

Grassroots Northshore Endorsement Questionnaire

1. What is your stance on voucher schools and public education?

I believe all children deserve quality education. I support MPS and oppose any further expansion of voucher money being usurped from the public education system. As a volunteer at Brown Street Academy, I see how hard teachers work navigating a challenging teaching environment. I would push for the community school model. We must support our public school teachers. We must work towards more equity in funding.

2. What are your suggested solutions for gun violence in the central city?

Limiting the supply of guns in the aggregate, and more particularly, limiting access to guns to people without proper credentials. I would propose a gun license and registration that mirrors statewide driver's license regulation. I would propose aggressive investigation and confiscation of any unregistered guns.

3. What are your ideas for improving the economy of the central city?

Connecting workers with jobs through a centralized logistical hub as an alternative for for-profit temporary agencies. Create a start-up friendly environment for urban entrepreneurs. Zero tax for clean energy and technology businesses*. Promote a living wage. Incentivize developers to help revitalize distressed neighborhoods without gentrification by mandating an option for the residents to own or rent in the new units.

4. Where do you stand on payday lenders?

Payday lenders should be heavily regulated as to not squeeze exorbitant interest rates from our most marginalized members of society. New regulation such as the "cooling off" period is in place now. In the alternative, the government could help provide small personal loans with reasonable interest rates as an alternative for people who need loans in dire circumstances.

5. How would you reduce incarcerations, i.e. non-violent offenders, marijuana arrests, bench warrants and parole violations.

Addiction is a public health issue; it is not a criminal justice issue. I would begin by advocating for decriminalizing marijuana and moving towards legalization. Colorado, a state similar in population size to Wisconsin, had about \$1 billion of marijuana revenue and more than \$150 million in tax revenue that directly and fully funded their public schools. We need to mandate a treatment track instead of incarceration track for all drug addiction (non-violent) offenses. Crimeless revocations of probation or parole need to end.

6. As a potential leader in your district, what are your ideas for reducing street crime?

The safest neighborhoods do not have the most police, they have the most resources. Crime and poverty have always had an ironclad correlation. Besides being smart about who we lock up as well as common-sense gun control, we must work towards reducing poverty as outlined above.

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