB 1660
Better regulation of health insurance industry

12. Do you believe that taxation should generally be progressive, so that people and businesses with higher incomes pay taxes at higher rates?

Yes ___ No

12a. If yes, would you support an amendment to the state constitution allowing such taxation?

Yes ___ No

12b. What other measures do you support, if any, to make PA personal and business taxes more progressive?

close the corporate loophole
redirecting gas tax to mass transit and other needs
raise personal income tax & raise floor for the working poor

13. What categories of state spending do you think should be significantly increased or decreased?

increase: (1) life-long public learning (2) mass transit (3) insurance company regulation (4) parole/probation (5) gun control enforcement

Fund through taxes on: other tobacco products; natural gas extraction
close corporate loophole; raise personal income tax

14. What economic development strategies for Pennsylvania and Philadelphia would you seek to encourage?
make sure state/fed monies go to green small business development

15. Currently the state constitution mandates that revenue from the state gasoline tax be spent only on roads and bridges. Would you support an amendment allowing gas tax revenue to be spent on public transportation?

yes.

subsidize building LEEDS construction

16. What measures would you support to ensure that Pennsylvanians have clean air and water?

protect the public forest
improve mass transit - use gas tax
increase portfolio standards
increase funding green business development

cease drilling in Marcellus shale
encourage consumption of local food and other products.

17. What measures would you support to preserve and provide parks and green spaces?

protect the public forest

① I am working on: divesting state public funds from terror and genocide sponsoring countries
② ensuring minority and women owned businesses their fair share of state/federal contracting monies