

Issues on this questionnaire are listed in alphabetical order.

Abortion Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) concerning abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legally available.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Eliminate public funding for abortions and public funding of organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- g) Other or expanded principles _____

Budgetary, Spending and Tax Issues:

State Budget: Indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category.**

KEY
 1 = Greatly Increase Funding
 2 = Slightly Increase Funding
 3 = Maintain Status Funding
 4 = Slightly Decrease Funding
 5 = Greatly Decrease Funding
 6 = Eliminate Funding

- a) Education (Higher)
- b) Education (K-12)
- c) Environment
- d) Health care
- e) Law enforcement
- f) Transportation and Highway infrastructure
- g) Welfare
- h) Other or expanded categories _____

State Taxes: Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. **Select one level per tax.**

KEY
 1 = Greatly Increase
 2 = Slightly Increase
 3 = Maintain Status
 4 = Slightly Decrease
 5 = Greatly Decrease
 6 = Eliminate

- a) Alcohol taxes
- b) Capital gains taxes
- c) Cigarette taxes
- d) Corporate taxes
- e) Gasoline taxes
- f) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000)
- g) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000)
- h) Inheritance taxes
- i) Property taxes
- j) Sales taxes
- k) Vehicle taxes
- l) Other or expanded categories _____

- m) Do you support spending a portion of the "rainy day" fund to help balance the State budget? Yes No Undecided
- n) Should Internet sales be taxed? Yes No Undecided
- o) Other or expanded principles _____

Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Iowa governors? Yes No Undecided
- b) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Iowa state senators and representatives? Yes No Undecided
- c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative and gubernatorial candidates?
 - 1) Individual Yes No Undecided
 - 2) PAC Yes No Undecided
 - 3) Corporate Yes No Undecided
 - 4) Political Parties Yes No Undecided
- d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information? Yes No Undecided
- e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns? Yes No Undecided
- f) Do you support partial funding from state taxes for state level political campaigns? Yes No Undecided
- g) Do you support voting on-line? Yes No Undecided
- h) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying and ensuring accuracy of votes? Yes No Undecided
- i) Do you support prohibiting media exit polling of voters until all polling locations in Iowa are closed? Yes No Undecided
- j) Do you support English as the official language of Iowa government? Yes No Undecided
- k) Should Iowa recognize civil unions between same-sex couples? Yes No Undecided
- l) Should Iowa restrict marriage to a union only between a man and a woman? Yes No Undecided
- m) Other or expanded principles _____

Crime Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) to address crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and for hiring of additional prison staff.
- b) Support contracting with private sector firms to build and/or manage state prisons.
- c) Support the use of the death penalty in Iowa.
- d) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.

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- e) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
- f) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- g) Decriminalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.
- h) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
- i) Lower the .10 blood-alcohol-content limit defining drunk driving.
- j) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- k) Require that crimes based on gender, sexual orientation or disability be prosecuted as hate crimes.
- l) Ban the use of racial profiling by law enforcement officers.
- m) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.
- n) Increase state funding for additional security of critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks.
- o) Other or expanded principles _____

Educational Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
- b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any participating school (public, private, religious).
- c) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
- d) Increase state funds for hiring additional teachers.
- e) Support teacher testing and reward teachers with merit pay.
- f) Support displaying the Ten Commandments in public schools.
- g) Endorse teacher-led voluntary prayer in public schools.
- h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
- i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
- j) Increase state funding to expand Head Start programs.
- k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
- l) Support age-appropriate sexual education programs that teach about abstinence, contraceptives and HIV/STD prevention methods.
- m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
- n) Other or expanded principles _____

Employment and Affirmative Action Issues:

Employment: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) concerning employment.

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers or teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector to encourage investment and economic expansion.
- c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding or relocating businesses.
- d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for their employees.
- e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children of low-income working families.
- f) Include sexual orientation in Iowa's anti-discrimination laws.
- g) Ban the use of project labor agreements made by local governments for state-funded public works projects.
- h) Other or expanded principles _____

Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:

- a) College and university admissions ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- b) Public employment ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- c) State contracting ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- d) Other or expanded principles _____

Environmental and Energy Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
- b) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused or abandoned.
- c) Expand the bottle deposit law to include all beverage containers.
- d) Place restrictions on the level of pollutants generated by hog-lots.
- e) Do you support state funding for open space preservation? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- f) Should state environmental regulations be stricter than federal law? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Undecided
- g) Other or expanded principles _____

Gun Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) concerning gun issues.

- a) Ban the sale or transfer of semi-automatic guns, except those used for hunting.
- b) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- c) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.

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- d) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
 e) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
 f) Require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns.
 g) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
 h) Require a license for gun possession.
 i) Other or expanded principles _____

Health Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding health issues.

- a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms or state-funded care where necessary.
 b) Transfer more existing Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
 c) Limit the amount of damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
 d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
 e) Support patients' right to appeal to an administrative board of specialists when services are denied by their HMO.
 f) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
 g) Legalize physician-assisted suicide in Iowa.
 h) Increase state funding for training health workers to recognize and respond to the release of biological agents.
 i) Other or expanded principles _____

Welfare and Poverty Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.

- a) Support current time limits on welfare benefits.
 b) Increase employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
 c) Provide tax incentives to businesses that hire welfare recipients.
 d) Provide child care for welfare recipients who work.
 e) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
 f) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
 g) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
 h) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to expand state services to include the working poor.
 i) Other or expanded principles _____

Gubernatorial Priorities: *On an attached page, in a total of seventy-five (75) words or less, please explain what your two main legislative priorities will be if elected. Please explain how you would obtain any additional government funding needed to implement these priorities.*

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Candidate Name _____ State and District _____ Party _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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