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VOTE411 Questions for 2022 Primary Election

Bio Set Questions (all candidates will be asked these questions):

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| 1. Name | 7. Mailing Address (not published) |
| 2. Occupation | 8. Alternative email address (not published) |
| 3. Social media links | 9. Alternative phone (not published) |
| 4. Website | |
| 5. Campaign phone (published) | |
| 6. Campaign email address (published) | |

FEDERAL RACE

Question Set 1:

US House, 1st District

1. What policy changes would you support to address health care accessibility and affordability?
 2. What actions, if any, will you support to create a pathway to citizenship or legal residency?
 3. Climate change is a threat to life. Using a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being strongly agree and 1 strongly disagree, how would you rate this statement? Please explain your answer.
 4. The United States is the oldest modern democracy in the world. How secure is our democracy and democratic institutions? Using a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being in significant decline and 5 being very secure. Please explain.
 5. Do you believe your constituents were provided adequate support, in terms of safety and resources, during the COVID-19 pandemic? Please explain your answer and include what you will do, if elected, to ensure residents receive necessary support to recover from the pandemic.
 6. What policy changes would you support to address the student debt crisis facing millions of Americans?
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE RACES

Question Set 2:

State House, Districts 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 19; Senate, Districts 1 and 6

1. Please describe what you see as the top policy challenge in Indiana and how you plan to respond to it?
2. Climate change is having a negative impact in Indiana. Using a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being strongly agree and 1 strongly disagree, how would you rate this statement? Please explain your answer.

3. Do you agree or disagree that a non-partisan redistricting commission is a valuable approach to creating fair districts in Indiana? Please explain your answer.
 4. How do you believe Indiana should address funding for education?
 5. Individuals are still facing challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. If elected, what will you do to ensure your residents are provided the support needed to recover from the pandemic?
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COUNTY RACES

Question Set 3:

County Commissioner, District 1; County Council, Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

1. What are the top two priorities you would address if elected?
2. What county infrastructure priorities do you believe need the most attention?
3. Do you believe Lake County residents were provided adequate support, in terms of safety and resources, during the COVID-19 pandemic? Please explain your answer.
4. If you are currently in this elected position, please describe your communication methods to resident in your district (outside of scheduled council meetings). If you are not currently in this position, please describe how you will maintain a relationship with your constituents, if elected.
5. How will you promote diversity and inclusion within the Lake County government and our communities?
6. Do you agree or disagree that communication (meeting announcements, agenda, minutes, public meetings) with the public needs to be improved? Please explain your answer.

Question Set 4:

County Assessor, County Auditor, and County Treasurer

1. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
2. Do you believe the office you seek currently has sufficient staff and other resources to best perform the functions required? If not, what additional staff or other resources do you think are necessary?
3. How do you approach managing and developing a team of people to provide the best services to the citizens of Lake County?

4. What changes or improvements would you make to this office, if elected?

Question Set 5:
County Clerk

1. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
2. What changes or improvements would you make to the operation of the office, if elected?
3. Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping.
4. How do you approach managing and developing a team of people to provide the best services to the citizens of Lake County?

Question Set 6:
County Prosecutor

1. To what extent have you practiced in criminal law? Family law? Civil law?
2. How would you prepare yourself to handle cases involving unfamiliar areas of law?
3. Please describe your administrative experience. What are your primary strengths as a supervisor and as an administrator?
4. When hiring a deputy prosecutor, what are the most important qualities that you consider?
5. Please describe your understanding of prosecutorial discretion and how you would apply it in your job, if elected.

Question Set 7:
County Sheriff

1. What are the top three issues you would like to see addressed if you are elected?
2. How should county policing account for social and racial disparities and mental health status when serving the public?
3. If elected, how will you promote diversity and inclusion among your staff, including administrative support and field officers?
4. Do you agree or disagree that continued diversity training is important for law enforcement officers to minimize the use of stereotypes and implicit bias in the field? Please explain your answer.

5. Please describe what measures you would take as Sheriff to decrease gun violence in Lake County.
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TOWN RACES

Included Municipalities: Dyer, Lowell, Cedar Lake, Schererville, St. John, and Winfield

Question Set 8: Town Council

1. What is the most important issue facing your community and how do you plan to address it?
 2. How would you characterize your community's relationship with the county government? Please elaborate.
 3. If you are currently in this elected position, please describe your communication methods to residents in your community (outside of scheduled council meetings). If you are not currently in this position, please describe how you will maintain a relationship with your constituents if elected.
 4. If elected, how will you promote diversity and inclusion throughout your community?
 5. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not important and 5 being extremely important, how do you rate the importance of residents and council members working together to address community issues? Please explain your answer and provide insight on how you would promote, encourage, and welcome resident input and collaboration.
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TOWNSHIP RACES

Included Townships: Calumet, Cedar Creek, Center, Eagle Creek, Hanover, Hobart, North, Ross, St. John, West Creek, and Winfield

Question Set 9: Township Trustees

1. Explain the role of township trustee within township government, including areas of responsibility. Who is the trustee accountable to?
2. What is the most important challenge facing your township's government? What can the township trustee do to meet this challenge?
3. Do you believe your township is adequately serving its residents? Please discuss.

4. Many county residents are not aware of the beneficial assistance programs offered by the township trustee. If elected, how would you improve communication between the township trustee and the public?
5. If elected, what programs will you implement to ensure your residents are provided the support needed to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic?
6. In your opinion, what is the most vital resource your township trustee currently offers? Please explain your answer.

Question Set 10:
Township Assessors

1. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
2. What changes or improvements would you make to this office, if elected?
3. Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping.

Question Set 11:
Township Board Members

1. Explain the role of the board within township government, including areas of responsibility.
2. What is the most important challenge facing your township's government? What can the township board do to meet this challenge?
3. How can the township board work with the trustee to improve township services?
4. In your opinion, what type of assistance program is most needed in your township? If this program already exists within the township, explain what you will do to enhance it if you are elected. If this program is not currently offered by your township, explain the importance of implementing the program.