

INDIVISIBLE OH12: OHIO 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing his questionnaire for Indivisible OH12, a non-partisan, grassroots organization of 4,000 members living across the 12th 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 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?

My Wife, 1 of my children, friends, family, co-workers, Santa Clause

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office? No. Never.

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 12th Congressional District?

I'm old enough. I've lived in the United States for the required length of time to run for this office. I live in Ohio. I'm not special. There are tens of thousands of qualified applicants in this district who would work in good faith to improve the lives of working families. I suppose I'm willing to stomach the abuse is all.

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?

Let's make it easy. We need to make primaries and general elections a national holiday. You get the entire day to vote. Same day registration (proof of address). Votes in doubt should be counted instead of being marked as provisional. If an election is close, (say 3%) then the board of elections goes back through the counted provisional ballots and makes sure they were cast correctly.

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

Medicare for everyone without a donut hole. The cost of the program needs to come out of paychecks and people need not bring money to doctors, emergency rooms, health clinics, urgent cares, or anything that involves treating an illness or injury. We must take away the unexpected expenses that our working families can't budget for.

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?

Science good. Oil, coal, natural gas companies bad. We have to take back a leadership role in the world and begin to show empathy for humans around the world that will die in mass as droughts increase and glaciers melt resulting in no melt water for dry seasons. Melting glaciers and rising oceans will result in mass chaos and a complete destabilization of the world. Millions will die: possibly billions. Say it! Stop electing cowardly politicians.

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?

The federal government needs to fund education from birth. Developmental toys and books are sent home at each doctor's appointment. Developmental specialists need to work hand in hand with medical doctors in the same office to implement early strategies when children are not meeting developmental milestones. Universal preschool. Increased emphasis at a young age on social and emotional development. Kids need to interact with human children and human adults with direct eye contact throughout the day (not smart phones). Smart phones are harmful to human development. Bunch of other stuff that I'd love to talk about that becomes easier when you start from birth.

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?

Guns should not be used to shoot humans: that generally results in sadness and the destruction of families. Unfortunately, our elected career politicians in Washington are unable to enact common sense fixes like making sure the mentally unstable, terrorists, and wife beaters don't get guns. As a result of their failure, our schools are putting small children through "in case you're about to be murdered drills" because politicians are worried about their careers. People buy more guns when people are mowed down because they have legitimate fears that their elected representatives will do nothing. Their fears are warranted. We need to improve the lives of people so they can pursue happiness: that way they don't murder children in classrooms. Happy people don't kill kids.

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

It's difficult for human beings to show empathy for others when they feel as if their lives are spiraling out of control with no security or future for their children. Jobs are being automated and people are moving into this country while jobs that working people do will decline. That causes a lot of angst and worry, especially when it's their friends and coworkers who lose jobs. We have to institute a massive public works program to provide future building wages for working families. When we do that, it becomes easier to show empathy.

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

"Future Building Wages" for our working families. Enough money to save for their future.

"Build"--A public works program to build for the future: solar, preschool, waste management, retrofitting buildings and homes to use less energy and produce less waste

"Vote 'em out" vote out any candidate who refuses to show themselves to everyone when it is easy to reach and talk to voters. Scared politicians don't make bold changes.

9. Have you made public statements, written articles, or taken formal positions on any of the issues covered in this questionnaire?

I'm the only candidate who records when I speak for everyone to see. The others are scared of what they might say. Is that the kind person you want protecting your family? I don't. I'm on facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube. What you should be asking these politicians is "Why are you hiding from voters and choosing to talk to donors and the political class?" But, you already know the answer; I wonder if you'll ask the question.