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Background Info & Questions

Please list all public service positions held over your career including unpaid public service. *

Council Member for the City of Harrisburg-Leadership roles in Harrisburg Area NOW, PICC, WOCN, Inc. Dauphin County Democratic Committee, Art Association of Harrisburg, PACASA

Please describe the general background of your public service during your professional career. *

Mostly aimed at improving the lives of workers, immigrants and women

Please describe your accomplishments in promoting the concept of equity for all people. *

Re-established Harrisburg's Human Relations Commission, Equal Benefits for same sex-couples while serving on the board of the Student Services Inc. in the mid-90's. Advocated for pay equity for City employees, defended the City's buffer zone, represented platinffs in Lozano v Hazleton,

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability in the office you seek. *

I am an attorney who has significant litigation experience. That helps me better assess the strength, weaknesses and degree of fights different threats present. I have also had to see very directly how policies affect people's lives and that means that policies will be better developed and centered around those they affect

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability to serve in government. *

I have learned to develop compassionate detachment, which is extremely important for sustainability and for maintaining connection.

Please list all endorsements you have received *

National Organization for Women, Latino Victory

If elected, what are your top three priorities? *

Women's rights, Environment/infrastructure, Immigration reform

Questionnaire

Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. Please select **no opinion** if you believe your position prevents you from answering a question.

1. Do you feel the government has done its job of making our region more equitable? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. What is within the government's ability to make our region more equitable, and what in your view, is its role? *

We need to better fund investigators for HUD and EEOC. While funding for legal services has increased, funding technical assistance over direct representation has meant that bad actors are not experiencing any consequences when violating laws designed to advance equity or protect our most vulnerable populations.

3. Do you believe the government has a role to play to address our region's longstanding racial, gender and sexual identity inequities? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

4. What is that role? What specific policy decisions could help address these inequities? *

Developing statutes, regulations and enforcing them. For example, I would like to see the federal government use Comparable Worth analysis when assessing the equity or inequity of wage disparities. The Federal government is also an educator that funds and it has the ability to educate agencies and the private sector on best practices with an eye towards deviating from those best practice could lead to loss of funding. That is a very powerful tool.

5. Should individual members of government focus on addressing the root causes of the racial and other inequities within the Pennsylvania region? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. How do you feel you may do this for your district and the people you represent?

As elected officials we are often presented with a problem today, but today's problem took many years to develop. I often say that riots are 15-year failed organizing projects by government. You often have to look back as far as you can to where an issue began, you also have to think through decision today to prevent harms that were caused in the past from happening again.

7. Do you support efforts to increase the minimum wage? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Do you support efforts to legalize cannabis in PA? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

9. Do you support the expungement of records related to cannabis sale, possession, and or/usage? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

I voted to decriminalize marijuana use in small amounts.

10. Do you support the expansion of our public transit system (ex. Pittsburgh Regional Transit) into neighboring counties and the potential use of new methods of transit (Rail rapid transit, light rail expansion etc)? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. Do you support a pathway for immunity for those with cannabis related conditions and an inclusion of such individuals in the emerging cannabis industry? Why? Why Not? *

yes

12. Should the Commonwealth pass new laws to protect voting rights in light of new challenges against the recently passed ACT 77? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

13. What, if any, is the biggest threat to voting rights in Pennsylvania? *

In Pa I would say gerrymandering, misinformation, elected officials determined to restrict voting rights.

14. Do you support the creation or continuation of universal health programs, such as Medicare for All? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. If you answered yes, do you believe this should be permanent or a stepping stone to single payer healthcare?

I think the goal is single-payer systems.

16. Should the government require local law enforcement agencies to ban chokeholds and no knock style raids in order to receive assistance? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

17. Do you believe the affordable, fair housing crisis includes having the government address issues with zoning, rent control, and eviction alternatives? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. What do you believe the solutions to the housing and eviction crisis should be?

I have advocated for affordable housing mandates for almost 10 years. I have been unsuccessful in that effort, but it is the only practical way right now to deal with affordable housing, specially when the increase of STR have gobbled up so much property. A recent Airbnb exec told me that he considers the percentage of owner-occupied units to be proprietary information, which indicates that the acquisition of property without having to comply with Title VIII, etc is part of the business model AND the only alternative is to mandate affordable units.

Comments

19. Should pennsylvania end qualified immunity for government officials, including law enforcement agents, in civil actions alleging deprivation of rights? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

I have been a council member for many years. I have seen a lot of wrongdoing. I have voted against them, but the bills often pass. I would not remove this protection from someone who made attempts to stop the unlawful practice.

20. Should Pennsylvania pass legislation requiring the commonwealth to focus on the ability to release net-zero carbon emissions into the atmosphere by the year 2050? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

21. Do you support public investment and funding of the public schools and public community schools? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

22. Do you support investment into green energy and green energy jobs at the local level? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

23. Do you support investment into business education and sustainability into underserved and and underrepresented communities ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

24. Should the ICE detention facilities in the United States be subject to greater local oversight? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

25. Should the Commonwealth work within its power to ensure access to banking for locally regulated cannabis businesses? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

26. Do you agree gun legislation can be used to combat the health epidemic of mass shootings and community gun violence? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

27. Do you support a path to citizenship for "Dreamers"? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

28. Do you support creating incentives for green technology innovation in opposition to working to revive the coal industry? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

29. Do you support expanding access to affordable, accessible housing for low-income people and those experiencing displacement? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

Our unhouse population is growing exponentially. Our funding needs to at least keep up.

30. Do you support diversion or community based alternatives for people with mental illness from the criminal justice system, and to increase access to community mental health services? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

31. Do you believe the Commonwealth has a role to play in reducing the maternal and infant mortality rates for the Black community in Pennsylvania? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

32. According to the FBI, White Supremacy is on the offensive both in government and in our socio-political rhetoric. What can be done to protect communities of color, LGBTQ folk, Women, Immigrants and other at risk communities from this very real threat? *

There is a basic changing in the rhetoric that we use. We also need to take seriously bad acts by white individuals. While studying discrimination in driving, one of the interesting findings were how often white men were released back to drive after a stop while intoxicated or carrying large amounts of drugs. The same thing happens when it comes to threats of violence, we don't take them seriously when they come from white men, though we know from DV numbers and mass shootings that their threats should be taken seriously.

33. How do you define community safety? How can your position work to keep the community safe? *

Community interconnectedness. My neighborhood is considered dangerous. yesterday I went to a party for four hours and left my door ajar because I could not find my key and it does not latch. I looked out the window and saw everyone was home so I felt safe leaving the door ajar. Nothing happened. I wasn't anxious at the party. I think we have lost that connection and that is really important for creating safe spaces, but that requires having leisure time. I start gardening whenever drug dealers start selling drugs by the corner of my house. It is enough of an annoyance for their business that they move, but that requires leisure time, which requires good wages when working.

34. Outside of policing and prisons, what are some of the solutions to reducing the amount of violence that happens in the commonwealth?

Pay workers well, enforce the mental health parity act so individuals have better access to mental health, access to fresh produce.

35. Do you support expansive ballot access to include drop boxes, ballots translated into multiple languages, and extended voting opportunities on the weekends? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

36. Do you believe the process to reinstate the right to vote for returning citizens * (those returning from government detainment) should be streamlined and automated to inform participant upon release?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

37. What can you do to improve the quality of life of the average Black 22 year old man in your district?

The federal government needs to pressure local governments to enforce their housing codes, death by respiratory illnesses are extremely high in the AA community due to housing that is uninhabitable, we need better wages-low wages has created an environment where parents can't parent and young children are mentored by the local criminal and every other adult ont he block is also working so much they can't even be secondary mentors.

38. Why should voters trust you to operate differently? How will you ensure transparency if elected?

I have a record. People have seen that I don't engage in corruption even when its from my own party. Sometimes transparency has been just explaining why I made a decision, sometimes it is having al to of meeting to explain and adjust a proposal, transparency isn't an end-goal, its a process, and I have engaged in transparent processes.

39. Do you believe art is a vital resource for education, tourism, violence intervention, and cultural competency ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

40. Do you believe in funding the arts as a general practice of community investments? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

41. How do you define governmental transparency?

A combination of constituents being clear on a process ahead a of decision-making, the sources of information used, the opportunities to participate and an explanation for a final decision.

42. What does reproductive justice mean to you? How is it able to reduce the maternal and infant mortality rates in the Black community.

I will quote new voices for reproductive justice " a powerful, intersectional network and social justice movement based in the human right to control our bodies, sexualities, gender identities and expressions, work, reproduction, and the ability to form our families on our own timelines, and the ability to do these things in safe, inclusive, accessible environments. "

43. The medical result of pregnancy decision should not result in a criminal arrest *
or prosecution of the individual or their doctor.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

44. Do you support reparations for the descendants of those who were enslaved or denied governmental services based upon their racial classification? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

45. Research indicates Black men are disproportionately targeted by gun possession laws with little to no ways to legally own a gun once a violation occurs . Do you believe it is important to review the impact gun legislation has on communities in order to ensure common sense reforms are not interfering with constitutional rights. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

46. Do you support legislation that would afford members of the LGBTQIA+ community protection from eviction, employment discrimination, job termination, and denial of medical care? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

47. Pennsylvania has one of the largest aging populations in the country. Do you believe our government can do more to improve the conditions of the facilities and the overall quality of life for our seniors ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

48. How do you define disability justice and how have you worked in the past to uphold its principles?

I worked for the Disability Rights Network where I advocated for individuals with disabilities. I organized the first statewide conference for culturally competent services to individuals with disabilities. I since try to incorporate accessibility principles. I have to say that based on work at the intrantional level, we are way behind even the poorest countries in terms of being accessible.

49. The current SSI formula creates a default disability marriage penalty that should be altered to allow individuals to maintain their award levels irrespective of their marriage status? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

50. How have you worked in the past to engage or mentor youth, particularly those who have been considered at risk?

I headed the Harrisburg Youth Commission and I was so proud to see one of them help organize the statewide Poor People's Campaign march this past weekend. I also sat on the PA CASA Board where we provide children in the Juvenile System with long-term volunteers to support them.

Comments

51. Artists, cultural spaces, and artist practitioners provide a vital partnership and resources to government agencies. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

52. As a member of Congress you have the unique responsibility to vote for the country to go to war. What is your foreign policy philosophy in regards to this congressional power?

I will start by saying that I am not a pacifist, but I can only indicate that I would be diligent and thoughtful in my decision. I also think we need to transition our defense contractors off of defense contracts. There is a defense contractor in EVERY congressional district, and whenever there is a potential for war, there is at least one major employer in every district advocating for it. So my overarching view is that an economic shift will also shift us away from war to solve problems that do not need war to be solved.

53. What is your position on immigration reform and border security?

I support immigration reform, and you can see my record, I disagree with the premises Republicans have and that Democrats agree with.

Comments

54. In order to assist individuals in obtaining economic mobility, it is important to have universal, automatic student loan debt. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

55. Given the use of hip hop and rap lyrics in criminal prosecutions, passing the RAP ACT is common sense legislation which would narrow the use of lyrics in prosecutorial proceedings to instances directly connected to or about an alleged crime. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

I would like more information about this. I was unaware of this phenomena, but I am already submitting this late. So I will review and hopefully if I am not too late and get an interview we can discuss then.

Thank You For Your Submission

Thank you so much for applying. We appreciate your commitment to public service and working to ensure the people of the Commonwealth are well represented.

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