## INDIVISIBLE OH12: OHIO 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 <u>indivisibleoh12@gmail.com</u> 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? I have sought no endorsements. I feel that the only endorsement that matters is the choice of the people of OH12 until the open primary concludes. Then it will be time for other endorsements.

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office?yes

If so, please list here:

| Office                        | Dates  |
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| Village Council, Ashley, Ohio | 1978-1984 Date approximate- village records were destroyed in a fire |

| Mayor, Ashley, Ohio | 1984-1987 Date approximate- village records were |
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Please answer each of the following questions in **60 words or less**.

- Which experiences have prepared you to run for and hold the office of Representative for Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District? Nine years in village government as a legislator and executive officer. 45 years in public service as a healthcare provider. Political activist sind 1964.
- 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? The Voting Rights Act must be defended at the federal level. It should be made easier to vote than to drive, purchase a car or weapon. Congress should investigate and follow up attempts by any state to limit voting rights.
- 3. As an elected member of Congress, how will you seek to protect and expand access to healthcare for all Americans? Universal healthcare for all must be implemented using Medicare as a base and combining individual, employer sponsored and private insurances into a single system. Veterans Administration care should also be included. This would assure uniform coverages and care, including care for mental health, substance abuse and all healthcare.
- 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? The international climate accords must be reinstated. Alternative and sustainable alternative energy sources must be funded and advanced to decrease human contribution to climate change, the melting of the permafrost from warming and to promote jobs in the alternative energy industries:solar;wind;hydro, etc.
- 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? There should be an equal support for all students that is not based upon property taxes. Federal funding should be equal/student nationwide. I have also proposed a program for post-secondary education and training. For each year in service, military or community service organizations, a year of tuition credit at public colleges, technical or trade schools would be earned.
- 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? Background checks should be mandatory to purchase a weapon. Those identified as having committed a violent act in military or civilian life should be closely monitored. Military grade weapons should be for military use. Gun show sales should be monitored and even taxed to help fund education and also victim services.
- 7. What does comprehensive immigration reform look like to you? What do you see as the key elements of such reform? Those brought here before becoming adults and promised a path to citizenship through DACA should have that promise fulfilled. Immigration standards long in place

should be used and those who overstay their permitted residency should be given an opportunity to apply for an extension. We are a nation of immigrants made stronger by the diversity.

- 8. List and very briefly discuss the two or three other top concerns that would be priorities for you if you were elected. Availability to constituents and responsiveness are at the top of the list. This can be done in physical town hall meetings and even online in real time as I demonstrated on Feb 1 with a Facebook Live Town Hall. Representatives should not be spending hours daily doing phone solicitations for parties, but that time should be devoted to communication with constituents.
- 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. Please refer to my web site <u>www.dougwilson4ohio.com</u> as these and other issues are addressed there along with ongoing topical comments. Full text can be obtained beyond that if you so desire.