



NEW JERSEY CITIZEN ACTION

Candidate: _____

District: _____

Campaign Contact and Title:

(Please specify the person we should contact with any questions concerning this questionnaire)

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Name of Campaign Manager (indicate "same" if same as Campaign Contact)

Please return to: Liz Glynn by COB on Monday August 26th, 2019

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***Instructions:** Please answer all of the questions below. Some of the questions are short answer ("Support/Oppose"). While some are open ended to enable you to comment and elaborate on your answer. If you answer "Not Sure," we request that you explain your position in the "Comment" lines provided. Please feel free to attach separate sheets of paper if necessary.*

Campaign and Personal Information

1. Specify your party registration, if any.

____ Democratic ____ Republican ____ Green ____ I am not enrolled in any party

2. List the significant elected or appointed offices you have held or hold, and significant civic involvement and the years of your service.
(Feel free to attach a resume, campaign biography or other document with this information in lieu of answering this question.)

3. What do you hope to accomplish as a legislator?

4. List any prominent individuals or significant organizations or media outlets that have endorsed your candidacy.

Workplace Justice and Good Jobs

1. Do you support guaranteeing all who take paid family leave under the NJ Family Leave Insurance a right to return to their job ("job protection") when they come back from leave?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

2. Many NJ workers in the service sector have to deal with unpredictable, last-minute, fluctuating workweeks over which they have little say. This makes it difficult for workers to predict their incomes, maintain a second job, make time for school, or arrange childcare. We need legislation to establish fair workweek standards for larger employers in the hospitality, restaurant, retail, and warehouse sectors.

Please check the workplace reforms you support:

- ☐ more predictable workweeks with schedules required to be posted 2 weeks in advance

- ☐ the opportunity to work enough desired hours (as opposed to employers hiring additional part-time workers)
- ☐ receive compensation for last minute scheduling changes
- ☐ the right to rest with required time off between closing and opening shifts
- ☐ the right to request flexible hours without fear of termination or other retaliation.
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ None of the above

Additional Comment (optional):

3. Tipped workers have a two-tiered wage that subjects them to wage theft, sexual harassment, and it keeps many living in poverty. Do you support “one fair wage” for tipped workers who deserve to be paid the regular minimum wage while still being able to earn tips?

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

4. New Jersey's new child and dependent care tax credit provides much needed relief to low- and moderate-income households with child care expenses. Would you support improving the tax credit to better target the families that need it the most - specifically, would you support making the credit fully refundable and basing the credit on a more generous percentage of the federal credit?

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

Health Care

1. Over 70,000 NJ children remain uninsured. Would you support expanding New Jersey Family Care coverage and re-establishing a buy-in program to provide affordable quality coverage to all children who need it, including immigrants?

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

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2. Would you support the use of confidential evidence-based screenings (SBIRT) to help identify youth at risk of substance misuse and provide needed intervention in New Jersey high schools?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

3. Prescription drugs are increasingly unaffordable and the high price of prescription drugs drives up premiums for everyone. Both state and federal action is needed to reign in the price of prescription drugs. Would you support state legislation that requires pricing transparency and sets payment limits on prescription drugs to increase affordability and cost savings?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

Tax and Budget

1. The NJ Comptroller's audit of the NJ EDA tax incentive programs detailed abuses and weak economic benefits. The subsidies are unsustainable and will cost the state budget one billion this year, and will continue to rise in subsequent years. Which of the following reforms to the EDA's tax subsidy programs do you support?

Check the boxes for the reforms you support:

- ☐ Cap the overall amount of subsidies awarded each year by the EDA
- ☐ Ensure each awardee delivers more jobs in exchange for the subsidy
- ☐ Ensure each awardee is providing access to benefits to the community (community benefit agreement)
- ☐ Ensure all awardees meet minimum labor standards to ensure all job supported through the subsidy are good jobs
- ☐ Ensure an adequate reporting process and continued auditing to ensure proper oversight and analysis of programs
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ None of the above

Additional Comment (optional):

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2. Due to mismanagement by elected officials in both parties for over 25 years the New Jersey state pension system is severely underfunded. Will you prioritize and make sure the Legislature is making the full pension payment each year?

___ Support ___ Oppose ___ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

3. Will you oppose the Path to Progress' recommendation to cut the New Jersey public workers pension and health care benefits and instead support negotiation efforts through collective bargaining?

___ Yes, I oppose cutting public worker's pension and benefits
___ No, I support cuts to pensions and benefits
___ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

4. We need a sustainable state budget to ensure New Jersey can truly meet the most pressing needs of its residents—such as access to affordable higher education, public transit, and access to affordable health are just to name a few. Governor Chris Christie put us on the path to huge budget shortfalls by cutting revenue. Where do you stand on reinstating these revenue streams and supporting new revenue opportunities?

Check the revenue proposals you support below:

- ☐ Reinstate the 7% sales tax
- ☐ Reinstate the estate tax
- ☐ Reinstate the millionaires tax
- ☐ Increase permit fees for gun owners
- ☐ Penalties for large corporations that do not provide health insurance for workers
- ☐ Tax on opioid manufacturers
- ☐ Increase the bear hunting fee

Are there any other tax revenue raising reforms you would champion?

Additional Comment (optional):

Consumer Financial Justice

1. A State Bank could partner with community banks and credit unions to provide financing for housing and community development in communities in which the financial sector does not typically invest, increase access to capital for small businesses at favorable terms, provide an alternative to the Wall Street bond market for cities and towns that must rebuild their infrastructure, provide better rates and servicing for student loans, generate non-tax revenue from profits that do not end up lost to fees normally charged in the private sector.

Do you support the idea of establishing a State Bank?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

2. New Jersey has strong consumer protection laws, including the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (CFA), which is considered one of the best pieces of consumer protection legislation in the country. New Jersey also has a 30% usury cap for consumer loans, which effectively bans payday lending in the state, as well as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Identity Theft Prevention Act and a statute of limitations for debt collection.

There are regular attempts to weaken New Jersey consumer laws with legislation that pretends to provide transparency or includes industry specific regulations. These proposals too often contain carve outs or deceptive language that is designed to undermine and weaken the broad and strong laws we already have in place.

Will you commit to keeping New Jersey consumer protection laws strong and reject deceptive and phony legislation introduced to undermine and weaken them?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

3. Under current law in New Jersey, consumers have little recourse if their insurance company decides to delay or refuse payment on a claim unreasonably. It is a lopsided system that benefits insurance companies over the honest consumer who has bought and paid for a

service, sometimes required by law, and who should be able to expect that their insurance company is there when they need it most. Bill A3850 – “The Insurance Fair Conduct Act,” which passed the Senate in 2018, would level the playing field for consumers who have had their claims unreasonably delayed or denied, by allowing them to take their insurance company to court. Would you vote to support A3850?

☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

4. Given findings that nuclear power plants are profiting in NJ, do you agree the nuclear subsidy bill signed by Governor Murphy, which authorizes the BPU to approve \$300 million in annual payments to PSE&G's affiliate, should be reconsidered in light of the impact on ratepayers?

☐ Yes it should be reconsidered ☐ No it should not be reconsidered

Additional Comment (optional):

Government and Voting Reform

1. Voting rights reform is important to strengthen our democracy and increase civic participation. It is also a racial and social justice issue. Assembly bill A3456 would restore the right to vote to people with criminal convictions—including those in prison, on probation, and on parole. The legislation would restore the right to vote to 94,000 New Jersey residents—half of whom are from the black community. Do you support bill A3456?

☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

2. Do you support same day voter registration and extended early voting?

☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

3. Do you support using a secure voting system with a paper trail?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

Education

1. The cost of higher education continues to skyrocket and places a financial strain on families stringing together a tight budget to afford sending their young adult children to college, and is a burden on young people as they graduate with loans and debt. According to the Student Borrower Protection Center, 1.1 million New Jersey residents collectively owe \$43.2 billion in student debt. To make matters worse, NJ Advance Media calculates that by 2037, the average four-year school would cost \$256,000 for four years of tuition and fees, nearly ten times the \$29,000 it cost in 1992.

Do you support increasing state aid for higher education institutions in an amount higher than this year's budget, including increasing funding for the state's community colleges?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Do you support fully funding NJ's tuition-free community college program?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

2. For-profit, post-secondary institutions, including those that provide 4 year and 2 year degree, as well as technical training programs are a major driver of student loan debt in New Jersey. They are more expensive than other schools and typically have low performance outcomes and leave students with a mountain of debt that is nearly impossible to repay. The Center for Responsible Lending reported in October of 2018 that NJ for-profit colleges disproportionately harm low- income families, African Americans and women. NJ needs to pass legislation that regulates for-profit, post-secondary institutions to protect students.

Please check the reforms you support:

- ☐ requires greater performance standards to be eligible for state financial assistance
- ☐ provides student borrower protections
- ☐ ensures that graduation, job placement, and salary outcomes are commensurate with the cost of their programs

- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ None of the above

Additional Comment (optional):

Social Justice

1. Do you support driver's licenses for residents regardless of immigration status?

____ Support ____ Oppose ____ Not Sure

Additional Comment (optional):

Is there anything else that you would like to add?
