

FINAL VERSION

League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette (December 2021)

Revised Vote411 Questions for 2022 Primary Election

(Excludes U.S. Senator which will be handled by the state, also excludes Secretary of State, Auditor of State and Treasurer of State which are only in the General Election and will be handled by the State Vote411 Team. Also excludes School Board Elections since they are in the General Election Only)

Question Set 1 – US House, 4th District

1. Please describe what you see as the top domestic policy challenge and how you plan to respond to it.
2. The United States is the oldest modern democracy in the world. How secure are our democracy and democratic institutions? Using a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being very secure and 1 being in significant decline, how would you rate this statement? Please explain.
3. What policy changes, if any, would you support to address health care accessibility and affordability?
4. In your opinion, what public health policies, if any, would you like to see in place to reduce the spread of Covid 19?
5. What actions, if any, will you support to create a pathway to citizenship or legal residency?
6. What is the greatest challenge with immigration and how would you address it?
7. 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.

Question Set 2 – State House, Districts 13, 26, 27, 38, and 41; Senate, Districts 22, 23

1. Please describe what you see as the top policy challenge in Indiana and how you plan to respond to it?
2. Children and teens are at a high risk of fatal gun violence via homicide, suicide, and accidental shootings in Indiana. Do you see this as an issue that the Indiana legislature should address? If so, how?
3. 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.

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4. 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.
5. What can the Indiana legislature do to address teacher retention issues and funding for public education?
6. What state funding would you support to increase access to quality health care, including mental health?

Question Set 3 – County Commissioner, District 1; County Council, Districts 1,2,3,4

1. What are the top two priorities you would address if elected?
2. Do you agree or disagree that the county should support the production and use of non-fossil fuel sources of energy? Explain your answer.
3. What efforts, if any, would you support at the county level to mitigate the effects of climate change?
4. What measures would you support to increase safety and mental health care within our county jail?
5. What county infrastructure priorities do you believe need the most attention?

Question Set 4 – County Assessor, Auditor, Recorder

1. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
2. What changes or improvements, if any, would you make to this office if elected?
3. 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?
4. How do you approach managing and developing a team of people to provide the best services to the citizens of Tippecanoe County?

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, if any, would you make to the operation of the office if elected?

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3. What steps can you take to assure all residents of Tippecanoe County that our elections are free and fair?
4. 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 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 the law?
3. Please describe your administrative experience. What are your primary strengths as a supervisor? As an administrator?
4. When hiring a deputy prosecutor, what are the most important qualities that you consider?
5. Tell us about the most challenging case you have handled?
6. Please describe your understanding of prosecutorial discretion and how you would apply it in your job.

Question Set 7 – County Sheriff

1. What are the major issues you would like to address if you are elected? Please explain.
2. How should county policing respond to social and racial disparities and mental health status when serving the public?
3. Are there measures you could take as Sheriff to decrease gun violence (homicides, suicides) in the county?
4. Do you agree or disagree that the County Sheriff's Department is understaffed? Please explain your answer.
5. The Lafayette Police Department terminated an officer when it was discovered by the public that he had white supremacist ties. What reforms, if any, are needed in the hiring and retention of the sheriff's staff to prevent a similar situation?

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Question Set 8 – Judge, Superior Court 6, Circuit Court 23

1. What is your general judicial philosophy?
2. What qualifies you to be a judge beyond a law degree?
3. How will you ensure equity for people of all backgrounds in your courtroom?
4. How will you balance being an independent judge and an elected official?
5. What improvements, if any, would you make within Tippecanoe County court procedures? Please explain.

Question Set 9 – Town Council (Shadeland, Clarks Hill, Otterbein)

1. What is the most important issue facing your community and how do you plan to address it?
2. How will you meet the requirements of the open-door policy for all meetings and actions of the town's business?
3. How would you characterize your town's relationship with the county government? Please elaborate.

Question Set 10 – Town Clerk/Treasurer (Otterbein)

1. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
2. What is the greatest challenge facing the jurisdiction and scope of this office and how would you address it?
3. Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping.

Question Set 11 – Township Trustee (all 13)

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 township government in Tippecanoe County? What can the township trustee do to meet this challenge?
3. Is your township adequately serving its residents? Please discuss.

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4. What is your opinion on township consolidation? Please elaborate.
5. If elected, how would you improve communication between the township trustee and the advisory board and the public?

Question Set 12 – Township Advisory Board

1. Explain the role of the advisory board within township government, including areas of responsibility.
2. What is the most important challenge facing your township? What can the township advisory board do to meet this challenge?
3. How can the advisory board work with the trustee to improve township services?
4. What is your opinion on township consolidation? Please elaborate.
5. If elected, how would you improve communication between the township advisory board, trustee, and the public?