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2022 PA State Legislative Questionnaire

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

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?
 - a. Township Commissioner
 - b. PA State Senator since 2014
2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
Affordable Housing, COVID-19 response and readiness, Economic Development
 - c. **What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?**
 - i. Co-Chair of Criminal Justice Reform Caucus
 - ii. Appropriations
 - iii. Judiciary
 - iv. Finance
 - v. Dem Chair of Health and Human services
 - vi. Co-chair of life sciences caucus
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.
5. What, if any, endorsements have you received? What others are you seeking?
 - Working Families Party
6. What is your plan to win this race, including your fundraising goals and strategies.
 - Engage voters through door to door canvassing, phone banking, text banking, & social media marketing
 - Raise over \$140K to cover campaign cost and support Dems across PA
7. What, if any, genders, do you identify with?
 - Male
8. What is your sexual orientation?
 - Heterosexual
9. What is your racial, ethnic identity?
 - Black, African American

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 say so.

I. OVERALL

What would be your three highest priorities as a legislator? Explain.

1. Working to end discrimination in schools and the workplace
2. Work to Invest \$30 million in anti-violence programs
3. Expand paid leave and raise the minimum wage for hardworking Pennsylvanians

These three legislative priorities will make my district and our state a safer, and more equitable commonwealth for all.

II. Education

- 1) Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free?
yes
- 2) What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any?
 - a. Yes. While standardized test are not the only indicators of student achievement, there is a value in marking this objective progress.
- 3) What factors do you believe should be considered in determining *overall levels* of school funding in the Commonwealth, and funding *per school district*?
 - a. *Across the Commonwealth and per district, funding should able to meet the need of the district size and scale. State funding should support where poorer districts are not able to provide adequate funding through other funding levers.*
- 4) Approximately 33% of Philadelphia students are enrolled in charter schools. What is your position on the expansion of charter schools? **Should they be given public money via vouchers or similar programs (like ESAs)?** What role do you think public schools play in our city?
 - a. I am not in favor of expanding the existing charter schools within Philadelphia. I am opposed to voucher programs. Public schools

should be pillars within our community and should be properly funded to meet the needs of their students and help them to succeed in life.

III. Budget and Taxes

- 1) Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part?
 - a. Yes
- 2) What changes if any would you support in the corporate net income tax levels?
See this: <https://krc-pbpc.org/issues/corporate-income-taxes/>
 - a. We should raise corporate net income tax to levels that close state budget gaps and mandates corporations pay their fair share.
- 3) What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?
 - a. Equitable tax increases on top wealth earners across the state.
- 4) Do you support the [Fair Share Tax Plan](#) proposed by the PA Budget and Policy Center, with its emphasis on raising the tax rate on unearned income? Yes, I am the source of this legislation, having first introduced it to the PA statehouse.
- 5) Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole? Yes
- 6) Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level? Yes, around 7% like states like Texas.
- 7) Do you support the Keystone Opportunity Zone program? Would you introduce legislation to eliminate it, or to limit the number of times a parcel's KOZ designation can be renewed or extended? More generally, do you support tax breaks to lure or retain businesses?
 - a. Yes, I support it but would be open to limit the number of times a parcel's KOZ designation can be renewed to ensure no party is taking advantage of the system

IV. Public Banking

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after the Bank of North Dakota, and/or the creation of local public banks in PA cities and counties? Yes

V. Women's Rights

- 1) Do you believe there should be any restrictions on a woman's right to choose? If so, what? No
- 2) What additional protections should be enacted into law to protect women's health care in light of the pending decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to override or sharply curtail Roe v. Wade?
 - a. The PA State Constitution should unequivocally protect women's right to choose
- 3) Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work? Yes

VI. Children and Families

- 1) Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave? Generally, yes, but some small businesses might deserve some level of consideration
- 2) Should the state provide universal availability of affordable childcare? If yes, how would you achieve this? Yes, through a fair education funding formula enacted across the state.

VII. Environment

- 1) Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part? Explain.
 - a. No. We have to frack safely but at this time I do not support the ban.
- 2) Would you support banning the use of single-use plastic bags? Yes
- 3) Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW? No
- 4) What measures would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources?

I would support investments in renewable energy, and incentives for renewable energy companies and startups, as well as incentivize electric cars for producers

and consumers. I am the sponsor of legislations to promote renewable energy, and a big supporter of RGGI.

- 5) What criteria would you use in making appointments to the P.U.C?
 - a. Experience in consumer advocacy, and a commitment to protecting the consumer over corporations would be my primary criteria.

- 6) What steps would you take to ensure environmental justice in the placement and remediation of structures that pollute?
 - a. The state legislature, governor's office, and PUC (to the extent they can) should protect residential areas from harmful pollutions, regardless of the income levels of that community.

- 7) What, if any, other measures would you support to preserve or improve our environment? (water issues, park preservation, detoxification of school buildings, etc.)
 - a. Strengthened audits of public schools to ensure our students can work in a safe and healthy learning environment, specifically removing lead, mold, and asbestos. I support the carbon Tax. I believe that climate change is one of the top four issues our nation must address.

VIII. Criminal Justice

- 1) Should stop and frisk be limited or outlawed? Yes, outlawed.

- 2) How would you deal with the problem of mass incarceration of minorities, particularly minority youth?
 - a. First, we are working to better mentor of youth, but furthermore, we should reinvest in education grants for the incarnated, and invest in programs to help with job training and readiness for persons leaving the criminal justice system so that they do not end up back in it. Of course, we must also ensure our public schools are better funded so they can operate as pipelines to access and opportunity for the youth.

- 3) Should marijuana be fully legalized? Yes, legalized and regulated.

- 4) Should privately-owned prisons be permitted in Pennsylvania? No

- 5) Should we ban the box in Pennsylvania? Yes
- 6) Should PA continue to build new prisons? No
- 7) Should PA begin to close prisons? Explain. Yes, we should work to purchase and operate or close down private prisons.
- 8) Do you support an end to the death penalty? Yes
- 9) When if ever, should a juvenile be tried as an adult? Never
- 10) As a general matter, what do you think the state can do to reduce the murder rate in Philadelphia, while maintaining respect for civil liberties and the overall need for decarceration of our city?
 - The state can provide more mental health resources and services to at risk community and individuals. The state police should be made available to support Phila. police dept.

IX. Campaign Finance Reform

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

X. Labor

- 1) Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to form or join a union? Yes
- 2) Should the minimum wage be increased? If so, to what level and should the increase be indexed to inflation? Yes to \$15 an hour and indexed to inflation.
- 3) Do you believe that Philadelphia and other municipalities should continue to be pre-empted from increasing the minimum wage on their own? No

- 4) Do you support privatization of retail liquor sales in Pennsylvania? Are there any other services that you believe should be considered for privatization?
No.
- 5) Philadelphia remains the most impoverished major city and about 75% of our residents lack bachelor's degrees. What policies would you implement to ensure that decent, high-paying jobs created here are accessible to the majority of our population, not just the relatively well-educated and already well off?
- Raise the Minimum Wage
 - Invest in trade schools and job readiness programs
 - Expand GED and certificate programs at community college

XI. Reforming Legislative Districts

- 1) Do you support legislation that would (1) form an independent commission, and (2) apply sound methodologies, to draw all congressional, State House, and Senate districts fairly in Pennsylvania? Yes

XII. Public Health

- 1) Would you support state legislation to create a single-payer system in PA?
Yes & I introduced this legislation in 2016.
- 2) How would you reduce or eliminate the racial disparities in the provision of health care, in particular the distribution of lifesaving COVID vaccines and medications?
- We need to continue to make vaccine available to community based and mobile clinics.

XIV. Housing

- 1) How would you deal with the growing affordable housing gap in PA, both in the homeownership and rental markets?
- First we have to raise pay for everyday workers
 - We must also support unions because they fight for better wages for workers
 - This puts more money in the pockets of workers to afford houses
- 2) Would you support a mandate requiring landlords to show good cause for evictions? Yes



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Working to build on \$30M in gun violence prevention

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