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PA PAC Questionnaire for
North Carolina Governor/Lieutenant Governor – 2020

Please return the completed questionnaire along with your resume or biographical statement describing education, work history, community service, and prior political experience as soon as possible, but by January 1 at the latest. ✓

You may e-mail your responses to Tom Miller at tom-miller1@nc.rr.com or you may send a printed copy of your responses to PA PAC c/o Tom Miller 1110 Virginia Avenue, Durham, NC 27705-3262

Please note that following the January 1 deadline, the People's Alliance PAC may publish your responses to this questionnaire and your resume.

When answering this questionnaire, please repeat the questions in your response document with each question numbered and organized as it appears here. Type your responses in italics, bold, or a different font to distinguish your responses from the questions. Do not use colors or shading.

Please try to confine your responses to no more than 300 words unless another word limit is indicated. Do not feel obliged to exhaust the limit for each question.

If you use words or ideas from another person, please attribute your source.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire and your willingness
to serve the people of North Carolina.

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Why Are You Running?

- ✓ 1. Of all the issues confronting the State of North Carolina which single issue is most important to you and why? What would you do about it if you are elected?

Politics and Voting Rights

- ✓ 2. What changes would you make to North Carolina's election and campaign finance laws and why?
- ✓ 3. Support or Oppose – Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following. *If necessary, you may explain each of your answers with no more than 100 words.*
- a. Establishing a non-partisan redistricting commission for congressional and state legislative districts Support ___ Oppose

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| b. Affiliated party committees | <input type="checkbox"/> Support | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose |
| c. Voter ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Support | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose |
| d. Same-day voter registration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose |
| e. A convention of states | <input type="checkbox"/> Support | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose |

The Environment

4. Do state agencies have the authority they need to protect the state's natural resources from sources of pollution such as GenX, coal ash, fracking, and hog waste? What changes would you make, if any?
5. Under what circumstances should polluters be exempt from fines and civil penalties imposed by the state?
6. How does climate change inform your policy view with regard to the environment, economic development, energy production, and transportation?

Educating Our Children

7. What measures, if any, do you believe are necessary to improve public education in North Carolina? In your answer please address teacher qualifications, compensation, and retention; the role of charter schools and vouchers; re-segregation; and takeovers of struggling schools. *Please limit your answer to no more than 450 words.*

Healthcare

8. Are you satisfied with the current system of providing healthcare to North Carolina residents? In your answer please address health care costs, the availability and distribution of healthcare services, and the roles of managed care organizations, Medicaid, and subsidized healthcare insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

State and Local Government Finances

9. Is the current system of state and local taxation and fees fair and adequate to meet the needs of North Carolina residents? What changes should be made, if any? Please cite specific examples. *Please limit your answer to 400 words.*
10. What is your position on the use of public funds for economic incentives for private businesses?
11. Should state and local governments be allowed to condition government contracts and incentives on local hiring and rates of compensation and workplace benefits and safeguards which exceed state minimums?
13. What should be the minimum wage in North Carolina and what workers should it cover?

Local Government

14. Should local governments have the authority to control rents and to compel developers to include affordable housing as a part of their projects?

Civil Rights

15. Would you support legislation designed to protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, and access to government benefits and services? What consideration will you give LGBTQ people when evaluating the impacts of legislation generally? What skills and resources will you draw on to inform your position?
16. What should the state do to promote racial equity and diversity, such as increasing opportunities for under-represented and under-served people of color? Can you provide an example of your advocacy for race-equity and diversity?

Crime, Law Enforcement, and Punishment

17. What, if anything, should be done about gun violence and the proliferation of guns in North Carolina?
18. Should the death penalty in North Carolina be abolished? If you believe it should be retained, would you change the way in which it is applied and administered?
19. Should state and local government law enforcement agencies have the discretion to decide whether to cooperate with the federal government in enforcing immigration laws and policy?

Political

20. For whom did you vote for in the 2012 and 2016 presidential and gubernatorial elections? For whom did you vote in the 2016 U. S. Senate election?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please do not forget to provide us with your resume or biographical statement.

PA PAC Questionnaire for North Carolina Lt. Governor – 2020

1. Of all the issues confronting the State of North Carolina which single issue is most important to you and why? What would you do about it if you are elected?

Expanding the Medicaid Plan. Lobby to ensure legislative victory. Every North Carolina resident should have health insurance. Medicaid will pay 100% of all medical cost. Everyone that works pays into Medicare. Money coming back to the State thru the Federal Revenue Sharing Plan is not a handout. This money must be used to ensure health care benefits for children, woman, and our elderly. People can keep the coverage they have if they wish. But those without health care can be covered. This approach will save money because we will eliminate forced hardship payments when people go to the hospital emergency services without coverage.

2. What changes would you make to North Carolina's election and campaign finance laws and why?

I would disallow dark money and establish a maximum that can be spent on a single campaign. At present, 92% of the time candidates with the most money win their elections. This approach does not ensure that we are getting the best candidates. This ensures that money is the over riding factor.

3. Support or oppose – Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following. (Please see the attached information sheet under question 3. Below are the explanations to each subset)

A) support, B) oppose, because I am not certain what is meant by affiliated party committee, C) opposed, if the ID requirement goes beyond normal ID procedures, D) support, E)oppose, not certain what a convention of States refers to.

4. Do State Agencies have the authority they need to protect the State's natural resources from sources of pollution such as GenX, Coal Ash, Fracking, and Hog Waste? What changes would you make if any?

No. We need to institute regulations to control the pollution. GenX and Coal Ash are serious health hazards. Fracking causes the release of methane gas that contributes to global warming. Hog waste causes air pollution and devalues real property in communities. The EPA should be petitioned, and independent environmental groups take an active public position to bring attention to these issues. The Department of Health and Human Services should be challenged on these issues as well.

5. Under what circumstances should polluters be exempt from fines and civil penalties imposed by the State?

Never. There are no circumstances for such an exemption.

6. How Does climate change inform your policy view with regard to the environment, economic development, energy production, and transportation?

I support the Green New Deal.

7. What measures, if any do you believe are necessary to improve public education in North Carolina? In your answer please address teacher qualifications, compensation, and retention; the role of charter schools and vouchers; re-segregation; and takeover of struggling schools?

Public educational funding has too start at a 50% increase from the present budget allocation. You can only attract quality teachers by offering competitive commensurate professional salaries. Our problem in North Carolina goes back to 1954, Brown verses the Board of Education. Thomas Pearsall, Speaker of the North Carolina House kicked the can down the road with the Pearsall Plan. North Carolina never honored the Court's decision. Funding public education is constitutionally mandated. Private schools, charter schools, voucher programs, Patriot schools, Home schooling and school choice are parental decisions not public decision. A parent may choose one of these alternatives, but the parent should be ready to pay for their choice. The philosophy that the money follows the child is suspect when it affects the ability of a community to support public education. Because North Carolina has refused to integrate the schools and they have allowed 100 counties to determine what is best for their districts, you now have 100 different approaches. The late great Dr Julius Chambers, our foremost Civil Rights Attorney, sued the State of North Carolina multiple times regarding this same problem. I believe we need another challenge that will rise to the level of Brown.

8. Are you satisfied with the current system of providing healthcare to North Carolina residents?

No. Please review answer number 1. However, healthcare cost must be revisited. Services cannot be based on how much insurance you have. Managed care is simply a way of not fully treating the uninsured. North Carolina needs a hybrid plan. Expand Medicaid for those with no coverage. Allow those who have coverage to keep their plan if they would like. non-qualifiers can purchase minimum pay plans by using the marketplace and opening the door so that insurance can be purchased across state lines.

9. Is the current system of state and local taxation and fees fair and adequate to meet the needs of North Carolina residents? What changes should be made, if any?

No. North Carolina needs tax reform that will benefit everyone. Taxing should be progressive not regressive. North Carolina needs to re-instate bracketing and establish a marginal tax rate. Corporations must be taxed. At present corporations are not taxed. The constitutional change approved via referendum only served to reduce taxes for the wealthy. Thus far in North Carolina the concept of trickle down benefits created by lowering taxes on businesses has not resulted in higher wage growth for working class people. When you look at lower wages and the cost associated with earning a minimum salary, such as housing transportation indexes,

changes in any tax rate significantly impacts the overall budget and limits the amount of money available for necessary governmental programs.

10. What is your position on the use of public funds for economic incentives for private businesses?

I am against supporting private businesses with public funding. This has been tried before with little upside.

11. Should state and local governments be allowed to condition government contracts and incentives on local hiring and rates of compensation and workplace benefits and safeguards which exceed state minimums?

Yes.

12. Question missing

13. What should be the minimum wage in North Carolina and what workers should it cover?

Not certain what the rate should be. But, \$13.00 per hour would be a good starting place. I am a small business owner and that is what I pay my employees. Changes in the minimum wage should cover all public employees, City, County, and State.

14. Should local governments have the authority to control rents and compel developers to include affordable housing as part of their projects?

Yes

15. Would you support legislation designed to protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, and access to government benefits and services? What consideration will you give LGBTQ people when evaluating the impacts of legislation generally? What skills and resources will you draw on to inform your position?

Yes. LGBTQ community is constitutionally protected. Discrimination of any kind is illegal and immoral. Any legislation that benefits a small group of people, like the upper 3% of wealth earners, or attacks cultural groups of people such as LGBTQ, African Americans, Asians, Muslims, or others or takes away opportunity from people with no real overriding value to society is bad legislation. I always draw on my past experiences. I grew up during the Civil Rights era. Community organization founded in non-violent protest is effective when necessary. Please remember I am an African American male experienced in the struggle.

16. What should the State do to promote racial equality and diversity, such as increasing opportunities for under-represented and under-served people of color? Can you provide an example of your advocacy for race-equity and diversity?

Institute a contract bid program that accounts for the present imbalance in assigned state vendor contracts. Limit collective bids in certain areas to North Carolina state residents and businesses.

17. What if anything should be done about gun violence and proliferation of guns in North Carolina?

Gun Control with Mandatory Sentencing!!!!!!!

18. Should the death penalty in North Carolina be abolished? If you believe it should be retained, would you change the way in which it is applied and administered?

Yes

19. Should state and local government law enforcement agencies have the discretion to decide whether to cooperate with the federal government in enforcing immigration laws and policy?

State governments do have the right under the 10th Amendment to refuse to cooperate with bad federal policy even where the federal government has pre-empted the issues. Let's allow the courts to decide these and other related issues.

20. For whom did you vote for in 2012 and 2016 presidential and gubernatorial elections? For whom did you vote in the 2016 US Senate election?

Hillary Clinton, and Roy Cooper. 2016 US Senate race I believe I voted for Deborah Ross.