

## INDIVISIBLE OH12: OHIO 12<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing his questionnaire for Indivisible OH12, a non-partisan, grassroots organization of 4,000 members living across the 12<sup>th</sup> District's seven counties. Please save the completed document (add your last name to the file name) and return as an attachment to [indivisibleoh12@gmail.com](mailto:indivisibleoh12@gmail.com) by Monday 2/19. Your completed questionnaire is an invitation to participate in our candidates' forum, co-sponsored by Progress Ohio, to be held Monday, 2/26, 7pm at the First UU Church, 93 W Weisheimer Rd, Columbus. All candidates who have filed to run for the 12th congressional seat are being invited to participate. Please feel free to contact us via email us with questions.

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What endorsements, if any, have you received for your candidacy in this race? Cheryl Iacono

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office? No

If so, please list here:

Office	Dates

Please answer each of the following questions in **60 words or less**.

1. Which experiences have prepared you to run for and hold the office of Representative for Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District?

As a nurse and a public health professional, every day I listen to "one" person at a time and address their immediate concerns with empathy and compassion, while I help develop and implement vision, process and policies that affects "many". As a daughter, wife and mother, I understand how the government impacts the needs of different generations. This gives me unique perspective and strength to represent my District in ways that other candidates cannot.

2. Understanding that voting is primarily legislated at the state level, how do you see your role in expanding the franchise and protecting voting rights as a member of Congress?

As we now know from Mueller's recent indictments, cyber-security and foreign-intrusions are corrupting our democratic process. We must do everything to help states protect their voting processes and technology. I will support efforts that reduce gerrymandering. Also, I will never vote to fund nonsensical efforts initiated by the Trump administration that suppresses voters - an example the voter-fraud commission.

3. As an elected member of Congress, how will you seek to protect and expand access to healthcare for all Americans?

Having worked in healthcare for over 20 years, I will vote for any legislation that

- reduces healthcare spending yet provide affordable and quality healthcare to ALL.
- includes affordable provisions to promote women's health.
- disallows for-profit healthcare institutions that threaten our economic stability.

I will unrelentingly advocate and support implementing a single-payer system.

4. What role do you believe science should play in environmental policy? As a member of Congress, how would you support an American role in responsible climate policy?

First, I believe that environmental policy needs to be shaped by science. Second, climate change is an urgent threat. To that regard, I will work

- With others in Congress and pass comprehensive legislation that addresses the threat.
- To make "Science" rule the discourse again.
- To make USA become a leader in the world again with regards to how we address "climate-change".
- To get investments that train people in my district and build a clean-energy economy.

5. What role do you see for the federal government in the public education system? What policies would you support to improve public schools and expand access to higher education for all students?

I support federal investments in public-education. Being an employee of the largest school system in Central Ohio, I am passionate about the education. We need to stop the rampage of Betsy DeVos' leadership. I have a 10-point agenda that includes expanding universal pre-k, addressing inequality in quality of education, digital infrastructure, access to affordable college education, investing in teacher-training etc. I can elaborate at the forum.

6. How would you describe your stance on gun safety? What ideas could you bring to Congress to push through the gridlock and create safer neighborhoods and schools for Ohio and the US?

First, I am for 2nd Amendment but I promise my constituents that I will never take any money from the NRA. I see gun-violence as a public-health crisis. As a starter, CDC should get funded to study and declare gun-violence as an epidemic. By treating it such, we can use tools and solutions that prevent and mitigate the epidemic. I have a 7-points legislative agenda to address this. I can elaborate at the forum.

7. What does comprehensive immigration reform look like to you? What do you see as the key elements of such reform?

I believe that immigrants are an important part of our collective identity and history. President Trump from Day 1 of his campaign launched an attack on immigrants. We cannot let immigrants' lives and all our lives be impacted by the whims and fancies of any elected President. I have a 10-points legislative agenda. I will provide leadership in Congress to bring about comprehensive immigration reform that includes paths to citizenship or legal status for undocumented immigrants, DACA and TPS recipients, refugees, military service-persons, workers, and reunifying families. AND PLEASE NO WALL.

8. List and very briefly discuss the two or three other top concerns that would be priorities for you if you were elected.

- 1) Workforce development that focuses on preparing people for 21st century jobs, helps to build infrastructure and a clean energy economy.
- 2) Access to affordable health care designed to promote health and improve health outcomes for all.
- 3) Policy that supports voter rights, the ability for all Americans to run for and be elected to office and protects the integrity of our elections.

9. Have you made public statements, written articles, or taken formal positions on any of the issues covered in this questionnaire? If so, please provide electronic copies or links to the leadership of Indivisible OH12 via email before 2/19. This helps us to provide our members with a breadth of resources on potential candidates.

I have been interviewed about wellness promotion for students on All Sides With Ann Fisher, and have appeared on a WOSU panel of health experts discussion Childhood Obesity. I am a contributor to "Healthy Children Healthy Weights". Following are some of the links.

1. <https://www.ohiochannel.org/video/all-sides-with-ann-fisher-1100-am-wellness-wednesday-childhood-obesity-hep-c-news-calcium-myths>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmuJwBqp6TE>
3. [https://www.columbus.gov/uploadedfiles/Public\\_Health/Content\\_Editors/Planning\\_and\\_Performance/Healthy\\_Children\\_Healthy\\_Weights/ECOPP%20Final%203\\_21\\_2010\\_for\\_mattedv2%20\\_2\\_.pdf](https://www.columbus.gov/uploadedfiles/Public_Health/Content_Editors/Planning_and_Performance/Healthy_Children_Healthy_Weights/ECOPP%20Final%203_21_2010_for_mattedv2%20_2_.pdf)
4. <http://static.ehe.osu.edu/downloads/communications/ehe-inspire-2014.pdf>