

**CONGRESSIONAL 2022 QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR PHILLY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS**

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

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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: Michael Cogbill 4/20 Date: 2/17/2022

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? None
2. If you have previously held a government office: N/A
 - 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.)

Gun Violence Prevention, Economic Justice: Dwight Evans, Ryan Boyer and Pat Eiding.

4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, advertisement copy, and flyers.
5. What, if any, endorsements have you received? What others are you seeking?
6. What is your plan to win this race, including your fundraising goals and strategies.

Doors, Direct Mail, Social Media. I think we have a solid shot with 75k

7. What, if any, genders, do you identify with? Cis Male
8. What is your sexual orientation? Heterosexual
9. What is your racial, ethnic identity? Black Indigenous North Philian

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 believe the the federal estate tax threshold should be lowered. PA

has a gift tax, but the concept of generational wealth is obsolete for black people... Estates of slave owning lineage should be taxed the highest.

2) How, if at all, should the personal income tax be modified?

Taxing the rich

3) Would you impose a tax on stock and bond transactions? If so, at what rate? Yes, IDK I'll ask for help.

4) Would you support a wealth tax? Absolutely!

5) To what level and by what date would you raise the minimum wage to ensure it provides a sustainable living wage? \$25.00hr by 2030

6) Would you support a single-payer health care system or seek to improve Obamacare, and if the latter, how? Medicare for all is the only answer.

7) Would you support universal childcare, and/or universal pre-K to reduce poverty? Yes

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 Pharma too they are exploiting humans!

10)How, if at all, would you modify the Federal Reserve system? I would but Idk how. I had the opportunity to sit in on calls with the fed reserve, I will say poverty is truly a policy choice...

III. Campaign Finance and Voting Rights.

1) Would you support a publicly financed system of campaign financing? Yes! I would crush Dwight if we took big money out of politics.

2) Would you support complete transparency regarding the funding of campaigns, including disclosure of all spending by wealthy donors? Absolutely!!

3) Would you impose a cap on spending by Super-PACs, advocacy groups and lobbyists? Does that mean progressive groups too??? I can't let that happen to planned parenthood PAC or Anti Gun orgs.

- 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? Absolutely!
- 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)? All of them, pass the John Lewis voting rights act and the freedom to vote act right now!!!

IV. Climate Change. Would you support:

- 1) A tax on carbon? Yes
- 2) A full or partial ban on offshore drilling? Full
- 3) A ban, or other limitation, on fracking? Ban
- 4) A ban on mountaintop removal? Idk what that is I'll look it up after but ain't no mountains in PA-3
- 5) Raising petroleum fuel economy standards to 65 miles per hour by 2025? Yes but let's stop bailing Elon Musk out and train other folks on the energy efficiency and electric industry.
- 6) Legislation requiring 100% clean energy by a date certain (please specify the date) and the funding needed to make it a reality? I don't know, I do believe with the transition we have to consider poverty and structural unemployment I hope to see 100% renewable energy before I'm buried in Evisu Jeans...
- 7) Banning new nuclear plants and enacting plans for the ultimate shutdown of existing ones? I'm with it.
- 8) Infrastructure support (recharging stations, etc) and tax incentives for electric automobiles? Yeah but I said previously we have to stop bailing Tesla out before they even fall!!

V. Immigration. Do you believe we should:

- 1) Provide a path toward citizenship for the 11 million residents who are here without papers? Yes. Once you've paid a certain amount of taxes you should automatically become a citizen too.
- 2) Allow non-citizens to buy health insurance under Obamacare? Absolutely!
- 3) Provide humanitarian parole to return unjustly deported immigrants and unify broken families? Absolutely! Abolish ICE now!
- 4) End the dumping of Central American immigrants in dangerous locations in their home countries? Absolutely!
- 5) Allow Syrian refugees and others subject to political violence to settle in this country? Absolutely!

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

- 1) Demilitarize local police forces? Yes!! Not defend! Good job NN!
- 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!!!!
 - 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? Yes!!!! And stop the police from taking kids money!!
- 5) Ban private prisons? Yes!!!! Also anyone incarcerated should receive a IEP.
- 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!!!

- 8) Provide reparations for the impact of slavery and Jim Crow on African-Americans? Yes and I will accept Bitcoin...

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!!! I will propose fed workers bill of rights.
- 4) End the ban on federal funding for abortion services? Absolutely!!!

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

- 1) Use economic incentives to pressure Israel to end the occupation? IDK and I think black folks are excused from taking stances on nationalism. I'll never understand the concept of a flag, territory or language. + The word Nigger has traveled across the world when referencing black people from The United States.
- 2) Support a policy of reducing American military presence around the world? IDK. Other countries have military presence on our soil as well as spy's.
- 3) Repeal or modify the Patriot Act? Repeal!! War criminal legislation!
- 4) Bar the US from torturing prisoners under any and all circumstances? Absolutely!!!
- 5) Cut the defense budget to increase spending on social service priorities at home? Absolutely!!!
- 6) Close Guantanamo? It's still open???
- 7) Pursue a different policy with North Korea? I would try.
- 8) Ban first use of nuclear weapons and renew arms negotiations to lower nuclear stockpiles? Absolutely!!!

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? Modify by increasing corporate tax rate, taxing the rich and expanding provisions for working families. Make permanent the child care tax credit do away with school choice tax credit.

X. Education

- 1) What is your view of the appropriate role of testing in student and school evaluations? There is no appropriate role.
- 2) How, if at all, should the federal government promote equity in school district funding? Well equity isn't really enough, we need to restore the office of civil rights in the department of Ed and begin a a system of educational reparations.
- 3) Do you support eradicating all student debt? I do but alot of the people who need the most help in PA-3 don't have student debt. People incur debt and bad credit over stupid stuff like utilities and cell phone bills and hospitals bills.
- 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? I am anti-charter, and federal dollars should not be spent on charter schools until we fix our public education infrastructure.
- 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 integrating the equitable post secondary educational opportunities like the skilled trades.

XI. Miscellaneous

- 1) How, if at all, do you think U.S. trade policy needs to change? IDk I'll do more research.
- 2) What measures would you support to reduce youth unemployment, particularly among minorities? Integrating advanced post secondary educational opportunities.
- 3) How would you reform or repair Social Security? Expand S.S. I like warrens all generations plan it's on my website.
- 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? We need all of it!! We should not have got infrastructure until with out BBB.
- 5) How, if at all, would you change the filibuster? Obliterate the filibuster.
- 6) How, if at all, would you change the process for certifying the election of Presidents? The electoral college must be stripped of accreditation.
- 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? Im ready, refer to the state house questionnaire I started and stopped.