

MAJOR PARTIES ADVISE CANDIDATES TO WITHHOLD ISSUE POSITIONS

- **Both Parties:** Brad Hiller, Executive Director, Republican Senate Majority Campaign Committee and Joel Miller, Political Director, Indiana House Democratic Caucus - Both men told *The Indianapolis Star* that they advise their candidates not to answer the issue questions.
- **Both Parties:** Chris Chocola (IN US House 3 Republican) - Mr. Chocola's Communication Director, Nick Tyszka, said both the DCCC and the NRCC are advising candidates not to answer the issue questions.
- **Both Parties:** (IA) James Lynch, Reporter, *Cedar Rapids Gazette* - Mr. Lynch said that he is hearing from candidates that they're being advised not to put any issue positions in writing.
- **Republican:** Chairman Chris Vance (WA) - ““Americans aren't asking for more information from candidates, they're asking for less. They don't want to be troubled.”” Excerpt from *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*
- **Democrat:** Minority Leader Dave Schrader (IA State House 90) – Mr. Schrader said that he would not be answering the issue questions and advised Iowa Democrats not to either.
- **Republican:** Steve Clark (UT State House 63) - Mr. Clark said the head of his party advised him not to put his issues in writing.
- **Democrat:** Kenneth Bosley (MD US House 2) - Mr. Bosley's campaign manager, Webster Bosley, said that the DCCC told candidates to stay away from Project Vote Smart.
- **Republican:** State Senator Maggie Tinsman (IA State Senate 21) - ““The Republicans suggested we not' respond to the Vote Smart survey.”” Excerpt from *The River Cities' Reader*
- **Democrat:** Alan Koslow, (IA State House 60)- Mr. Koslow said that the Democratic Party in his state tells candidates that they are really stupid if they fill out our test.
- **Republican:** Geoff Smith (OH State House 28) - Mr. Smith said that the leadership in the State House told him not to answer the issue questions.
- **Democrat:** Kurt Landefeld (OH State House 41) - The Democratic Party is advising candidates not to answer the issue questions.
- **Republican:** Allen Borlaug (IA State House 30) - Mr. Borlaug said that both political parties are telling candidates not to answer issue questions.
- **Democrat:** Charlie Ringo (OR State House 6) - Mr. Ringo's campaign manager said that the party caucus had advised them not to answer the issue questions.
- **Republican:** Valdemar Garcia (MI State House 86) - Mr. Garcia said that the party advised him not to answer the issue questions.
- **Democrat:** Louise McBee (GA State House 88) - Ms. McBee called to tell us that she did not answer the issue questions because “the leadership of the house” told her not to do so.
- **Republican:** Lisa Michaels (OR State House 8) – Ms. Michaels attended a candidate training class in which she was advised not to answer the issue questions.

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- **Democrat:** Philip Bimstein (UT State House 71) - The Democratic Party advised him and all Democrats not to fill out issue questionnaires. He asked them why he shouldn't and apparently the Democratic Party sent him another letter that strongly advised him not to answer the issue questions.
- **Republican:** Representative Greg Aghazarian (CA State Assembly 26) – Representative Aghazarian's consulting firm said they are advising their candidates not to return the NPAT.
- **Democrat:** Representative Anne Gannon (FL State House 86) – Representative Gannon stated she would not be filling out the NPAT and that “they” (Democratic House) are advising all Democratic candidates not to return it either.
- **Republican:** Representative Brooks Coleman (GA State House 97) – Representative Coleman said the Georgia Republican Party said, ‘forget it. It's a waste of time’ about filling out the NPAT.
- **Democrat:** (Kansas) Richard Baker with the K-State Public Radio was told by a candidate that the state Democratic party is advising candidates not to fill out the NPAT.
- **Republican:** Representative William E. Brady (IL State Senate 44) – Representative Brady told the Editorial Page Editor of the Pantagraph (Bloomington, IL) that the Republican party told their candidates not to answer issue questionnaires.
- **Democrat:** Craig Witte (MT State House 8) – Mr. Witte said he was advised not to fill out the NPAT by the House Democratic Party.
- **Republican:** Michael G. Hein (ME State House 57) – Mr. Hein said that a lot of first time candidates in Maine are being advised not to fill out the NPAT and other questionnaires – they are focusing more on getting the name out there, then once elected, establishing a voting record.
- **Democrat:** Richard Spangler (OH State House 72) – Mr. Spangler said he almost certainly would not fill out the NPAT due to recommendations from higher officials and party people who told him and other Democratic candidates not to fill out the NPAT.
- **Republican:** Linda Fosburg (MA State House Middlesex 9) – Ms. Fosburg said she will not be filling out the NPAT because she was advised not to by the Republican Party.
- **Democrat:** Ann Fairchild (IA State House 11)—Ms. Fairchild said she wouldn't be filling it out because the Democratic leaders told her not to at a training session, because the information is always used against them.
- **Republican:** Representative Betty DeBoef (IA State House 76)—Ms. DeBoef's Republican Caucus told her not to fill it out because it's slanted against Republicans.
- **Democrat:** Connie Crockett (OH State House 84)—Ms. Crockett said the Democratic Party told their candidates not to fill it out.
- **Republican:** Representative Brandon D. Smith (KY State House 84)—Representative Smith said that in the Republican lounge meetings there was a warning telling freshmen that they might get burned if they completed the NPAT.
- **Democrat:** Jamie Pederson (WA State House 43-1)—Mr. Pederson said the Democratic Caucus informed him not to take the test.