

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Full Legal Name: James Michael Ritze

Office for which you are a candidate:

OK State House of Representatives District 80

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Is this the address listed on your 'Declaration of Candidacy' and your legal residence?

Yes

How long have you lived at the address listed on your 'Declaration of Candidacy' and claimed it as your legal residence?

19 years

Current occupation: Physician & Surgeon; OK State Representative

How long have you been in your current occupation?

42 years

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What other job experience have you had prior to your current position?

Physician & Surgeon

Educational background: B.S.Zoology; D.O.; M.S.F.A.;see www.mikeritze.com

How many times have you run for public office and what office(s):

5; OK State Representative

Past Chairman & Committeeman Tulsa County Republican Party

How long have you been a registered Republican? 48 years

Have you ever been a registered Democrat? If yes, why the change and when? NO

Have you ever actively supported a Democrat candidate? If yes, who? NO

Has anyone endorsed you for this office? Who? Sen. Tom Coburn; Cong.Bridenstine...

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Have you read the Wagoner County Republican Party Platform? (available at www.wagonergop.com) If yes, are there any planks that you vehemently disagree, and if so, which one(s)?

Yes; No

How would you define yourself politically?

- Conservative
- Moderate
- Liberal
- Other

Do you have a criminal background? If so, what and when? No

Have you ever been involuntarily discharged from employment? If so, when and why? No

Do you have any relatives employed at any level within the local or state government in which you are seeking office? If yes, who, where and what position?

No

If the Wagoner County Republican Party lends support to the success of your campaign; will you work to further the cause of the Wagoner County Republican Party? If so, in what way(s)?

Yes...fund raisers

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SECTION 2

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1. Private ownership of property is a necessary requirement for a nation to grow in economic strength.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. I believe parents should have the right to refuse any and all immunizations for their children.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Defining and providing a national, minimum standard of health care is a responsibility of government.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. I believe if only one human life is saved, it is worth the sacrifice of a Constitutional Right by society.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. It is the role of the Federal government to fund public education.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. All "religions" share equal moral equivalency.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Teaching respect for tradition is important to preserve national identity.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. The most economical and equitable budgeting process is zero-based budgeting, requiring annual justification of need from administrative leadership.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

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9. I hold with the popular opinion, the Oklahoma "Republican" voter is currently experiencing a sense of betrayal by their elected representatives and if elected, I will do all within my power to restore a sense of trust that my constituents' voices will be represented honestly, clearly and loudly, even at the expense of my personal political comfort.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

10. I believe in the concept of "too big to fail", and government has a responsibility to ensure that certain commercial enterprises do not fail.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

11. The funding of an individual's economic "safety net" for times of personal calamity/old age, is an individual's responsibility.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

12. Sexual life styles and preferences that are considered by the general population to deviate from the social norm are the result of personal choice and not a consequence of pre-natal development.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. Government taxation is as much about punishing and rewarding human behavior as it is about collecting revenues. I'm not sure if this is the way it was intended, but it surely is how it is implemented today?

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

14. Man has free will to exercise at his discretion and subsequently is individually responsible for the consequences of the exercise of that free will.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

15. The Federal Government has a responsibility to establish a common standard for education throughout the country.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

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16. The popular concept of "Separation of Church and State" is employed to prevent people from connecting Christian principles to government behavior.

I don't believe in this concept!

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. "Conflict of Interest" is not an escape clause to avoid difficult or unpopular decisions.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

18. Historical representation and remembrance through story and memorial object should not be eliminated to assuage bruised egos of "special victim" groups.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

19. The US Constitution should be followed as written and interpreted according to the Intent of the Founders with changes made only through the constitutional amendment process.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

20. I believe the National Popular Vote is an idea whose time has come and should be adopted for Presidential elections.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

21. "Creating jobs" is a government responsibility.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

22. I believe communicating in the English language and adoption of American cultural, social and behavioral standards is not necessary to identify oneself as "American".

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

23. The ONLY determinate of human gender is the presence or absence of the Y chromosome in human DNA.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

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24. All monies are taxpayer dollars and should be treated as such and spent in a frugal fashion. Since each individual is responsible for taking care of himself and his family, he needs his hard-earned resources to do so.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

25. The breakdown of the moral fiber of this country over the past 50 years can be traced to the deterioration of the long-standing traditional concept of the family.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

26. I believe the doctrine of "Separation of Church and State" is a fabricated, erroneous interpretation of the Founders' original intent.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

27. US History should be a required part of public education, but should exclude elements of our history that may offend certain members of society.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

28. The best form of government is a democracy where the majority of the people have the final rule on political and social issues.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

29. Exercising a biblical worldview in the public square would make me appear intolerant and uncompromising.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

30. The 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution is about an individual citizen's right to own and employ firearms in defense of self, family and personal property against a civil criminal intent. & a tyrannical government!

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

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31. Personal lifestyle choices do not constitute adequate criteria for establishing specially identified "human rights" protections.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

32. As a Republican candidate for elected office, I believe I have a responsibility to educate my Democrat constituents regarding the value of conservative principles rather than compromising conservative principles to appease Democrat voters.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

33. I believe in vouchers for parents to send their children to private school.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

34. I believe the government is obliged to define a "minimum standard" for "quality of life" and provide every citizen at least that minimum standard; assured from community resources.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

35. Accepting funds/gifts from lobbyists/vendors is acceptable only as proscribed by law. I would personally tend to decline any funds/gifts from lobbyists/vendors to avoid a perception of impropriety.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

36. I believe "the American Culture", as influenced by Western civilizations' interpretation of Judeo-Christian theology is worthy of defending at the expense and possible exclusion of other non-Western/European non-Judeo-Christian cultures migrating in the US.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

37. The foundation for the US government is self-government under the Judeo-Christian God.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

38. I believe abortion should not be legal under any circumstances.

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Undecided Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

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SECTION 3

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1. I have researched the tasks involved in the position I am seeking and am preparing myself for those challenging responsibilities.

Yes No

2. I will attend and will authorize my staff members to attend special training and educational seminars designed to advance job skills and proficiency.

Yes No

3. I will make "professional attitude and personal integrity" a priority for myself and my staff in the conduct of government business.

Yes No

4. I promise to instill an attitude of service and professionalism in my staff and volunteers that support and represent me and the office I hold.

Yes No

5. I have a sense of personal responsibility for the behavior of paid staff and volunteers supporting me in my election campaign.

Yes No
