

Grassroots Northshore Endorsement Questionnaire

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

I support public schools and I believe that we should restore funds cut from public schools. I believe that unaccountable voucher schools are taking money away from public education.

I am a graduate of Messmer High School so I cannot and will not tell parents what schools they can send their child to, but I do understand how the voucher system is looking to profit off our kids instead of teach them and I will talk about that as a legislature.

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

I believe that education and employment are the solution to gun violence in the central city. You cannot have a system that perpetuates poverty, which is violent in itself, and then ask why violence happens. I am also in support of background checks, waiting periods and closing loopholes for gun purchases. I believe that we cannot address gun violence in Milwaukee without discussing all of these things.

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

I believe we have to call joblessness in Milwaukee what it is, a state of emergency. We have to invest in technical education, job training and job placement. We also have to raise the minimum wage, I support raising it to \$15/hr.

4. Where do you stand on payday lenders?

I believe that payday lenders are predatory. I also believe that if we had higher wages for workers these lenders would not be able to take advantage of people living in poverty.

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

Recidivism occurs because people return to the same environment with additional barriers to employment. Alameda County, California just passed a program called Job For Freedom that provides 1400 good paying jobs to formerly incarcerated which is the number of people released from the jail in the past year. I also support the decriminalization of marijuana.

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

Aside from providing educational and employment opportunities like I stated above, I would also be present. As we see with the current situation in the Sherman Park neighborhood, the community has come out to mentor and problem solve. I believe that while we continue to address systemic issues that cause inequality we also have to build personal relationships with our neighbors to address crime.

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