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2024 PA Attorney General Questionnaire

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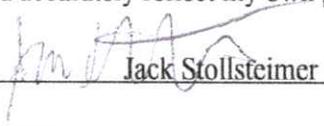
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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: _____ Jack Stollsteimer _____

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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.

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NN Attorney General Candidate Questionnaire

I. BACKGROUND

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held? I have had a long career in public service and am currently serving my second term as the elected District Attorney of Delaware County.
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. I have been endorsed by the Pa Building Trades Council; the Greater Philadelphia Building Trades Council, the Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council; the Eastern States Carpenters Union; Teamsters Joint Council 53; the Allegheny & Fayette Counties AFL-CIO; the Democratic parties of Delaware & Chester Counties; and numerous elected officials in southeastern Pennsylvania.
5. What makes you think that you can win this election? I am the only elected prosecutor running in the Democratic primary and have earned support from organized labor across the Commonwealth as well as Democratic organizations in southeastern Pennsylvania.
6. Describe your fundraising goals and how much money you have raised to date. My goal is to raise \$1 million dollars for the primary and am closing in on that goal with money raised and pledges.

II. ISSUES

1. Describe your issue objectives in the environmental protection area.

As District Attorney, I created the first environmental crimes unit in any DA's office and conducted a joint investigation with Attorney General Shapiro into the Mariner 2 pipeline, successfully bringing criminal charges against the Energy Transfer Co. I have also civilly sued big chemical companies for the "forever chemicals" they have knowingly put into our drinking water and bodies. As Attorney General, I will continue to use all the resources of that office to continue my work protecting our environment and communities.

2. Describe your issue objectives in the consumer protection area.

I will continue to use the Commonwealth's Consumer Protection Law (CPL) to protect individuals and communities preyed upon by large corporations and fraudsters. As DA I have

used the CPL to sue big chemical companies for their contamination of our environment caused by “forever chemicals” and successfully sued Opioid distributors for the epidemic they caused over the last generation.

3. Describe your issue objectives in the financial enforcement arena.

I am not sure what you mean by “financial enforcement”, but the Attorney General is responsible for collecting all debts and judgements owed the Commonwealth, which I will vigorously pursue.

4. What are your other goals in the civil litigation area?

a. What goals do you have concerning fraudulent and deceptive business practices?

As I mentioned, I have used the CPL already as DA and found it to be a powerful tool to hold corporations accountable for deceptive business practices. I am also the only prosecutor in Pennsylvania to have criminally prosecuted contractors in the construction industry for committing wage theft through worker misclassification schemes. I will continue this work as Attorney General.

b. What are your plans for civil rights enforcement?

I will vigorously protect the civil rights of all our citizens using existing law and will continue my advocacy before our Legislature to strengthen our Ethnic Intimidation statute by including people with disabilities and those harmed because of their sexual identity within the scope of those protected by our laws.

c. What, if anything would you do regarding the healthcare industry?

I will explore the use of the federal anti-trust statute as well as our existing state laws to protect Pennsylvanians seeking access to health care.

5. Describe your concerns about the criminal justice litigation area.

As an elected District Attorney, I am both an advocate for victims and a minister of justice. I am always seeking to ensure everyone in our society has a right to justice through our criminal system.

6. What is your position on the death penalty?

I would support legislation to eliminate the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

7. Would you ever pre-empt the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office from exercising their duties anywhere in Philadelphia? Do you think Act 40 is constitutional and would you enforce it?

Under our laws, all acts of the Legislature are presumed constitutional. If elected attorney General I would use the powers granted under "Act 40" to protect people, hopefully, in collaboration with the elected DA of Philadelphia.

8. What, if any, goals do you have regarding protecting the rights of: The answer to each of these questions numbered 8-11, are the same: I would use all the power of the Attorney General, as I do now as DA, to fight to protect and seek justice for all victims of crime.

9. victims of hate crimes

10. domestic violence victims?

11. children?

12. women seeking abortions?

As Delaware County District Attorney, I not only joined a legal brief opposing the Dobbs decision when it was before the U.S. Supreme Court, but I have taken a public pledge never to prosecute a woman for violating her constitutional right to abortion under Roe v. Wade.

13. What, if any, policies would you have regarding gun control?

As Attorney General I will seek to lead a holistic campaign to combat gun violence in every county in our Commonwealth by implementing community-law enforcement partnerships like I have initiated in the City of Chester that has seen a 72% reduction in gun violence incidents over four years I have been DA and a 68% reduction in gun homicides.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. How, if at all, do you think AI will affect the duties of your office? Are there uses by others that might raise legal concerns that would be within your jurisdiction to address?

Unclear at this time; A.I. is a fast-developing technology that presents opportunities and concerns for all in our society.

2. Describe what, if any, training you would provide to your staff regarding EEO concerns.

Our staff will be trained to ensure everyone who works for the AG's office has equal opportunities for employment and promotion.

3. What, if any, changes would you make in the hiring and appointment of staff?

Attorney General Shapiro recruited a great staff to turning this agency around after he inherited it from AG Kane. I intend to continue his high standards as I have done the same as DA of Delaware County.

4. Describe the role of the attorney general in litigation. How important do you think it is for the attorney general to have a background in one or more of the litigation areas within the office's purview?

The Attorney General is both the Chief Law Enforcement and Civil Law Officer of the Commonwealth. It is essential the AG has litigation experience and experience as an elected prosecutor overseeing the investigation and prosecution of thousands of criminal cases. The Attorney General's role is too important for on-the-job training when people's lives and our system of justice are at stake.