

**CONGRESSIONAL 2022 QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR PHILLY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS**

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Alexandria (Alex) Khalil

Office Sought: US Senate

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: Alexandria Khalil

Date: 02/17/2022

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2022 Congressional Questionnaire

BACKGROUND *Please note: answers to questions 7-9 are optional.*

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?
Borough Councilor for the Borough of Jenkintown
2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
Currently serving on the Public Safety and Public Work Committee, I am the Borough Liaison for the Jenkintown Human Relations Commission and School Board
 - b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?
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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, advertisement copy, and flyers. see attached



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*Community,
Compassion, Justice
and Prosperity for
All Pennsylvanians*

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Dear Neighbor,
My name is Alex Khalil. I am running for the U.S. Senate to represent all Pennsylvanians in Washington, D.C. I believe our leaders must show Strength and Compassion. You and your family are the focus of my agenda. I will fight for:

- High quality, inclusive education & REBUILD OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!
- Environmental Justice - modernize our infrastructure and energy innovation, fight against privatization of our utilities and roads. Support the Green New Deal
- Equitable Justice and Equitable Policing in Our Communities
- End Injustice in our legal system
- Healthcare as a Human Right and Medicare for All
- Bring jobs back to PA, support small businesses, \$15/hr minimum wage
- End Food Insecurity
- Global Human Rights
- End Bribery in Politics
- Support Local Journalism

5. What, if any, endorsements have you received? What others are you seeking? None
6. What is your plan to win this race, including your fundraising goals and strategies. Continue attending community meetings, canvassing and sending out my literature and phone banking,
7. What, if any, genders, do you identify with? She/her
8. What is your sexual orientation? Heterosexual
9. What is your racial, ethnic identity? For the census I identify as white, I am a Palestinian Muslim American – daughter and granddaughter of immigrants from the West Bank and East Jerusalem (Wad al Joz)

ISSUES

Please note: Although many of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” you should feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position. If you believe you

do not have enough information to answer a question, or have not formed an opinion, please so state.

II. Income and Wealth Inequality, and Benefit Programs.

- 1) What is your position on the rate of the estate tax, and to whom it should apply? I would have to study this further – small farmers and middle and working class families should not be penalized. I see this more for the millionaire and billionaire class. I would also like to protect assets for working and middle class families from the 100% tax that is Medicaid. Families are wiped out financially when a loved one needs long term care.
- 2) How, if at all, should the personal income tax be modified? Yes – lower for middle and working class and much higher for people earning more than \$300,000 / year
- 3) Would you impose a tax on stock and bond transactions? If so, at what rate? Yes but I am unsure at what rate.
- 4) Would you support a wealth tax? Yes
- 5) To what level and by what date would you raise the minimum wage to ensure it provides a sustainable living wage? Immediately – starting at \$15/hr,
- 6) Would you support a single-payer health care system or seek to improve Obamacare, and if the latter, how? I support the Australian model – A public Medicare for all and Private.
- 7) Would you support universal childcare, and/or universal pre-K to reduce poverty? Definitely
- 8) Would you support making the choice of union membership less onerous by, among other things, requiring certification of unions based upon a card-check alone, easing union organizers' access to the workplace, and barring mandatory attendance by workers at employer anti-union meetings? Yes
- 9) What you break up or nationalize the big banks? Break up big banks and Big Tech – yes. Nationalize if they were headed to default like in 2007
- 10) How, if at all, would you modify the Federal Reserve system? I support a Federal Reserve policy focused on 1. economic

development of communities throughout PA and the US, 2. Raise the standard of living for the working class and middle class, 3. full employment with living wages and benefits for the American people.

III. Campaign Finance and Voting Rights.

- 1) Would you support a publicly financed system of campaign financing?
Yes
- 2) Would you support complete transparency regarding the funding of campaigns, including disclosure of all spending by wealthy donors?
Yes
- 3) Would you impose a cap on spending by Super-PACs, advocacy groups and lobbyists? Yes
- 4) Would you support a Constitutional Amendment establishing that corporations are not people and do not have the rights of citizens, such as free speech or religion? Yes
- 5) What reforms would you support to make it easier to vote in Federal elections? (e.g., early voting, same day registration, a federal Holiday on Election Day, federal standards for voting rights, counting of votes, and redistricting by states, a Constitutional Amendment establishing the right to vote, restoration of the Voting Rights Act to its original scope)? Yes

IV. Climate Change. Would you support:

- A tax on carbon? Yes
- A full or partial ban on offshore drilling? partial
- A ban, or other limitation, on fracking? limitation on fracking with the goal of using another method for gas extraction and for requiring gas, oil and ALL mining operations to provide a large bond up front to cover environmental accidents and remediation
- A ban on mountaintop removal? Yes
- Raising petroleum fuel economy standards to 65 miles per hour by 2025? Yes

- Legislation requiring 100% clean energy by a date certain (please specify the date) and the funding needed to make it a reality? No - I support environmental stewardship which includes - capping old oil and gas wells, methane capping and reducing natural gas leakage., I support Regenerative Farming which provides carbon capture and prevents runoff that can harm waterways. I support providing farmers with tax credits and carbon payments for switching to Regenerative Farming techniques. High Speed Rail funding for Pennsylvania and replacing the current public transportation buses and public vehicles with Hydrogen powered and electric powered vehicles.

Provide more regulation and oversight on all mining to ensure protection of waterways from runoff and contamination

Abandoned [Mine Reclamation](#) - In PA there are over \$15 billion worth of reclamation yet to be completed. At the current rate of reclamation, it has been projected that 105 years would be required to get the job done.

Convert old coal mines to geothermal systems currently utilized in the Netherlands

- Banning new nuclear plants and enacting plans for the ultimate shutdown of existing ones? No. I would like to see Navajo lands remediated from nuclear dust caused by mining and water pipelines to Native American Lands suffering due to lack of water but used for mining - nuclear, copper, lithium, iron etc. I would like to see the The General Mining Law of 1872 updated to include protections to Native American religious lands, remediation of those lands, sharing in the gross profits of any extracted minerals and requiring their consent when mining is on their ancestral lands.
- Infrastructure support (recharging stations, etc) and tax incentives for electric automobiles? Yes and No - I have deep concerns about the anti-union and anti-workers rights and safety currently exhibited by Tesla and others. No one gets a blank check. I support environmental renewal and stewardship - alternative energies are not clean when you include the extensive amount of mining involved especially on indigenous lands here and around the world and Africa. The same players who brought us war and environmental catastrophes control many of the mineral rights around the world.

V. Immigration. Do you believe we should:

- 1) Provide a path toward citizenship for the 11 million residents who are here without papers? Yes

- 2) Allow non-citizens to buy health insurance under Obamacare? Yes
- 3) Provide humanitarian parole to return unjustly deported immigrants and unify broken families? Yes
- 4) End the dumping of Central American immigrants in dangerous locations in their home countries? Yes
- 5) Allow Syrian refugees and others subject to political violence to settle in this country? Yes

VI. Racial Justice. Do you believe the federal government should:

- 1) Demilitarize local police forces? Yes
- 2) Provide incentives, or mandates, to:
 - a. increase diversity in local police forces? Yes
 - b. require police to use body cameras? Yes
 - c. promote community policing? Yes – FYI – Jenkintown’s police department was an early adapter of community policing
 - d. replace police as the first or sole responders to incidents not involving the threat by purported offenders of violent force? Yes
- 3) Abolish minimum sentencing? Yes
- 4) Decriminalize possession of marijuana or other controlled substances? Marijuana Yes , controlled substances such as heroin – no
- 5) Ban private prisons? Yes
- 6) Ban the box that requires job applicants to declare prior arrests? Yes
- 7) Require that the environmental analysis for a permit for a polluting facility must consider both the disparate and cumulative environmental burden borne by a community? Yes and require the remediation of current facilities so that communities and companies can continue to thrive in PA

- 8) Provide reparations for the impact of slavery and Jim Crow on African-Americans? Yes and for Native Americans

VII. Women's Rights. Do you believe the federal government should:

- 1) Enact legislation to end wage discrimination based on gender? Yes
- 2) Guarantee affordable childcare for every working parent? Yes
- 3) Require employers to provide paid family leave, paid vacation and paid sick days to every American worker? YES!!!!
- 4) End the ban on federal funding for abortion services? Yes

VIII. War and Peace. Do you think the federal government should:

- 1) Use economic incentives to pressure Israel to end the occupation? YES
- 2) Support a policy of reducing American military presence around the world? Yes
- 3) Repeal or modify the Patriot Act? Yes
- 4) Bar the US from torturing prisoners under any and all circumstances? Yes
- 5) Cut the defense budget to increase spending on social service priorities at home? Yes
- 6) Close Guantanamo? Yes
- 7) Pursue a different policy with North Korea? Yes
- 8) Ban first use of nuclear weapons and renew arms negotiations to lower nuclear stockpiles? Yes

IX. Corporate Tax Policy. Do you think we should:

- 1) Prevent corporations that are American for all practical purposes from avoiding U.S. taxes by claiming to be a foreign company through the establishment of a post office box in a tax haven country? Yes
- 2) Repeal loopholes and tax subsidies throughout the federal tax code that benefit oil, natural gas, and coal special interests? Yes

- 3) Ban corporate inversions that masquerade US corporations as foreign corporations to evade corporate taxes? Yes
- 4) End the carried interest loophole? Yes
- 5) Reverse or modify the Trump tax bill's corporate tax cuts, and if so, how? I would return to the tax rate under Reagan and provide incentives to corporation that open and modernized manufacturing facilities in the and paid living wages and hired union workers.

X. Education

- 1) What is your view of the appropriate role of testing in student and school evaluations? I think it is helpful when students, like my son, appear to not be learning, good testing should be able to provide services to children with learning disabilities.
- 2) How, if at all, should the federal government promote equity in school district funding? Treat rebuilding of schools as infrastructure and allow federal funds to be used to rebuild schools. Treat schools as a national security interest and provide extra funding for teachers, books and job training
- 3) Do you support eradicating all student debt? Yes
- 4) What role should charter schools play in school districts and how do you believe the federal government should either promote them, restrict, or otherwise regulate them? Charter schools
- 5) Do you support making public college tuition free? If not, do you have other proposals to reduce the cost of a college education? Yes and demand that schools return their focus on educating students and not college sports and very expensive dorms. Also the tax code could be used that would allow the cost of college tuition to be deducted from a student's or their parent's taxes.

XI. Miscellaneous

- 1) How, if at all, do you think U.S. trade policy needs to change? Yes - we need to penalize companies that ship manufacturing to cheap labor countries. We need to provide tax incentives to those that manufacture in the U. We need to declare more goods (semi-conductors, masks, surgical gloves, computers, drugs) as

national security items that must be manufactured in the US. I would vote YES on Build Back Better which focuses on US Trade policy and manufacturing in the US.

- 2) What measures would you support to reduce youth unemployment, particularly among minorities? I believe we need to institute job training programs in high school as well as fund and promote entrepreneurship in high
- 3) How would you reform or repair Social Security? I would provide raises to seniors who earn less than \$100,000. I would eliminate Medicare deductibles and copays, negotiate prescription drug costs, add dental, eye care and hearing aids to Medicare.
- 4) How would you prioritize the elements of the President's Build Back Better Plan, and would you vote to pass those elements without the rest? I believe we need to pass the entire bill but I also know that if we put the Medicare items first that would put Manchin, Sinema and the Republicans in a corner. Next I would prioritize Biden's industrial policy. We need to begin actually competing again in alternative energies but most components such as solar panels (70% made in China) and Wind generators (majority made in Europe and Asia) are not manufactured in the US. We need just job transitions if we are going to move into the next generation of energy which currently does not exist.
 - a. <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/01/02/georgia-solar-factory-biden-industrial-policy-526287>
- 5) How, if at all, would you change the filibuster? I would eliminate it – yes there is a chance the Republicans would use it against us should they regain the House and Senate but it is a chance we need to take – we as a nation cannot go on with this obstructionist Congress.
- 6) How, if at all, would you change the process for certifying the election of Presidents? I am unsure because this current Supreme Court would certainly through out any changes that would affect states rights to regulate an election. On the Federal level – until Trump became President it was never an issue.
- 7) Do you believe the Supreme Court should be enlarged, or other measures taken to reverse the ability of the Court to permanently be in the way of progressive legislative policies? I believe we need to mandatory retirement ages for the SC justices, yes – I would enlarge the SC if it continues on its current extreme right wing path.