



To: Grassroots North Shore  
From: Cabrera for Assembly  
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Subject: Questionnaire

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#### QUESTION 1

My position is that public dollars should go to public schools, and no private institution should be operating at the expense of public education. We also need to employ the same standards for teacher credentials, testing and disciplinary measures in private schools in order to guarantee the same accountability that apply public schools. I would not vote to expand voucher programs, and would focus on restoring the funding to K-12 education and our public universities.

#### QUESTION 2

One of the issues I'm running on is public safety. As a member of Milwaukee's Fire and Police Commission, I fully understand the issues we face in the city. We must find a way to increase transparency and accountability in policing while at the same time providing the resources and training police need to do their job. Part of this can be solved through getting Milwaukee its appropriate amount of shared revenue from the state in order to improve programs that combat gun violence by allowing the police to target the trafficking and sales of illegal guns. I am also a believer in universal background checks for anyone who wishes to purchase a gun.

#### QUESTION 3

The 9th district has not seen its fair share of economic development and has lagged behind neighboring areas across the city. There is currently \$1 billion of new development in Milwaukee, but it remains concentrated in the downtown area, with the hope that there will be a "trickle down" effect of economic expansion. We need to focus on new development in areas outside of the downtown area, and encourage developers to invest in all areas of our city, especially if they are seeking public TIF dollars to complete any development. Additionally, we need to create good workforce development programs that give people the opportunity to learn new skills and find good work based on their background, making it easier for people to provide for themselves and their family.



#### QUESTION 4

Many payday lenders have predatory lending practices that bury people further into debt than when they originally sought assistance. This industry needs to be regulated by the state to ensure that there are fair interest rates and make certain that those who are obtaining loans have the ability to pay them back. When people are hurting, we cannot afford to see them driven into further debt by unscrupulous lenders taking advantage of people in desperate circumstances.

#### QUESTION 5

Milwaukee made a good move by making possession of small amounts of marijuana a fine rather than a crime. We can look at the decriminalization (not legalization) of some offenses in order to ensure people are not caught in the justice system for minor offenses. Reducing recidivism is a priority when it comes to true criminal justice reform, and I would work with Rep. Evan Goyke who has been working on this reform package for the past session. We need to reform the way our system works, from the point of arrest to the point of discharge, and everything in between. We also need to make sure there are programs in place to help people find jobs and housing once they are released so they are not turning toward criminal behavior to survive once they are back on the streets.

#### QUESTION 6

We need to work on giving the MPD the resources they need to enforce the laws, investigate crimes, and be proactive in stopping violence before it starts. However, we also need to be sure that individuals' constitutional rights are protected in the process. Additionally, we need to make sure kids have programs to attend after school, that parents have the resources they need to provide for their families, and that everyone has access to jobs and a good education. It is a full package that empowers our citizens and enables them to improve the quality of their lives without resorting to criminal activity.