

INDIVISIBLE OH12: OHIO 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing this 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.

Candidate Name: Zach Scott

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

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office?

If so, please list here:

Office	Dates
Franklin County Sheriff	July 2011 – January 2017

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?

The call to serve has been ingrained in me from the beginning of my professional career. With over 30 years of protecting Central Ohio families, I will take my leadership skills and dedication to public service to DC. We accomplished a great deal while I was Sheriff, including creating an innovative task force to combat the opioid epidemic, to putting more deputies on the street to reduce response times and hosting a Community Advisory Board to facilitate communications between the office and our communities.

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?

Congress can ensure fair and free elections and has in the past through legislation like the Voting Rights Act. Participation in our democracy is imperative to its strength. Voting should be made easier, not harder. If elected, I will work to resist attacks and to strengthen voting rights.

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

Everyone deserves access to affordable health care. I am for a public option, so individuals and small businesses have choices. Providing competition to private insurance companies can lower costs for everyone across the board. I also believe a Medicare buy-in option for those over 55 years of age can provide another alternative for people looking for coverage.

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 should play a role in environmental policy. Encouraging innovative, renewable energy sources is imperative to protecting the environment, reducing America's dependence on foreign fossil fuels and promote public health. Congress should work with energy companies to encourage investment in clean, renewable power sources that will also provide good-paying jobs here.

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 can be an ally to public education. Ensuring equitable funding is available for all students is important. Providing additional grant sources for higher education students can help make college attainable for more people. I am also a strong advocate for vocational and skills-based training to ensure we are ready for technological advancements to have the workforce available for current and future jobs.

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?

As a law enforcement officer, I have seen what can happen when guns get into the wrong hands. I am for responsible gun ownership and background checks to ensure guns stay out of the hands of criminals while protecting the rights of responsible gun owners. We need to make sure the laws on the books are being enforced while providing tools to law enforcement and gun dealers to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

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

There is no question our immigration system is broken. Comprehensive immigration reform should provide a fair and reasonable pathway to citizenship while strengthening border security. Reform must include a sensible timetable to acquire citizenship for immigrants who want to play by the rules and earn their citizenship. This includes finding a solution for Dreamers by passing the DREAM Act.

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

The attack on Social Security and Medicare is coming. These benefits are imperative for the elderly and people with disabilities. I will fight to maintain and strengthen these important programs that so many Americans rely on.

The heroin epidemic is killing Americans at a tragic rate. At the Sheriff's Office, we initiated a new and innovative way of dealing with the heroin epidemic. The HOPE Task Force aggressively targeted drug traffickers while partnering with treatment providers to ensure those with substance use disorders had access to the help they need. I will work in Congress on expanding innovative programs such as this to fight this epidemic.

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.