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Voter Guide

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About this guide

In an effort to fulfill our mission of encouraging active and informed participation in government, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund (LWVWIEF) has surveyed the candidates certified for the 2010 Wisconsin Partisan Fall Elections. This *Voter Guide* has been prepared in advance of the September Primary Election. This *Voter Guide* contains verbatim responses from candidates in statewide elections. Candidates and their responses are listed according to order by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board. Candidates were surveyed online and asked to adhere to character limits. "No response" is noted for candidates who did not respond to the League questionnaire, and "Refused to Answer" is noted for those candidates who state it is their policy not to respond to surveys.

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Party key: C=Constitution Party of Wisconsin; D=Democratic; Grn=Green; I=Independent; L=Libertarian; R=Republican; Rfm=Reform; WI-G=Wisconsin Green

The elected offices covered in this Voter Guide:

U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

Description: Comprised of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the U.S. Congress is responsible for making laws for the country. It has legislative power to spend and tax in order to provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare of the citizenry. Members of both the House and Senate attend to constituents' requests and problems with the government. Each state elects two senators who represent the whole state for 6-year terms; one Senate seat is up for election this year. The House of Representatives has 435 members who are elected to 2-year terms from districts within the states. Members of the House serve 2-year terms. Wisconsin has 8 House of Representatives districts.

Wisconsin Governor

Description: The Governor is the state's chief executive, representing all the people and responsible for safeguarding the public interest. The governor has the authority to veto legislation and to direct state policy. Through the biennial budget, the Governor reviews and directs the activities of all administrative agencies. The Governor also appoints over 1,000 persons to various councils and boards, which advise and serve state government. The Governor serves as commander in chief of the

Wisconsin National Guard when it is called into state service during emergencies. The Governor earns an annual salary of \$137,092.

Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor

Description: The Lieutenant Governor is the state's second-ranking executive officer. If the incumbent Governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor for the rest of the term. The Lieutenant Governor may be designated to represent the Governor's office on any statutory board, commission, or committee on which the Governor is entitled to membership. The Lieutenant Governor earns an annual salary of \$72,394.

Wisconsin Attorney General

Description: The Attorney General protects the public interest in various legal actions at the Governor's request. The Attorney General directs the Department of Justice, which provides legal advice and representation, criminal investigation, and various law enforcement services for the state. The Attorney General earns an annual salary of \$133,033.

Wisconsin Secretary of State

Description: The Secretary of State oversees a variety of services for state government and Wisconsin municipalities, maintains the official acts of the legislature and Governor, and keeps the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin and affixes it to all official acts of the Governor. The Secretary of State earns an annual salary of \$65,079 per year.

Wisconsin State Treasurer

Description: The State Treasurer serves citizens and local government by providing for receipt, custody, oversight, and disbursement of state money, as well as unclaimed property reported to the state. The office also administers the state's college savings program. The State Treasurer earns an annual salary of \$65,079.

Wisconsin State Senate and State Assembly

Description: The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of a 33 member senate and the 99 member assembly, together with the service agencies created by the legislature and the staff employed by each house. Senators serve staggered four year terms and assembly members serve two year terms. The odd-numbered senate districts are up for election this year. The legislature's main responsibility is to make policy by enacting state laws. The legislature can also override a governor's veto of any legislation by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. Members earn a salary of \$49,943 per year.

Following are the candidates' answers.

U.S. Senate

US Senator (Wisconsin)

The questions

- 1. Scientists are telling us that the observed impacts of climate change are unfolding much more quickly than climate models predicted. What specific reforms should the federal government enact to control global climate change?*
- 2. How will you ensure that Midwest manufacturing remains competitive in a clean energy economy?*
- 3. In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?*
- 4. Do you support requiring full disclosure of all political expenditures, as well as the sources of funding for election advertising? Why or why not?*
- 5. Should Congress create a path to citizenship for the large number of unauthorized immigrants currently living in the United States? Should this legislation be coupled with policies and regulations intended to limit the number of unauthorized immigrants in the future?*
- 6. What are the most important steps toward assuring the short- and long-term security of Americans at home and abroad? How will you balance the continuing costs of military actions with the costs of domestic needs?*
- 7. What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the very wealthy and other Americans?*
- 8. What should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in the United States?*
- 9. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.*

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Questions:

1. I support achieving the scientifically determined reductions necessary to avoid the major effects of global warming. I was a cosponsor of legislation in the 110th Congress to achieve these reductions.
2. Before our country's economic collapse in 2008, I had already introduced my E4 Initiative to address Wisconsin's economy, employment, energy and education needs. I have succeeded in acting some E4 provisions, including a measure in the Recovery act that will allow Wisconsin to use \$58 million in tax credits to help deploy more energy efficiency technologies in homes and businesses. The Recovery Act also included \$2.3 billion in 48C tax credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects--which I support extending to further strengthen clean energy manufacturing in Wisconsin; and over \$800 million for a high-speed rail between Milwaukee and Madison that will create over 13,000 jobs.
3. I supported the Recovery Act, which the non-partisan CBO estimates has increased the number of people employed by between 1.2 million and 2.8 million. I helped pass the HIRE Act, which included a payroll tax break to help small businesses create jobs, and am working to pass a tax credit for companies to hire new employees, increase wages and provide part-time workers with a full-time jobs. I have also supported legislation that extends unemployment benefits for thousands of Wisconsinites who are currently out of work and struggling to find a job. I have opposed unfair trade agreements that have shipped our jobs overseas and support efforts to fix these agreements and improve future trade agreements so we keep jobs in the U.S.

4. I support full disclosure of all political expenditures and have fought the special interests in Washington to enact meaningful campaign finance reform, including the bipartisan McCain-Feingold bill. Recently, the Supreme Court overturned years of precedent and ruled that corporations and unions may now spend unlimited amounts of money on political advertisements, a decision that is opposed by 8 in 10 Americans. In response to this decision, I helped craft the DISCLOSE Act, which would require corporations and unions to disclose the source of funds they spend on elections. In my own campaign, I go above and beyond the legal requirements in my campaign finance filings to provide greater disclosure for the public.
5. Yes. I was proud to work with members of both parties and President Bush to push for comprehensive immigration reform in 2006 and 2007. I will continue to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that protects our borders, cracks down on employer abusers and provides a pathway to earned citizenship provided that certain conditions are met.
6. Our top national security priority must be defeating al Qaeda and its global affiliates. It makes no sense to focus on Afghanistan when the al Qaeda leaders we are after are across the border in Pakistan and around the world. That is why I have offered legislation requiring a flexible timetable to draw down our Afghan troop presence. This would allow for a more sustainable and affordable counterterrorism strategy for the region, while we pursue al Qaeda's global network more aggressively, including by promoting democracy and the rule of law around the world.
7. I support a number of federal education and workforce programs that help Wisconsinites improve their futures. I lead annual efforts to boost funding for Pell Grants, which provide need-based financial aid to Wisconsinites. I also support funding for the federal Title I program which gives grants to school districts to help educate low-income students. I also support Workforce Investment Act, which provides funding to help communities improve job-training programs so that workers can strengthen their skills and have a better chance of finding good jobs. By helping Wisconsin's communities improve their education and job training systems, the federal government can help narrow the disparity between the wealthy and other Americans.
8. The federal government should play a role in helping to narrow the achievement gap so that all children, regardless of their background, can receive a good education. I support efforts to increase funding for the Title I program to help educate at risk students. I have also led efforts to increase funding for the federal school counseling program to help get more counselors in our schools. I also support federal programs that increase parental engagement in schools. Finally, I have led efforts to reform the testing mandates of No Child Left Behind so that teachers and principals can be less focused on test prep and more focused on actual classroom instruction and making sure all students are achieving at high levels.
9. Our top priorities must be creating jobs and cutting wasteful Washington spending. I have authored the Control Spending Now Act, a collection of 41 specific proposals that will reduce the federal deficit by around one-half trillion dollars over ten years. I am working to extend and expand the current payroll tax break so it will help companies to hire new employees and increase wages or provide part-time employees with full-time work. My jobs tax break is also fully offset, like all the legislation I introduce, so as not to increase the deficit. And I will continue working to protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans while protecting the air we breathe and the water we need to live.

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Questions:

1. I do not believe the science of global warming is settled and it surely does not warrant the imposition of an economy-crushing national energy tax. Of course, I do support reducing air and water pollution. For example, the expanded use of nuclear power would greatly reduce emissions while helping our economy move forward.
2. Thirty-one years ago, I founded a plastics manufacturing business in Oshkosh with my brother-Incumbentn-law. Our business is focused on producing high quality products that are competitive in a world economy. Washington needs citizen legislators that understand how jobs are created and businesses compete. We need an economic growth agenda that produces jobs by reducing unnecessary and counter-productive regulation and lowering taxes.
3. We need to reduce the deficit spending by the federal government that creates uncertainty in our markets and is responsible for a bloated government bureaucracy that stifles productivity. We also need to help job creators control costs by reducing the tax burden and enacting market-based health care reform that targets runaway prices. In short, we need a smaller, fiscally responsible government that allows the free market to thrive.
4. I support a level playing field that requires all candidates to fully disclose campaign funding and expenditures.
5. I oppose blanket amnesty for illegal aliens. The federal government has failed to secure our borders and that should be our top priority. I support enforcement on businesses that knowingly hire illegal aliens and prohibiting taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens.
6. I support the Patriot Act, which provides the tools our intelligence community needs to keep our nation safe. I also support military tribunals for foreign terrorists. We need to treat terrorists as enemy combatants, not provide them with the constitutional rights granted to U.S. citizens. The federal government's top priority should be to protect us from foreign threats and preserve our individual rights.
7. Education is the key to helping people climb the economic ladder. I co-chaired the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's Partners in Education Council and we worked to provide life-changing opportunities to students. We need to expand educational opportunities, which is why I support school choice. I also support a growth agenda that will put people back to work in productive, economically sustainable jobs. Family-supporting jobs are created when the economy is sound, not during an economy that is the product of deficit spending, bailouts, and uncontrolled government expansion.
8. Children in the classroom should be the top priority and we can achieve that by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy. Local governments are best suited to provide a strong education for their students and the government should not be forcing a "one size fits all" approach. I will fight to reduce federal mandates on school districts that need flexibility to address community educational needs. My work in education has taught me that politicians and bureaucrats are making it difficult

for teachers to teach. Our children's education is not something that can be dictated from Washington or Madison. We need local control of education and to bring our tax dollars back to Wisconsin schools for our children's benefit.

9. Career politicians like Russ Feingold have failed to address our broken budgets and lack an understanding about how to create sustainable jobs. I am running for the U.S. Senate to bring a new perspective to Washington. As a business owner, I know how jobs are created. As an accountant, I know how to balance a budget. Creating jobs and tackling runaway deficit spending will be my top priorities as your Senator.

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Questions:

1. It is our responsibility to be prudent, productive, and efficient stewards of God's natural resources. In keeping with this requirement, I will wholeheartedly support realistic efforts to preserve the environment and reduce pollution - air, water, and land. I reject, however, the argument of the perceived threat of man-made global warming. I oppose environmental treaties and conventions such as the Biodiversity Treaty, the Convention on Climate Control, and Agenda 21, which will destroy our sovereignty and right to private property.
2. Our businesses and family farms are the backbone and the future of America. I will work to ensure they will not be hindered with tax burdens or regulations that only benefit the large industries and corporate farms that give political contributions. I will work to ensure that our government will further protect these jobs, our citizens and our way of life. And not turn it over to people who come to our country illegally, I will seek the abolition of the Office of Special Trade, NAFTA and other UN free trade treaties. I will seek to impose fair trade initiatives.
3. First, it is my intention to replace, with a fair tax revenue system supplemented by excise taxes, the current tax system of the U.S. government. I will seek the abolition of the Office of Special Trade Representative, and insist on the withdrawal of these United States from the NAFTA, the GATT, the WTO, and all other agreements wherein agencies other than the Congress of these United States improperly assume responsibility for establishing American trade policies. I will seek to deny that civil government has the authority to set wages and prices; doing so is inconsistent with principles of individual liberty and the free market.
4. I feel this is a First Amendment-shredding, Big Labor-empowering infringement act that is yet another attack on our free speech and political liberty. This will affect all people and organizations and is written to ensure freedom groups cannot rally their members by forcing them to disclose their membership rosters and donor lists. I and others like me know the Government wants to create a list of all people who donate to all organizations who support political campaigns and that they will use this list as a means keeping track of political opponents for future targeting and harassment.
5. I am seeking absolute zero-tolerance on illegal immigration. I affirm the integrity of the international borders of these United States and the Constitutional authority and duty of the federal government to guard and to protect those borders, including the regulation of the numbers and of

the qualifications of immigrants into the country. I oppose any extension of amnesty to illegal aliens and call for the use of U.S. troops to protect the states against invasion. I support English as the official language for all governmental business by these United States.

6. First of all we need to retract military personnel from places where we do not belong. We must understand that we are a free and sovereign republic which should strive to live in peace with all nations, without interfering in their internal affairs, and without permitting their interference in ours. I am unalterably opposed to entangling alliances - via treaties that commits us to intervention in foreign wars. I will seek to ensure that all future wars are defensive, defined, and Constitutional. I will seek a strong national defense including missiles, shields and updating our military hardware. I will also seek to get us out of the UN and its so-call peace-keepin
7. Nothing! The Declaration of Independence declares our certain unalienable rights which among them are Life, Liberty and the Pursue of happiness. This does not give everyone the right to be the same. Also the US Constitution does not give the government the ability to be a social redistribution of wealth. America's welfare crisis is a government-induced crisis and the government's social and cultural policies have undermined the work ethic, and its economic and regulatory policies have undermined the ability of our citizens to obtain work. The only role I will approve of is that the government protects our rights to pursue happiness.
8. The federal government has absolutely no jurisdiction concerning the education of our children. I will seek to abolish the Department of Education and repeal all federal legislation related to education. There should be no federal laws subsidizing or regulating the education of children and under no circumstances should the federal government be involved in national teacher certification, educational curricula, textbook selection, learning standards, comprehensive sex education, psychological and psychiatric research testing programs, and personnel. I believe that the education of our young ones be in the hands of the parents and the state.
9. My plan for one I get into office is outlines on my website at: http://robtaylorforsenate.com/?page_id=660 . I have over 37 years as a software engineer/businessman and I am a three term elected city Councilman for the City of Cumberland, WI. I feel this gives me the experience need to run for the Office of US Senate representing WI.

David Westlake

Party: R

Questions: No response

U.S. House

Wisconsin Congressional District 1

The questions

1. *Scientists are telling us that the observed impacts of climate change are unfolding much more quickly than climate models predicted. What specific reforms should the federal government enact to control global climate change?*
2. *How will you ensure that Midwest manufacturing remains competitive in a clean energy economy?*
3. *In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?*
4. *Do you support requiring full disclosure of all political expenditures, as well as the sources of funding for election advertising? Why or why not?*
5. *Should Congress create a path to citizenship for the large number of unauthorized immigrants currently living in the United States? Should this legislation be coupled with policies and regulations intended to limit the number of unauthorized immigrants in the future?*
6. *What are the most important steps toward assuring the short- and long-term security of Americans at home and abroad? How will you balance the continuing costs of military actions with the costs of domestic needs?*
7. *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the very wealthy and other Americans?*

8. What should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in the United States?

9. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.

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Questions:

1. I strongly disagree with the scientists which are on the government payroll. The Climategate fiasco is very telling of the effect of grant money on the quality of the science produced. There has been no measurable increase in temperature for over 15 years in contrast to the very computer models scientists use to claim doom upon humanity. Aside from that, I do not believe the federal government has the authority to mandate any behavior modification at all. If you want to make the world better, you must make the case directly to the people and allow them the liberty to decide for themselves to change their behavior.
2. The clean energy economy is a false economy created by governments. The best incentive for clean energy should be that it is cheaper than existing energy sources. That is not the case today and with artificial pressure the prices of newer clean technologies will not fall enough for universal adoption. The best way to have clean energy become successful is for the free market to promote the innovation required to make choosing clean energy the most obvious choice. We need a great price on a great technology, not forced adoption. Clean energy, if forced by government, will only worsen our competitiveness as foreign countries will be allowed to continue using coal as our companies are denied it. We must not interfere in the markets.
3. We need dramatic spending cuts across the board. We need to end the wars and bring our troops home from every base on the planet. With a sane budget and sane tax policies, America can regain its lost edge in the economic arena. To elaborate on sane taxes, we must have corporate taxes that allow our products to be marketable world-wide. Today, most countries have an advantage over us with their VAT taxes. Our products are too expensive overseas. One of my platform planks is to support repealing the 16th Amendment, to repeal the income tax. With Americans keeping their earnings, they can spend it on real economic growth, instead of bureaucrats and perpetual war.
4. I do support a high level of disclosure, but I am not necessarily for revealing every one of your members to the government where the FBI, IRS or other government agencies can be directed against them in retaliation of their political views. Some areas of anonymity are needed. I think that private communications, including private signs on a person's private property, must not be curtailed in any way. The current GAB rules in Wisconsin puts an activity as low \$25 as something that requires declaration to the GAB. Since that number is arbitrary, it could easily be set as low as zero, making all political speech pretty much by permit only. That would be catastrophic to both free speech and the electoral process.

5. There is already a path to citizenship for unauthorized immigrants. They leave and get in line like my friends who came from Europe have done. It seems that being able to sneak across a border gives you a leg up over the millions of people throughout the world who would love to immigrate to the US. We must never reward unethical behavior. Once you do, you get more of it. We have tried amnesty and we have seen even more illegals arrive in hope of another amnesty. I do not support amnesty and would like to see all existing laws fully enforced, from E-Verify to deportation. We have the laws, but our federal government likes to think of the illegals as future voters. We must get tough to end the flood of illegal immigrants.
6. The most important step for American security is repealing 1913. We must repeal both the 16th and 17th Amendments. We must repeal the Federal Reserve Act. Only then will we be able to reel in the overgrown federal government with its interventionist policies. I feel peace is the best path to prosperity and security. We should bring all the troops home. A strong military is good, but having a Federal Reserve to print up the money to wage endless wars is foolish. I would support the end of all US military activity outside the US borders, unless under the terms of immediate defense or a formal declaration of war. When we do need to fight, we must do so to win., total war until the enemy surrenders. They get to keep the pieces.
7. First, wealth is not a bad thing. Wealth allows for businesses to be created. New businesses create new jobs. That is a great situation. That said, I believe that all government must be dramatically reduced in size and scope to prevent unfair support of businesses. NO BAILOUTS, EVER! No special deals or low liability caps. A good example is BP where they had a \$75M cap when the Exxon Valdez, with a limited amount of oil spilled, cost \$1.2B to clean up. That is insane. By repealing the 16th Amendment, the average person gets to keep their hard earned money and it will not be wasted on wars and bailouts which benefit the investors of the companies getting the money. We need an even playing field, not wealth redistribution.
8. Absolutely nothing! I mean everything they are doing now must stop. The federal government has no role in the education of our children. Education is an issue for local communities. With the repeal of the 16th Amendment, less money will be stolen by the federal government and more money will be available locally for the communities to figure out how to educate their children. With the repeal of the 17th Amendment, states will finally be able to shoot down unfunded federal mandates allowing them to spend money as they see fit, not as some bureaucrat in DC dictates. To be honest, the money spent on K-12 by the feds has been shown to have no benefit. Grant money for college tuition has only made tuition go up faster than inflation.
9. My priority is to Repeal 1913. I feel very strongly that our founders had it right the first time. Some of the changes we made over time has neutered the states to the point of irrelevancy. Today, we are approaching a dictatorship as more and more is being done at the executive level in Washington. I see that as the wrong path. My qualifications are that I read the Constitution as a libertarian and not as a statist. I am seeking a cure to the problems we have as a nation, instead of a prescription for more government regulation. I will bring a new view to Washington, a view that includes every American's right to liberty. It is clear we must make a decision for our nation. The choices are liberty or tyranny. My choice is liberty.

Paul Ryan

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Congressional District 2

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Experience: In November 1998, Tammy Baldwin was elected to Congress to represent Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District, becoming the first woman from Wisconsin to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was re-elected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008. Congresswoman Baldwin serves on the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which has jurisdiction over health care, telecommunications, energy, consumer protection, air quality and environmental health, food and drug safety, and interstate commerce issues. She also serves on the House Judiciary Committee and its Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Community Involvement: Tammy Baldwin began her career in elective office as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors in 1986. In the same year, she served briefly on the Madison, Wisconsin Common Council, filling an aldermanic vacancy. Baldwin served four terms as a Dane County Supervisor (1986-1994), while also running for, and winning, a seat in the Wisconsin State Assembly in November 1992. She served as a State Representative for the 78th Assembly District comprising central and south Madison from January 1993 to January 1999. In the state legislature, Tammy Baldwin wrote laws to reform the campaign finance system, make drinking water safe, and clean up Wisconsin's lakes.

Questions:

1. Climate change is real and threatens our way of life. Farmers see changes in growing seasons. Communities deal with record snow and frequent flooding. The sooner we act to limit carbon emissions the better chance we have of reducing harm in the future. There are three ways to reduce carbon emissions: use less energy; use clean energy; and capture and store carbon emissions from dirty energy. We must track how much carbon is emitted and reduce emissions. Energy conservation and efficiency policies, and investments in research and development of clean energy technologies will help us use less energy. U.S. leadership on these issues will create jobs and keep America competitive.
2. Rebuilding our manufacturing base and creating jobs here in Wisconsin is essential. Many Wisconsin businesses are global leaders in 21st century technologies. Their innovations are leading to new facilities and quality American jobs. From biofuels and improved battery technology to cutting edge refrigeration systems and high efficiency engines, Wisconsin business leaders know that innovation leads to jobs and a sound economy. Investing in and supporting these efforts is vital. At the same time manufacturers face tough international competition, particularly from countries like China and India. To ensure that we do not disadvantage American workers we also must minimize the financial impact, particularly on our small businesses.
3. Job creation is my number one priority. The economic climate remains challenging in Wisconsin and across the nation. We must invest in rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure, expand access to credit for small businesses, provide targeted tax cuts to promote job creation, and end incentives that allow companies to ship American jobs overseas. I support recovery measures that have saved and created over 63,000 jobs in Wisconsin since 2009, and continue to do so. I support giving entrepreneurs and small businesses access to capital and tools they need to create jobs and drive economic growth. I have championed economic development in area communities, including the Beloit Gateway which is already home to companies employing 934 people.

4. I support full disclosure of all political expenditures and sources of funding for election advertising. Throughout my career, I have been a strong supporter of public financing of elections. Wisconsin has a long tradition of open government. Wisconsinites tell me everyday that they think big corporations - the Wall Street banks, drug companies, and oil companies - have too much power in Washington. We must renew our efforts to enact meaningful campaign finance reforms that provide all Americans with an opportunity to participate in the political process. I support efforts to end secretive advertising by corporations, unions and foreign businesses, and requiring full public disclosure in political advertising.
5. I believe that comprehensive immigration reform is needed. However, I am opposed to complete "amnesty." There are an estimated 10 million undocumented workers currently in the U.S. We need a path for them to become documented through a legal process including applying for legal residency, learning English, and paying a penalty for illegal entry. I also support efforts to deter illegal immigration, deploy modern and effective border security measures, and ensure effective immigration enforcement in order to protect our national security and fortify our economy. The Wisconsin dairy industry depends on the hard work and contributions of immigrants. Immigration reform must not destroy our already struggling dairy farmers.
6. I voted to authorize military force to pursue al Qaeda and other violent extremists who threaten our safety and security. However, our brave service members in Afghanistan no longer have a clear mission. At a time when our nation is facing extraordinary challenges at home, we should focus on rebuilding our own nation and putting Americans back to work. A strong economy is the foundation for our national security. Thousands of Wisconsin military and National Guard families have made huge sacrifices over the last decade. We must honor their sacrifice, bring our troops home and fulfill all of our commitments to our nation's service members and veterans. We must refocus our homeland security efforts on the threats facing our nation.
7. I am deeply troubled by the economic inequality in America. As Wisconsin families struggle to make ends meet, the wealthiest Americans continue to receive special tax breaks, huge bonuses and tax-free perks. With these policies in place, the gap between the richest and the rest of America continues to grow. To address this disparity, I supported recently enacted Wall St. reforms that create checks and balances on executive compensation. In addition, the new health reform law will ensure that income does not determine access to health care. I also support reforming our tax code, providing tax relief to families and small businesses, establishing incentives to create jobs, and ending special tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans.
8. Providing a quality education for all children is critical to America's social and economic well-being. This principle is so deeply held in Wisconsin that it is written into our state's constitution. Every child deserves an education program that prepares them to compete in a global economy, including high quality teachers, accountability for performance and adequate funding to meet student needs. It is time to reform No Child Left Behind by reexamining unrealistic testing requirements and funding issues. In addition, we must ensure that higher education remains affordable and accessible. Recent increases in Pell Grants and changes to the student loan program will help students and families meet these challenges.
9. My number one priority is job creation and economic recovery. Informed by area small businesses, I support targeted tax cuts, critical investments in infrastructure, and improved access to credit. Health care reform also remains a top priority of mine. I am focused on successful implementation of the new law, while working to strengthen it. I am working to enact comprehensive energy and climate change legislation that will reduce our carbon emissions, end our dependence on foreign oil, and create quality jobs here in Wisconsin. Protecting our constitution, including our civil liberties and privacy rights, and expanding civil rights protection to those suffering discrimination continue to be important issues facing our nation.

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Questions:

1. Climate models are just computer programs. As a computer programmer I know that any computer program must be rigorously tested. The best way to test a program such as a climate model is to publish the complete source code and the input data. This allows independent researchers to replicate the results. Neither the climate models' source code nor their data have been published. So, the results have not been independently replicated. Without replication there is no science. Until these models are independently reviewed, I see no need to worry about any predictions, dire or otherwise, that they produce.
2. As the experiences of Spain and Denmark have shown, government cannot create a competitive "clean energy" economy. Each green job created costs 2.2 other jobs. To be competitive our economy must be as free as possible of government subsidies. Clean energy must prove itself in the marketplace. Our federal debt and deficit mean that we cannot continue subsidizing enterprises that make no economic sense.
3. We should be decreasing the reach of the federal government by repealing ObamaCare and the Dodd-Franks financial regulatory regime. We must decrease uncertainty by permanently extending the Republican tax cuts on income, dividends, and capital gains and permanently killing the death tax.
4. Both the Bill Clinton and Barack Obama election campaigns were credibly alleged to have accepted illegal campaign contributions. These allegations have not been adequately investigated. We have seen mandated disclosure used to persecute private citizens. We have seen the powerful avoid disclosure. This leaves us with the impression that our campaign laws are designed to entrench professional politicians and punish ordinary citizens. We do not need more laws. We need civic organizations holding office holders accountable, shaming and shunning those whose conduct, while legal, is not moral.
5. No. Any amnesty is an insult to our legal immigrants. To the legal immigrant: Welcome. To the illegal alien: Leave.
6. Without a strong defense, we are not safe to enjoy domestic programs. We have now spent more on the failed stimulus efforts than we have spent in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our deficit is driven by the explosive growth of domestic programs.
7. The growing economic disparity is a direct result of the massive growth of the federal government. The misguided policies of the Obama administration have increased unemployment and kept it at an unacceptably high level. Reducing the size of the federal government and returning it to its proper role of establishing justice, insuring domestic tranquility, and providing for the common defense will put more liberty in our lives and more of our paychecks in our pockets.
8. The federal government can implement policies, such as permanently extending the Republican tax cuts on income, dividends, and capital gains and permanently killing the death tax, that grow the economy. A prosperous nation can more easily afford a high quality educational system.

9. Federal spending is out of control and our debt burden is excessive. My first priority will be to cut spending enough so that we can start to pay down our debt. As a Washington outsider, I will not be beholden to those whose special pleadings over the years have ballooned Washington's spending. A necessary part of keeping the federal government solvent will be reforming Social Security and Medicare. I favor Paul Ryan's Roadmap for America's Future, a common-sense reform proposal. As a statistician and mathematician, I understand the dismal Social Security and Medicare numbers.

Wisconsin Congressional District 3

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Questions:

1. It depends on which Scientists one is reading and listening to in these discussions. The real consensus seems to be that there are changes occurring but at what rate and impact are they really happening. I do not believe in an over zealous, politically motivated government putting unproven restrictions in place that could hamper private sector development of new and innovative solutions to the problem. There is not commitment from all countries and we cannot solve this problem alone and especially in light of the fact that our country is broke.
2. Again, we must keep the federal government out of the way and let the innovations come from the private sector by allowing them to develop clean energy without restrictive regulation. No one individual can ensure competitiveness in this endeavor but we as a nation should support new ideas. America is the proven leader in technology and we should let our manufacturing sector be the innovators.
3. The most important thing we should do to improve our nations unemployment and economy is to have the federal government quit spending money and creating a new world of entitlements. Lower taxes to business, less regulation and generally keeping the government out of the way of business in general will create the environment for growth in all sectors. We need less government and more entrepreneurial growth and investment. When the government taxes and spends they call it an investment but the reality is that our national debt increases with no plan to pay for it.
4. I adamantly support full disclosure and we should be putting a cap on how much is spent in the election process. Money raised should be limited and public forum should be used to have the candidates state their positions on the issues. Campaigns are being financed by political parties who will choose the candidates, endorse them and then expect them to vote party lines and not represent the people. The system is broke and that is why we find our great country in the mess it is in today.
5. We already have a path to citizenship in this country and if it was good enough for my grandparents then it is good enough for all others who wish to come here. People who want to follow their dreams and build a life here should be able to do so but they should speak our language, honor but one flag and respect the laws and traditions of this nation. If you are here illegally you must go home, not receive any benefits from our system and remain in your home country or face the consequences of violating our laws. Breaking the law in other countries is not tolerated and why should we be different.

6. We must continue to support a strong military and develop new technology so as to remain the only superpower in the world. We must support our troops in harms way and their families while they serve. Once they have served we should commit to never allowing them to become victims of the benefits denial that exists in the system. The saying is "no solder left behind" and that should include after they have served. Without the strong military force no domestic need will exist. The two are completely different issues.

7. The only disparity between the wealthy Americans and those that have not achieved that level of success is the entitlement mentality that permeates today. The wealthy worked hard, invested sometimes with a great degree of risk, suffered defeats and continued with the desire to succeed in their endeavors generally without help from the government. In other words, most earned it the hard way. Today we encourage non-productivity, welfare, blaming everyone else for our problems and find every reason available to expect others to bail us out of hard times. The government needs to stay out of the private sector period. The economic difficulty we find ourselves in is direct result of too much government with the tax and spend and spend m

8. We have a great foundational education system that needs to be brought to the realities of today's world and the fast paced technologies that result from it. The more the involvement of the federal government persists the worse things become. We need teachers to teach and not demand just higher wages and better retirements. They must be held accountable for their endeavors and be reviewed just like other individuals in the workplace. This is not about another year and another pay increase but it about being professionals and being paid and rewarded accordingly. The State and Local level should be responsible for that process and not the federal government. We have the best students but we just need the best rewarded teachers to tea

9. We need to stop this out of control spending, create the environment for job growth and stop the invasion of our country from the southern border. I have been in the financial industry for 40 years having been President of two Wisconsin banks and now own a small financial company. I do understand the financial issues and will fight to regain control of the spending. Taxes on the job creators is stifling the growth in new jobs. Regulation is overwhelming and also stymies investments into the business arena. Immigration issues are simple. We have laws on the books that can control this invasion and we must secure the borders and enforce the laws. We simply cannot afford this threat to our country. My grandparents came here legally

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Questions:

1. I reject the statement associated with this question. Scientists are NOT in agreement that the climate change we may be seeing is in any way influenced by man. In fact, NASA atmospheric measurements of the earth's temperatures indicate a downward trend in temperatures. Furthermore, data indicates that Middle Ages temperatures were elevated above those we currently experience today. I reject the theory that climate change is influenced by humans in any significant way; therefore I would not support any federal government action in this regard. I would in fact discourage it.
2. I will do my best to minimize federal controls and regulations over domestic manufacturing. I think the States are in the best position to govern their local businesses and safe guard their local environments. Surely the States have more of a vested interest in their own environments than those living far away in Washington DC. Private sector funding and investment in research and development of new and renewable sources of clean energy can be best encouraged if federal taxation on capital gains and income tax is minimized, allowing more cash flow for companies to re-invest in such activities.
3. Corporations are sending our jobs overseas because it is profitable for them to do so. We must make it unprofitable. A good start is the following: 1. Our labor becomes more competitive with other countries when our wage demands go down due to MUCH lighter tax load. 2. We make it cost prohibitive to outsource our jobs overseas. We do this through a taxation structure that: (a) Rewards in-country manufacturing with lower taxes and less regulation (b) Significantly increases tariffs on imported goods (c) Increases taxes on foreign outsourced services (d) Increases taxes on profits our US held corporations earn from their foreign manufactured goods 3. Deport illegals that take our jobs and heavily fine their employers.
4. No, I do not. It places more requirements on the smaller campaigns of challengers, discourages people from running for office and helps entrenched incumbents stay in office.
5. ABSOLUTELY NOT! To reward the illegal alien conduct and provide amnesty would be a direct slap in the face to those that immigrated legally as well as the American taxpayer. It also rewards illegal activity, much of which is drug related. Illegal immigration represents a danger in economic, social and national security terms. Our jobs are being taken and our social services are being taken advantage of without intention to assimilate into American culture. Additionally, we have lost control over the criminal and terroristic element that is infiltrating into our nation. Our citizens are attacked, mutilated and even killed by illegal criminals walking our streets. Our prison systems are overloaded with illegals. This must stop.
6. We have almost 100,000 Americans in Afghanistan looking for one murderer and his thugs. That is 100,000 American families disrupted. To me this is unacceptable. It's time to reunite our military families by removing our forces, allowing Bin Laden and his followers to come out of hiding and kill them. Americas security is most threatened by foolish fiscal policy currently on display in DC! The savings we glean from bring our troops home, in addition to the savings we obtain by reducing the size of government must be applied to pay down the national debt. Once this is reduced we can then afford to slash taxes and let people keep more of their money, reducing credit and providing economic security for families again.
7. The US Constitution was created to control government and guard personal freedoms from government over-reach. A reading of the Federalist Papers proves this. The US Constitution does not empower the Federal government with this ability, with good reason. Too much power and money in the hands of too few guarantees corruption and abuse. The founders knew this and wanted to limit this power. That is why the federal government's powers are strictly and clearly enumerated in the Constitution. Redistribution of wealth is called socialism. It is literally theft! It is diametrically opposed to human nature and runs counter to any incentive to work hard to get ahead and build self-esteem and a sense of personal satisfaction.
8. Defund and dismantle the Department of Education and allow control for schools to return to local levels where parents can exercise control over it, demand excellence in teaching, control expenditures and reduce waste. Not everything must be handled by government. Professional organizations outside of government can establish agreed upon standards for education. A good example of this ability is Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). It is a non-governmental entity that standardizes accreditation for engineering universities.
9. I intend to return honor to elected office by encouraging the public to take a FAR more active role in government. I intend to demonstrate authentic representation. I will read each bill. If not given a chance to read it I will vote NO. I will personally listen to voice mails and take phone calls when

in office. I will read all mail and respond to as many as possible. THIS IS THE REPRESENTATIVES MAIN JOB! I intend to repeal the Healthcare and Finance Reform bills, and Cap and Trade if enacted. I will introduce legislation to simplify bills and limit staffers. Introduce 2 bills per month to slash the size and influence of the federal government and return power to the States. WI will be known as a leader in federal reform.

Wisconsin Congressional District 4

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Community Involvement: Congresswoman Moore is a champion of progressive and social issues and stands up as a voice for each and every constituent and neighborhood across the district. She has made a positive impact in critical issues related to criminal justice, women's rights, Veteran's assistance and civil rights. Congresswoman Moore is a strong advocate for measures that focus on improving the economic and employment conditions in our communities. She has supported sound efforts to help small businesses grow and advance the creation of new jobs. She has pushed for affordable housing and passed consumer protection provisions. She supports initiatives such as the TRIO Program that assists disadvantaged students complete college and attain educational success.

Questions:

1. I support establishing a cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Included in H.R. 2454, legislation that passed the House of Representatives last year with my support, was a program that would limit greenhouse gas emissions nationwide beginning in 2012 to 97% of 2005 levels (3% reduction), and emissions would decline to 83% of 2005 levels (17% reduction) by 2020 and 17% of 2005 levels (83% reduction) by 2050.

2. The growing sector of "green jobs" – including energy retrofits for homes and businesses as well as new technologies to produce clean energy and provide energy efficient travel options – holds tremendous potential for Milwaukee, and the Midwest in general. For example, I worked to ensure that the Talgo establish its North American high speed trains manufacturing facility in Milwaukee.

3. To combat persistent high unemployment it is essential that we effectively provide stimulus to our economy. Economists tell us that benefits assisting those who are in the most need, such as Unemployment Insurance benefits and Food Stamps are most helpful because they help prevent further foreclosures and other economic attrition while providing funds to those who will immediately pump money back into the economy.

4. YES

5. I support a comprehensive immigration reform process in which we can effectively limit the number of undocumented migrants coming across our borders, but also take a realistic approach to the millions that are here living in the shadows. The only effective way to finding out who is already here is to create a fair path to citizenship that people living in the shadows can trust.

6. We must guarantee that all aspects of our national security, not just the military, are adequately funded and resourced to ensure the security of Americans. This means that diplomacy and development become integral parts of our national security strategy, not just a part of the rhetoric. I will continue to support funding increases for our nation's international affairs budget i.e. the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Elimination of waste and unnecessary programs in the largest discretionary budget, the Defense Department, is necessary, including ending funding for Cold War systems like the F-22 and missile defense, eliminating massive cost overruns, and the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq.

7. To improve our economy it is essential that we support hardworking American families by extending the middle class tax cuts and expanding efforts to assist lower income workers such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit. At the same time, it is essential that shareholders of publicly traded companies have a say on the compensation paid to executives of those companies.

8. Access to a good education should be a fundamental civil and human right for all children. We have an historic opportunity to shape our educational system and expand opportunities for all American children. It is imperative to make extensive changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; I firmly believe these changes must be evidenced based and include only models that have been proven as effective. I support providing funding for reforms that will yield the highest impact for the neediest children. These reforms could include: providing adequate support and funding targeted at high-need children and their schools, ensuring reliable testing and providing strong professional development for educators.

9. My top priorities are bringing more jobs to Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District and supporting working families. I am also actively working on reforming the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, improving affordable housing, ensuring that the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs address the needs of our troops regarding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and expanding food and nutrition programs like school breakfast, The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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Questions:

1. There are two ways of addressing this issue. The first is making improvements without knowing the causes of climate change and the other is identifying the factors through a rigorous scientific

approach. We can immediately move to reduce pollution by embracing nuclear and the use of other sustainable energy production methods like wind and solar. The second way is understanding the causes and controllability affecting the earth's temperature. Climate change is a complex process with many variables and the simplistic approach based on purely carbon emissions is too narrowly focused. We need to understand this process through a fundamental scientific method based study rather than through consensus based approaches.

2. We cannot embrace a one-sided energy policy that has a negative effect on our manufacturing base. Manufacturing operations consume vast amounts of energy and we must be ready to supply that in an economical way. Currently the best alternative is nuclear. Outside of the clean energy theme we must focus on making our industries cost competitive not through the zero sum game of tax breaks but through making Wisconsin and the United States the best place to start and operate a business. We have burdened our industries with onerous amounts of red tape costing our industries billions per year. We must free up small businesses and let them thrive. We must make the cost of doing business in Wisconsin better than any other location.
3. When in a crisis the most important thing to do is not get paralyzed by all the possibilities and focus on quickly assessing options that move you out of trouble more quickly. Using this approach, we must view anything that improves the business climate and business diversity as good and anything that prevents it as bad. Businesses create the jobs we need. We must make it easy for businesses to thrive and grow so they can hire. I would immediately abolish the corporate income tax since this falls disproportionately on small business. Corporate income taxes also make it more lucrative for businesses to find tax loopholes rather than focusing on creating great products and services for growing their business and competing globally.
4. Yes. In fact, I believe government should be transparent in every way except for national security secrets. I also believe that operations at the Federal Reserve and the SEC should require full disclosure. I believe that in a free country the people not only have a right but also a mandate to know the things our government is doing on their behalf. It is inconceivable to me that government organizations or government-sanctioned organizations can operate without transparency unless it involves national security directly.
5. Illegal immigration is a significant problem facing us today. I do not favor amnesty but I do believe we need to provide a way for the United States to have people from around the world come here and work. I believe the best way to do this is through an expansion of our visa program. As for the people currently in the United States without authorization we can offer a streamlined process to aid them in obtaining work visas but not citizenship. In addition, we must ensure that those people who come here for work and obtain work visas are a net benefit to the United States. This means they must not only be gainfully employed but also not require safety net services provided by taxpayers.
6. I have three immediate objectives in this area. First, immediately withdraw our troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Second, move virtually all overseas bases back to the continental United States. Third, require a declaration of war before the deployment of troops to a foreign country unless we, not our allies or interests, are under imminent threat. Obviously the ending of both the Iraq and Afghanistan operations will yield significant savings. The movement of a significant number of bases and personnel back to the U.S. will save nearly \$500 billion per year and inject money into local economies from our service personnel instead of foreign economies.
7. The growing disparity comes from the failed belief that more government intervention will yield a more equal distribution of wealth. The more the government has tried to control the wealth disparity the worse it has become. In the meantime the low and middle income families have seen their standard of living decline. I believe we need to go the opposite direction and give people greater freedom in achieving personal wealth. One enormous step forward in this area is eliminating the current byzantine tax code and making it much more fairer, simpler, and transparent. The Morel Tax Plan does just that. You can read the tax plan at:
<http://morelforcongress.com/?p=224>
8. Education is a challenging subject especially in Milwaukee. We need to end the direction from Washington. There is no way that Washington can help educate our diverse population of children. We can't even use the same approaches within the City of Milwaukee. Education is a local issue with help from the State. Education requires the support of parents. When parents have to work odd hours or a couple of jobs to make ends meet then they cannot spend time with their children. Parents must have jobs that pay a fair wage and allow them to be home. We also must show that

education and hard work lead to success. Too many of the children in Milwaukee see no point in an education when they will end up unemployed or in low skill work.

9. My three priorities are jobs, putting the country back on a fiscally sustainable path, and restoring personal freedoms. I have a background that supports these initiatives in very practical ways. I've worked in a wide variety of industries and currently own a small business. I have an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Business from Carnegie Mellon University. I served in the U.S. Army for eight years as both a paratrooper and as an Armor and Armored Cavalry Officer. I think my unique background, real world work experience, and focus on helping to improve the lives of people through greater freedom and opportunity is the very thing this country needs.

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Questions:

1. There are just as many scientists telling us that climate change doesn't exist as there are scientists telling us that climate change is happening more quickly than predicted. It's a matter of who do you believe. I believe the scientists who are telling us that the scientists who are telling us climate change is upon us are doing so through fraudulent means. I believe the scientists who are telling us that climate change doesn't exist. Therefore, action by the federal government in unwarranted.
2. As we are completely dependent on a coal fired power plant in the 4th district, the best way to ensure manufacturing remains competitive is to ensure job killing eco-policy like Cap & Trade does not become law. I oppose any legislative mandates that will cause energy costs to "necessarily skyrocket"! When the market is ready for a clean energy economy, the clean energy economy will appear. Private enterprise will rise, and in some cases is rising to the occasion without the prompting of or propping up by the federal government.
3. The government needs to get out of the way of private enterprise and allow them to do business. The government needs to step aside and allow businesses to achieve success. With that success will come expansion and hiring. With the expansion and hiring will come demand, consumer spending, more demand, more hiring and more expansion. That's how you improve the economy.
4. By requiring full disclosure of all political expenditures, you limit the ability of less well funded campaigns to get their message to the people. This creates a disparity that favors well funded campaigns (incumbents) over those campaigns that are less well funded (challengers). I believe this disparity is in fact the goal of supporters of full disclosure of all political expenditures and as it is their intent to stifle the message of those who would attempt to take their place by giving an advantage to the better funded campaigns, I cannot support full disclosure.
5. First of all, let's get our terminology straight. The word you're trying to avoid is "illegal". Second, we need to secure our borders. Unlike the job seekers of 5 & 10 years ago, the people who are coming across our border illegally today are coming to do us harm. They're running guns and drugs and people to operate their drug concerns. Having said that, Yes. A path to citizenship for illegal

immigrants should be established. But it must include a penalty, be it a fine or community service, in recognition of having done wrong crossing the border illegally in the first place. Illegals must be located, identified, their backgrounds checked, and those who don't participate or are determined to be undesirable should be deported. Future limit 0

6. The most important step in assuring short and long term security of Americans at home and abroad is to maintain a strong, well trained, well equipped military. The best way to control the continuing cost of military actions is to stop acting as policeman to the world and only fight wars properly declared by Congress.
7. America has always been about individual success and achievement. Up to this point in America the individual has been rewarded in direct relation to the amount of effort the individual puts in. What the government needs to do is get out of the way of those in pursuit of the American Dream and allow them to achieve success and rise above their current economic status. What the federal government should do about growing economic disparity is not hamper the efforts of those who wish to succeed.
8. Education is not one size fits all. What the federal government should do to create the world's best educational system for all the children in the United States is allow individuals as well as state and local governments to determine for themselves how best to educate our young. The only thing the federal government should require is that our children be educated.
9. My priority is to defund, repeal, and replace ObamaCare. To restore liberty, not restrict it. To shrink government, not expand it. To cut taxes, not raise them. To promote liberty and freedom for citizens, not government interference in their daily lives. To protect the sanctity of innocent life, whether elderly, disabled, or unborn. And to observe the limits of power as they are written in the Constitution, not ignore them. I think it's important to remember who the Founding Fathers were. They were farmers and tradesmen who set their private lives aside to serve their country. Our government was meant represent our society in miniature. Members of the House of Representatives were meant to be ordinary people. Not career politicians.

Wisconsin Congressional District 5

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Community Involvement: I am active in Habitat for Humanity and my oldest daughter works for them in Atlanta. When my children were in school I was very active in school events.

Questions:

1. Automobiles are one of the main sources of global warming. If we required all cars to get 35 mpg it would cut in half the amount of oil we use. This could be done immediately without any lifestyle change. Mass transit systems in major cities need to be improved and updated. Then there have to be incentives for people to use it. Usually it's the cost that stops people from leaving their cars for public transit. If there were more routes and the cost was very low, perhaps more people would use public transportation. Finally, we need to do a better job recycling. For example, there should be only two plastics; #1 & #2. I would support legislation that all plastics be #1 or #2.

2. I would continue to support companies like Orion Energy Systems in Manitowoc. This is a good example of government working with the private sector to expand green energy jobs. Tax incentives are necessary to encourage the development of solar and wind electric systems. Government should show leadership in moving toward renewable energies.

3. Our country needs to bring back manufacturing jobs. We need to continue to make improvements in our healthcare system so that employers don't have to pay a huge price to provide health insurance to their workers. NAFTA has been disastrous for our economy and needs to be reworked or scrapped. The tax laws must change so that American manufacturers can become competitive again in the U.S. market. Green energy development will also provide many new jobs. The mass production and installation of solar panels alone would provide thousands of new jobs.

4. Yes. If we can't get the big money out of the elections, at least the people should know who is funding a candidate.

5. Yes. Over the last 30 years we allowed illegal immigrants to stay here and now are alarmed that there are over 12 million in the US. Many employers here wanted the cheap labor so they looked the other way. This issue illustrates how bad things are in Mexico. We should be putting pressure on the Mexican government to develop their country so that their people can make a decent living and not be forced to flee their homes just to survive.

6. I think we have done a good job so far as requiring adequate identification before anyone can enter the country. This should always be our focus. A lot of the animosity toward US citizens comes from our

occupation of Iraq and our presence throughout the world in 900 military bases. It is obvious that we need to stop spending 13 billion a month for the 2 wars and redirect that money into domestic programs.

7. One thing that should be done is to reinstate the estate tax for the richest .3% of taxpayers. The estate tax was allowed to expire in 2010. I would support a similar bill in the House that Senator Sanders has introduced in the Senate. It is called the Responsible Estate Tax Act(Senate Bill 3533). Plus, the tax cuts for the very wealth that are due to expire, should be allowed to expire. Those rates, around 16%, are less than what blue collar workers pay. If the tax cuts stay, our country will loose \$800 billion over the next 10 years.

8. It's time to step back and look at the way we educate our children. We gave up the one room school house 60 years ago and it's time to make structural changes again in our education system. The federal government should provide the leadership but if they are not ready to lead, they should get out of the way and let individual states make the changes.

9. I feel that I am qualified because of all of my life experiences. I was educated at UW-Madison, drove semi, worked in a nursing home, built my own home, raised a family, farmed, supervised several human services programs from Fresh Start to a Sheltered Industry in Berlin. For the last 8 years I have taught at Fox Lake Correctional in Fox Lake. My priorities include changing the laws to bring back manufacturing jobs. Medicare should be available to people who choose to retire at age 62. There should not be a \$90,000 income limit for Medicare taxes. More work needs to be done on healthcare. Bring our troops home and close all non-essential bases. Protect our air, land and water. Keep the Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

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Questions:

1. I'm not sure the federal government is the complete answer. It will take the combined actions of city, county and state governments as well. The best thing the federal government can do is provide a frame work for people to follow. This problem is too big for any single agency to regulate. The energy co.s are going to want a defined path to follow. They'll need to have a specific set of guidelines that apply to their entire industry. It's a big job to tackle.
2. The best thing to do is to provide incentives for businesses to locate facilities in our area. I would mandate that clean energy products and services be developed in and around the Midwest by the people that live and work here. Each region of the country has specific problems to overcome. We should not allow foreign interests to build the clean energy products that our region needs. That's just wrong.

3. You've hit on a part of it above. America needs the next BIG THING. We should move quickly to develop clean energy products and services and put people back to work. Electric Cars would be a good place to start. We also need to fundamentally change the way the federal government is funded. Clearly, what we're doing now is not working for most people.
4. Yes, I'm running my campaign based on a pledge to not accept outside funding from PACS, Political Parties, Wealthy Donors, Corporations or any entity that would seek access by buying my vote. I'm limiting my fundraising to small donations of \$25 or less by individuals only. I do support full disclosure as stated above.
5. This is an issue about fairness. We already have a path to citizenship for immigrants. Many have followed it. We need to solve this problem by securing our borders and punishing employers that break the laws. We have laws that limit the number of immigrants. We need to enforce those laws.
6. I'm the only Vet running for Congress in my District and this is a very important issue with me. First, America is being attacked by "non-nation state" enemies. Sending ground troops to occupy foreign failed states won't solve the problem. We could have killed Bin Laden at Bora Bora. We invaded Iraq instead. We've turned our military over to private contractors at a price no nation can afford. The only winners in our wars are the Haliburtons. Second, our biggest national security threat is from cyber space. Six or seven well trained hackers could send us back to the place in history that Bin Laden would like us to be.
7. Break up Wal Mart and the other big box Retailers. Re-establish the Merchant Middle Class. Completely outlaw short selling of most futures contracts. Outlaw Hedge Funds. Arrest all the people that we can find that collude to manipulate the Securites Markets. Outlaw "flash trades". Do not allow American based Companies to be headquartered overseas for any reason. Doing things like I've just suggested would level the playing field. Next, give Kautner Grants to people wishing to to start home businesses. In 10 years you'd have more wealth creation than America has seen in decades.
8. Get out of the way. Encourage creativity. Let the kids learn. E-books, the internet, and modern technologies are taking kids places we've never been before. I think we spend too much money doing the same failed education polices over and over again. Sure the teachers unions like it, but what about the kids. The days of big, fancy, brick and mortar campuses are coming to an end. The kids today already have access to all the knowledge in the world. We just have to create a few incentives for them learn.
9. Well, I'm glad you asked me that. I think the first job at hand is to change the way we fund our government. Second, clean all the fraud out of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Third, encourage citizen participation in civic duties by providing Kautner Grants to non-profits that benefit the elderly, the homeless, the disabled, our vets, and learning centers where kids can go on their own. I'm qualified because I'm a retired successful businessman, a farmer, a vet, a proud father with a daughter in law school, a supportive wife, and lots of time to do the work of the people.

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Experience: After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Julie served as the Executive Director of the Plover Area Business Association, where she worked closely with local small businesses to advance economic development in Plover. Julie was elected to the State Assembly in 1998 serving until 2003 when she won a special election to the State Senate. Julie has built a strong record working for middle class families and standing up to special interests. Her focus has always been on creating jobs, promoting small business, strengthening educational opportunities, and

protecting children. Julie has a well-earned reputation for staying in close touch and working across party lines as an independent voice for Wisconsin.

Community Involvement: Julie is a member of the Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance, Portage County Business Council, and Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Questions:

1. Climate change is a pressing concern that should be addressed as a priority in terms of our energy needs and use and as an opportunity to create jobs. There is no question that we must tackle our energy challenges head-on, but we also need to develop common sense solutions that work to create jobs, promote our energy independence, and protect the natural resources that make Wisconsin unique and treasured. I am committed to creating federal incentives that encourage the development of a clean energy economy. That means converting our strong manufacturing base to take on the next frontier in homegrown energy solutions like solar, biomass, wind, and geothermal. By investing in Wisconsin's manufacturers, we can create new jobs in new industries
2. Clean energy manufacturing is a dynamic new industry with the potential to revitalize our industrial base and create new jobs. We must make sure our small and mid-sized manufacturers have the resources they need to retool for the clean energy supply chain. That's why I fought for Wisconsin to establish a program that enables our manufacturers to retool, become more energy efficient, and transition to a clean energy economy. The "Green to Gold" initiative I sponsored will help not only reduce our energy dependence on foreign nations, but help create jobs here in Wisconsin. In Congress, I will fight to ensure that innovation and entrepreneurship are rewarded. We must support new r&d and production of clean energy at home to create jobs.
3. To turn the corner on our economy and drive Wisconsin forward, we need to create an environment that encourages the engines of our local communities--small businesses and entrepreneurs. We need to invest in our small businesses to develop, to expand their operations, or launch new ones. Their innovation needs to be rewarded, and they need the access to capital to get there. In addition, we need to make sure that skills training programs are readily available for Wisconsin workers so they have the best tools at their disposal to secure a new job and potentially one in a new industry. That way we can build a strong foundation of job growth where it matters most, on Main Street.
4. Allowing special interests to hijack elections is not a Wisconsin value. Voters should be able to make their decision in November without the headache of special interest interference. It's important that Wisconsin voters be afforded transparency and accountability in our elections. That's why I support requiring full disclosure of all political expenditures as well as sources of funding for elections. It's why I support the DISCLOSE Act because we need to address the loopholes newly gauged in our campaign finance law by the Citizens United ruling especially in regard to interference by foreign governments. I support returning the power in our democratic process to the people and not corporations.
5. I want to make sure that people who are here are paying their taxes and not taking services from those who are. That's the kind of immigration reform I want to see-that makes sense for our economy and is fair to taxpayers. We need real change so that those who are here pay their taxes and help grow our economy.
6. The most important steps toward assuring the security of Americans at home and abroad are securing and reducing nuclear weapons stockpiles throughout the world and continuing to engage countries throughout the world with diplomacy. As costs of military actions continue to increase we must ask more of our friends and allies in the conflict and we must evaluate our priorities and what we hope to achieve in those conflicts. We can not further put Americans at risk, whether it's our brave men and women fighting overseas or families struggling through difficult economic times throughout the country.
7. We need to channel our focus on government accountability, on cracking down on tax loopholes for corporations that ship good-paying jobs out of Wisconsin, and on putting Main Street first. That means holding government accountable and ensuring that every taxpayer dollar is used wisely. I created the Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement hotline to empower ordinary citizens to report instances of government excess, and it's this spirit of accountability that I want to bring to Washington. It's critical that we change our tax code so that it encourages businesses to create jobs in Wisconsin not ship them off to China. We need to provide tax incentives for our small businesses to create jobs and build a strong future
8. Education has always been a ticket to a strong middle class. It's essential that everyone have equal access to the best possible education and skills training at any age. For our children, we need

to can focus on classroom practices that work. Low income and rural school children must receive the same quality education as wealthier communities. We must make early childhood education a priority for all students, and we should provide every student access to quality school-to-work programs and vocational education as well as make higher education more affordable to help students find their place in the world of work. We also need to ensure that people of any age have access to the skills training they need to find a new jobs.

9. My first priority is to fight for working families to create jobs. I have a proven track record of creating jobs in both the public and private sector. I worked across the aisle and am helping to bring 600 new jobs to Wisconsin Rapids. I also led the charge to expand tax credits for business startups and funding for economic development programs through the CORE Jobs Act that I authored. I believe that government should be run more like a businesses, and that means holding Washington accountable. I created the Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement hotline to empower ordinary citizens to report excess spending. In Congress, I want to tackle our spending challenges to address our national debt and end tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs.

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Questions:

1. NONE
2. INSTITUTE THE FAIR TAX. REDUCE EXCESSIVE REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS.
3. GET GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE ITS BURDEN ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. INSTITUTE THE FAIR TAX. GET OUT OF NAFTA AND OTHER TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT HURT U.S. BUSINESSES.
4. YES. FOLKS SHOULD KNOW WHO IS BACKING THE CANDIDATES AND POTENTIALLY BUYING SPECIAL FAVORS.
5. NO. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED FOR BREAKING THE LAW. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE LAW BREAKERS AND SHOULD BE PROSECUTED.
6. SECURING OUR BORDERS! QUIT BEING THE POLICEMEN OF THE WORLD! WHEN WE GO TO WAR, IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THIS NATION AND ONCE DECLARED, POLITICIANS SHOULD GET THEIR NOSES OUT OF THE WAR.
7. MAKE SURE WE ABIDE BY AND OBEY THE CONSTITUTION.
8. RETURN CONTROL TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE STUDENT'S PARENTS. FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND AVOID SOCIAL INDOCTRINATION. FUNDING SHOULD BE EQUITABLE THROUGHOUT THE U.S.
9. UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION. REDUCE SPENDING, REDUCE REGULATIONS AND CONTROL, END ABORTION AND INSTITUTE THE FAIR TAX.

Don Raihala

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Congressional District 8

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Questions:

1. Federal legislation that would significantly reduce any of the potential impacts of global climate change would decimate our economy. A careful balance between stewardship of the land and our natural resources must be measured against our basic human needs for employment. One analysis of the American Power Act, proposed by Senators Kerry and Lieberman in 2009 would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 83%. It calls for the use of the IPCC's own climate models. Unfortunately, the reduction in global temperature would only be .077 degrees Fahrenheit over taking no action at all. Reducing our carbon dioxide emissions by that amount would devastate the American economy and produce very little in the way of stopping the impacts of climate change.
2. Energy is a critical expense in maintaining any manufacturing business. However, new technologies and energy sources that better conserve energy are within our reach. I would ensure that Americans have the best jobs environment and then get out of the way of the free market so that private industry can create jobs. The greatest needs of manufacturers competing in a global environment is the cost of energy, the cost of healthcare, and the cost of our tax and regulatory climate. I believe it is the job of government to stay out of the way of markets. Our hard working men and women can use their time innovating to allow our manufacturing industry to make more with less. This will enable us to compete in a globalized economy.

3. In the short term, the government needs to extend the entirety of the Bush tax cuts that are set to expire at the end of the year and immediately send a message to the American people and to businesses that there will be no more bailouts at any point in the future. Repealing health care reform and replacing it with legislation that actually will help lower health care costs through free market driven solutions. From a longer term perspective, we absolutely need to fix our nations monetary policy. An audit of the Federal Reserve is a good start. To ensure that the boom and bust cycle that caused our current depression does not happen again, we must utilize Austrian economics.
4. Transparency in the political process is recommended. Campaign FEC reports are available for anyone to see. With this in mind, we must guarantee that all voices are heard under the first amendment which ensures free speech, the right to assemble and the right to petition. The disclose act does not represent these constitutional principles as it places onerous regulations on members of organizations which are smaller than 500,000 in size. Yet, the membership lists of those organizations like the NRA are exempt from full disclosure of membership lists. The logic of which is similar to 'big brother is good' and the private citizen groups need to be watched and regulated.
5. The path to citizenship is expressed in our constitution and our immigration laws. Those individuals residing in the United States illegally and employers who have secured undocumented workers must be fined and held accountable under the laws of the United States. Recent million dollar bounties on the lives of American Sheriffs reported in July of this year, illustrates the crisis our country faces due to the lawless side effects of illegal immigration. At this time of high unemployment and national fiscal crisis – the employment of illegal immigrants due to insecure borders must stop for the sake of our economy, the security of our nation, and for the sake of continuity and integrity of American Law.
6. I am a Constitutionalist and as such my primary responsibility is the Defense of the United US. Our first step is to secure the borders of this nation. The political solutions of the past have not worked to secure our most vulnerable national security issue, our borders and illegal immigration. The threat of an open border to Mexico has resulted in an influx of crime, illegal drugs, and a pathway for terrorists. Fiscally, the US spends 1/5th of its budget on National Defense, according to the Heritage Foundation 2009. We must keep our commitments to our military veterans by adopting a fiscally sound policy. That policy should require a competitive bid contract for all expenditures that is transparent to the public on the internet.
7. The purpose of taxes is to raise money to fund the necessary functions of government, such as national defense. The goal of our economic policy ought to be promoting economic growth, creating and keeping high paying American jobs ensuring that the real wages of the average American are rising. I believe that we need to focus on growing the size of the economic pie, not making sure it is cut into equal pieces. I do not believe that wealth is zero-sum and that the way to help less fortunate Americans is to take things from those lucky enough to be wealthy. Market driven programs such as the Development Zones encouraged by Jack Kemp in challenged neighborhoods should be used by the states under Wisconsin Policies.
8. Put the responsibility and funding of education back into the states. Encourage the involvement of free-market principles such as charter schools and competitive teaching salaries. The federal government's role in education is clearly defined in the Constitution as it is omitted as a responsibility of the federal government.
9. The priorities going forward include job growth utilizing Austrian economic principles, repealing Health Care starting with the mandate, keeping our promises to our veterans and vulnerable seniors, eliminating the debt by drastically cutting spending and federal agencies which will reduce all American's tax burdens which will allow sustainable investment in small businesses.

Reid J. Ribble

Party: R

Questions: No response

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Party: R

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Questions: No response

Statewide Offices

Wisconsin Governor

The questions – for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General:

1. Do you support extending to all other state offices a system of public financing along the lines of the one created for state Supreme Court elections in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act?
2. How will you ensure that Wisconsin manufacturing will remain competitive in a clean energy economy?
3. Who should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts after each census: the Legislature, a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission?
4. Wisconsin has a strong record of providing residents with access to health insurance coverage, but there are disparities in access to health care services, including mental and dental health services. How can the state address this problem?
5. Would you support a system providing candidates for state office with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district? Would you support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations?
6. How would you address the continuing state budget gap? Do you believe it can be filled through spending cuts alone, or do we need to raise revenue?
7. Do you support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending? Do you support requiring corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending?
8. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.

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Questions:

1. Public financing of campaigns can help make sure everyone has an opportunity to seek public office, and greater inclusion makes for a stronger democratic process. While I support the current public financing of Supreme Court elections, I don't believe it can be extended to all partisan offices, and there is role for private contributions in campaigns.
2. Manufacturing is a critical piece of our economy. I called for changes in the last legislative session on the Clean Energy Jobs Act because of my concerns about its impact on Wisconsin's competitiveness. I was pleased that those compromises were adopted, but there is more we can do

to bring business and environmental advocates together to create new jobs in a way that will reduce costs on families and businesses. Every year, Wisconsin families ship \$16 billion out of our state for energy. By using incentives not mandates to achieve our goals, we can keep more of that energy money in our communities, create clean energy and manufacturing jobs, and reduce our dependence on outside sources of energy.

3. I have offered a detailed proposal to have the Government Accountability Board ensure that redistricting plans put forth by the legislature produce as many competitive seats as possible in accordance with federal law. This proposal can be implemented for the 2010 redistricting process, removing partisan politics from the process right away. Authorizing a new independent commission would require a change to our constitution and therefore could not be in effect for the upcoming redistricting.
4. Wisconsin must maximize its strength as a national leader in individual health insurance coverage, and capitalize on opportunities to capture federal dollars to close health care gaps. Wisconsin is well positioned to attract pilot programs and demonstration projects that can help address health care disparities. And by increasing efficiencies and eliminating waste, we can get more from our health care dollar.
5. While I support public matching funds for campaigns, I do not support making such contributions tax deductible. Non-profit organizations depend on those gifts, and I don't want to increase competition for these dollars.
6. Wisconsin faces a \$2.5 billion deficit, but now is not the time to raise taxes. That's why I have offered a detailed and comprehensive plan to put state government on a diet that will cut \$1.3 billion dollars in state spending. View details at www.BarrettforWisconsin.com/diet. Furthermore, we need to get the economy moving and create jobs in the aftermath of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. See my comprehensive, detailed plan at www.BarrettforWisconsin.com/Jobs.
7. Disclosure of campaign contributions is necessary to provide voters complete information on the candidates they are choosing from, and who is behind the messages they are seeing.
8. As governor I'll work everyday to create, retain and attract jobs to Wisconsin, because getting our state's economy moving is my number priority. I'm the only candidate with a proven track record creating jobs. We worked with regional partners to save and bring 2,000 jobs to Wisconsin in the past 10 months alone, and I helped transform a decaying industrial wasteland into a thriving commercial sector that supports 4,000 jobs. I'm also the only candidate with a comprehensive, detailed plan to create jobs. My 67-page vision provides tax cuts to businesses that create jobs, overhauls the economic development tools of the Commerce Department, puts job creation directly in the governor's office, and establishes a venture capital fund.

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Questions:

1. No, there should be no public financing for any campaigns.
2. I am against a clean energy economy as there is no substantial proof of man made global warming. In addition, all locations that have tried "green" economies have failed such as sections of California and Spain. Business legislation based on clean energy is an economy killer and will drive out businesses and hurt WI families.
3. Independent citizen commission.

4. Health Care is not a right but rather something to be worked toward to get the better coverage. Over 98% of WI residents have access to some form of health care either through their employer, their own purchasing or state run program. Equity of these plans should not be the main concern. The main concern should be getting companies that provide jobs that include health insurance as part of their compensation plan to return to WI.
5. The public should not have to contribute in any way to political campaigns. But they should also be able to contribute as they wish as part of our right to free speech in the first amendment.
6. There MUST be spending cuts and a raise in revenue. However raising taxes DOES NOT raise revenue. Tax cuts generate more revenue.
7. No, this is regulating free speech.
8. Balance the budget. I am not beholden to any political party or special interest group so I can make the cuts and changes that best serve the people of WI, not some select group.

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: I served 3 years as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Germantown Fire Department, helped to complete the Survive Alive House, served with the Kiwanis Club, volunteered for many other functions in our community

Questions:

1. I would support extending this to all other state offices.
2. By monitoring all of the impacts to our resources and holding any Manufacturer responsible for any and all mitigation that might be required.
3. An independent citizen commission, I feel this is one way of giving the citizens of Wisconsin a voice in how Government should be run and get the public involved in the process.
4. The government should respond to the requests of its people as to decisions for health care and not just make decisions that they (the lawmakers) want to have. Work with Wisconsin-based insurance companies to develop a program that would be beneficial to all Wisconsinites who want to participate on their own free will, not a mandate.
5. Only if all candidates are on an equal playing field and there is no special interest monies from larger corporations or any special interest groups. I am undecided on the tax rebate or credit. I would have to look at the impacts that could possibly come out of a decision like this.
6. Scrutinize budgets, trim "free money" and cut wasteful spending in all departments of the state government. I feel that due to the irresponsible way the budget was handled. Raising revenues are very possible, given the state of the budget as it is currently, also eliminate duplicated divisions within the state government.
7. Yes I do. I feel that corporations should be transparent for all to see how they are trying to influence elections and candidates. I also support requiring corporations to get permission from their shareholders as well. Again transparency.

8. Balance the Budget correctly, again scrutinize budgets, trim "free money" and cut wasteful spending in all departments of the state government. Eliminate duplicated services that exist throughout the state government. Bring new businesses and work with existing business owners to bring jobs back to Wisconsin by offering tax incentives to businesses that purchase existing vacant buildings, this would help keep property values from depreciating as well as bring new jobs back into Wisconsin.

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Experience: Mark has been a private business owner since 1984; meeting a payroll, creating jobs, and constantly adjusting operations to meet consumer demand. He has an extensive background in education, please see question 8 for more on this topic. He also served in the House of Representatives for four years, from 1995-1999, where he cut taxes, cut spending, and helped balance the budget for the first time in decades.

Community Involvement: Mark is actively involved in his community, church, and his choice schools. Other community service activities Mark has been involved in over his career include: Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce, Builders Association, Central Wisconsin Builders Association, Director of Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Janesville Board of Realtors, Milwaukee Board of Realtors, National Association of Independent Businesses, Wisconsin Builder's Association, and Numerous Coaching of Youth Teams.

Questions:

1. Mark does not believe the public should have to finance political ambitions. Mark is opposed to the government taxing citizens to pay for the political campaigns of individuals.
2. The economy will naturally move towards clean energy if it is economically viable. Mark opposes Cap and Trade and Doyle's '25 by 25' plan. As governor, Mark will oppose all energy mandates and subsidies, allowing for a free market in energy production. The economy, therefore, will reflect consumer demand and will move toward lowering costs for energy. Mark has a detailed plan to rebuild Wisconsin industries, including manufacturing, that includes specifics like cutting taxes and streamlining regulations.
3. The best way to ensure competitive elections is passing term limits so there aren't any career politicians. The Legislature and Governor can draw the lines, but only term limits will ensure citizen legislators.
4. Mark's detailed 10 point plan for health care based on conservative solutions includes tort reform, 110% tax deductions from Wisconsin tax liabilities for the cost of health insurance, fully deductible HSA participation, encouragement of preventive medicine, and state employee plans made accessible for purchase by the general public. Costs must come down if we are to increase access and quality in our state. Please take the time to view Mark's whole plan here: <http://markforgov.com/candidate/issues/healthcare>.
5. Mark does not believe the public should have to finance political ambitions.
6. Mark believes we should cut government spending to balance the budget – not raise taxes. Mark's plan to cut spending includes keeping spending at 1% less than the rate of inflation, which will balance the budget without raising taxes. This plan works in the private sector, and it worked when Mark and others in Congress balanced the federal budget during the 1990's. Once spending is under control, tax rates will be cut correspondingly. This has the added benefit of actually raising revenue to the government due to a greater volume of taxpayers paying into the state. The last thing Wisconsin needs is higher tax rates. Mark has signed a pledge not to raise taxes.
7. As far as individual corporations go, what happens between their boards and shareholders is their business. So long as they are not breaking the law, that is a decision they must make, not the government.
8. Career politicians have hurt our economy with endless spending and higher taxes. Mark's a businessman. His first priority is to cut spending, cut taxes, and balance the budget to create the

business climate necessary for job creation. As the only businessman running for governor, Mark is uniquely qualified to turn our state around economically. Please read his plan here: <http://markforgov.com/candidate/issues/taxes>. Creating and competing for 21st century jobs also requires a 21st century education. That's why Mark has written a detailed plan to give Wisconsin the best educated kids in the world. Mark has personally taught high school, in the UW-system, and at a private college. Please see: <http://markforgov.com/candidate/issues/education>

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Community Involvement: Wisconsin Rapids Common Council 1985-1989 Wisconsin Rapids Police & Fire Commission 2003 to present President - Wisconsin Rapids Police & Fire Commission 2005 to present

Questions:

1. At this point, rather than starting over, Wisconsin would be better served by finding ways to improve the current public financing system. As governor, I will appoint a bi-partisan commission whose mission would be to recommend ways in which to improve the current system.
2. I will encourage conservation, technological innovation, and research, first with Wisconsin government, then Wisconsin businesses, and finally with Wisconsin citizens. I would assist in the development of partnerships between Wisconsin businesses and educational research institutions to safely produce and transmit power produced in Wisconsin. I would work to develop a strategic plan for energy and power in Wisconsin that would reduce our energy dependence, provide adequate power for the future, and provide for environmental protection. I would not support legislation that creates governmental bureaucracies and increases costs to Wisconsin citizens.
3. The courts have provided oversight in this process to ensure that each reapportionment plan encourages competitive elections, and in order to promote a healthy democratic process which accurately reflects the will of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin. I believe that the current system works, and should be maintained.
4. Under our current budget conditions, I do not believe that Wisconsin can afford to add additional health care services. Wisconsin could reduce the cost of health care delivery through: 1) tort reform 2) requiring health care providers to provide clear risk and benefit data, 3) straight forward pricing of medical procedures to allow the market to drive down prices. 4) clear presentation of risk & benefit data for medical procedures I would support efforts to insure that Wisconsin residents are not subject to unfunded federal healthcare mandates. Additional health care reforms might include tax credits to purchase healthcare insurance & individual policy ownership for portability.
5. I will appoint a bi-partisan commission on campaign finance reform to explore ways to provide candidates for state office with matching public funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district. Given the fragile state of the Wisconsin State budget I will not support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations.
6. As Governor, I will carefully examine our state's major policies, programs & activities to assess all aspects of state spending for inefficiencies, redundancies, & wastefulness. I will: - affirm and

support those programs and policies that lift Wisconsin citizens & that will grow our economy - have the courage to reject or reconfigure that which is not working in the State budget - commit to a process that will allow us to submit future budgets to the Legislature which eliminates the current state budget deficit - balance the State budget according to generally accepted principles of accounting without resorting to questionable accounting practices. - promote tax policies that are fair & equitable.

7. I support creating a provision in the law that provides a fair & level playing field for all persons wishing to participate in the electoral process, whether they are individual citizens, corporations, unions, political action committees, etc. I would support provisions that will require transparency & insure that shareholders in a corporation or members of a union are informed & approve of management's wishes to engage in election spending. I will appoint a bi-partisan commission on campaign finance reform to seek public input & to develop recommendations that are acceptable to the citizens of Wisconsin.
8. 1. Create a long-term strategic economic development plan that focuses on job retention & job creation for Wisconsin. 2. Reduce state spending by decreasing the size & eliminating redundancy & waste in state government. 3. Work to eliminate the current state budget deficit. 4. End the practice of raiding our state's segregated funds. 5. Submit future budgets that are balanced according to generally accepted principles of accounting. 6. Promote & sell Wisconsin goods & services nationally & internationally. My experiences as a financial services consultant has prepared me to engineer Wisconsin's return to financial prosperity. It has also shown me that excessive government & inequitable taxation stifle the economy.

Scott Walker

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Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor

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Questions:

1. In general, I support public financing of campaigns. The current Wisconsin Clean Elections Fund could be updated in a way to achieve a similar goal to Impartial Justice.
2. Wisconsin businesses should be offered incentives to manufacture, install, and maintain the infrastructure of a clean energy economy. By investing in job training and re-training for a green economy now, Wisconsin has the opportunity to be a nationwide leader in this industry.
3. As a member of the Legislatures that dealt have been affected by the 1980, 1990, and 2000 redistricting, I know that the current process did not work in those instances. To provide knowledgable redistricting, a non-partisan legislative service agency should create the new map which is submitted to the Legislature for its review and approval.
4. By offering additional tuition forgiveness and incentives, we can recruit more mental health, health, and dental professionals to serve traditionally underserved rural and low income urban areas. These programs will provide care but may also have an added benefit of having these medical professionals stay in the state upon graduation.

5. Yes, with appropriate limits on both the matching amount and the available tax credit. The goal of the system would be to incentivize small contributions while providing an adequate amount of funding for all candidates and offices in a fiscally responsible manner for the state.
6. Having gone through 5 biennial budgets in a row starting in deficit, I know the difficult choices that are ahead. I fear that there are not many cuts left to make without an interruption of vital services. Revenue generating efforts already underway like the ability to close corporate tax loopholes need to be enhanced during the next state budget.
7. I am hopeful that the Citizens United v. FEC case will be reversed. Barring that, corporations must be subject to the same requirements that 501c4 groups and labor unions are. Opposition to these safeguards are tantamount to condoning election fraud.
8. Job creation, access to health care, education. As Lieutenant Governor, I would use my experience in the Legislature as a liaison between the administration, the Legislature and the public. I would be able to look at the big picture of how policies addressing these issues could best be implemented. My 27 years of experience, as well as helping to create four business incubators will serve the State of Wisconsin well.

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Questions: No response

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Experience: I was Born To Run, my father the late Senator Gerald D. Lorge was senator for Central and Northeastern Wisconsin, the Appleton Fox Valley area for 36 years, my brother was a legislator for 10 years. I was your Secretary of State Nominee in 2002, U.S. Senate Candidate in 2004 and Nominee in 2006. I am the ONLY FARMER running Statewide for any office and perhaps the only Beekeeper and Honey Producer to ever run for Lt. Governor. I have started hundreds of businesses for clients, started 7 businesses myself, and know how to create JOBS, AMERICAN AND WISCONSIN JOBS, that we have lost due to Liberal Tax and Spend and Red Tape Regulations to the likes of Communist China and other Slave Labor nations, or to more competitive States.

Community Involvement: Lifelong Republican, member of the Outagamie County Republican Party, the Waupaca County Republican Party. Involved in various Christian groups, Roman Catholic Church. Member of Wisconsin Honey Producers Association, and Waupaca Beekeepers Association, NEF Honey Producers, and even the Florida Honey Producers Association where we winter our Honeybees before bringing them back to Wisconsin to pollinate Wisconsin farms and orchards and Cranberry Bogs and Marshes and to make LORGE HONEY. Member of the Outagamie County Bar Association, The State Bar of Wisconsin. I help people with their legal problems and love to incorporate new businesses and help families with Probate and Tax problems. Legal Counsel to Ispanos Unidos Allundando Organisaac

Questions:

1. No: Instead I support a Constitutional Amendment limiting all donations to \$100 per candidate from any adult citizen whose primary residence is within the candidate's district. This is the only

plan that would withstand a Constitutional legal battle, all other plans, however well thought out would be thrown out by the Supreme Court as violating Free Speech rights. I strongly oppose proposing UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAWS just because they sound good or further someone's political campaign, let me be even more blunt: Those that do are either ignorant and should not be running, or are enemies of our Constitution which I will support and defend, even if not perfect until it is legally amended by WE THE PEOPLE.

2. I favor the complete REPEAL OF ALL CORPORATE AND SMALL BUSINESS TAXES. Taxes should be limited to Sales Tax (The Fair Tax) or income Taxes when businesses, who know best how to use their capital (MONEY) to grow their business, until THEY DECIDE, to release profits, then it would be taxed as income dividends or salary and wage income, or sales taxes when they buy something. While "a clean energy economy" sounds nice, you can not run the World's leading economy entirely on hydrogen which is the only clean energy, since even wind power requires steel which requires coke (COAL) to make the parts, farming to create ethanol has pollution too. We need ALL ENERGY forms to keep our economy working. I favor Tax Credits to compete with other States
3. The Legislature. Tyrants and Cowards use nonpartisan legislative service agency or independent citizen commissions which are NEVER NON-PARTISAN and NEVER INDEPENDENT and those that pretend they are are only lying to the People and shirking from their duties, the very job that they are elected to do. Instead of these proposals, I would favor the legislature having to limit itself to two proposals, they can make as many reapportionment bills as they want (redrawing proposals) but should be limited by law to only being able to vote once in favor of any of them, and the two highest proposals should go to a state referendum to LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. Other than that, the Legislature should do their job, or be voted out.
4. My plan has always been to KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF HEALTH CARE. Use 100% TAX CREDITS to pay for health care, dental care, all doctor-patient care and prescriptions. This would mean that you possibly will get every dollar you might ever pay in taxes 100% Tax Refunded to you (because it is a credit and not a mere tax deduction), because you should not be supporting the government when you have not supported your own family with basics like health care. This keeps it private, keeps it competitive with high quality care unlike government "CrapCare", because now the doctors, clinics and insurance companies are competing for your tax credit dollars. YOU ARE IN CONTROL of your health care, picking your own doctors not the government.
5. I believe that Campaign Donations from within your district should be tax deductible, up to \$100. We should have a Constitutional Amendment to make this the law of the land, maybe until then we should tax the hell out of out of state and corrupt political lobby donors, which would be constitutional by the way, unlike other limits without a Constitutional Amendment. The key here is to LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. That is the Voters should be in charge, not outsiders, and not corrupt political interest groups, commonly abbreviated as "PIGs".
6. Wisconsin must raise Revenue by providing JOBS, GROWING BUSINESSES, and that in turn will grow our TAX REVENUE BASE. This is done by CUTTING SPENDING, immediately freezing all spending like Governor Christie has done in New Jersey, using instead of WISH LIST baseline Budgeting, go to Zero Based Budgeting by looking what is the least the government needs to do to run the proper functions of LIMITED GOVERNMENT, and how can we do it the cheapest. Then we make those CUTS. FREEZE FIRST, THEN BUDGET CUTS, but all the time growing JOBS AND BUSINESSES WITH TAX CUTS and where incentives are needed to stimulate, not bail outs or Tarps, but use TAX CREDITS, don't give the money away in bushel baskets, but reward those that work and build and grow.
7. I think Unions should not be allowed to spend any money for any candidate unless their individual member agrees to check off that amount for the candidate of their choice. The Same goes for corporations, they at most should ask each shareholder if they want to check off \$1 or so for the entire list of ALL CANDIDATES that made it on the ballot, or none at all. I also believe that since the recent Supreme Court case allows Corporations the same FREEDOM OF SPEECH in campaigns as anyone else, that like everyone else, they should be subject to the SAME DISCLOSURE LAWS, and SO SHOULD UNIONS, and 527 "George Soros" type organizations, just like Political Action Committees, Parties, and Individuals and Candidate Campaign committees. EQUALITY.
8. Growing JOBS AND BUSINESSES and CUTTING SPENDING and CUTTING TAXES. We are TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY. I started throwing TEA PARTY events back in 2002, 2004, and 2006 campaigns, and firmly believe in FOLLOWING THE CONSTITUTION, such as defending LIFE, LIBERTY and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, and 2nd Amendment issues. The Lt. Governor's Job is

to act as the Representative of the Governor on boards between the 1858 towns, 403 village, 190 cities, 72 counties, other 50 States and Federal Agencies since the Governor can be everywhere, as lawyer I represent people and businesses all the time, that is my job. To Help Wisconsin, and to keep my main promise that ROBERT GERALD LORGE AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILL REPRESENT ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN.

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Questions:

1. We need to work to get the money out of politics. Whether it be through the expansion of Impartial Justice, or through other programs it is important for people to have faith in their government. This session the state Assembly, in which I served as the Majority Leader, effectively banned fundraising during the budget, passed the Impartial Justice Act, and worked to find real solutions to giving our constituents faith in their government.
2. We need to make certain that we will grow and prosper in the new economy. This year, the State Legislature worked hard to accomplish this goal. We passed bills that made it easier to site wind energy projects, expand our renewable energy portfolio, and provide incentives to companies that add jobs in the clean energy market. I will continue to fight for legislation and policies that connect Wisconsin's strong workforce and infrastructure with new industries.
3. Every ten years there is a mad scramble for power in both houses of government, as well as the Governor's Office, to redraw the lines after the US Census. Unfortunately, it breeds further partisanship and only causes the people to have less faith in their government. This process is expensive, and almost always ends up in the courts. Mayor Barrett has put forth a plan to change how redistricting is done. Indeed, we need a transparent process that ensures that the Voting Rights Act is followed, as well as a process that yields real competitive districts.
4. Last session, the Wisconsin legislature passed Mental Health Parity that requires insurers to cover both physical and mental health treatment. Additionally, we provided financial support for a new dental school in Marshfield. This new school will focus on underserved areas of the state, particularly rural areas. In the upcoming sessions, we need to build on these and other accomplishments in order to continue to ensure the citizens of our state have access to quality, affordable health insurance and health care.
5. We should consider any and all proposals to bring more people into the process. I am certainly open to these proposals--as I have been in the past--however, we need to balance the cost of these programs with our state's current fiscal situation. Adding a new program, like this one, may be difficult given our state's serious, fiscal constraints.
6. This upcoming state budget will again be another difficult time in Wisconsin. Last session we faced an historic budget deficit. We made the tough, though necessary decisions, that included cutting spending while protecting vital priorities, like education and public safety. This next session, we will need to look at every program and service and find ways to create cost-savings. One thing that I will make sure that we do is protect the reforms Wisconsin made to bring equality to our taxation. We need to keep corporate loopholes, like the Las Vegas Loophole, closed.
7. Yes; Yes
8. My top priority is to bring and keep good-paying jobs in our community. We can accomplish this objective by providing competitive incentives for businesses that seek to locate and expand their operations in our state. Additionally, we can maintain a quality workforce and infrastructures system by continuing to make important long-term investments in K12 education, two-year and technical college system, the university system, and our road and bridges.

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Community Involvement: Currently active in Muscoda Lions. Past memberships in Richland Area Kiwanis, Richland Area Rotary, Downtown Dubuque Rotary & Gotham Lions. Past member of Lodi Jaycees, Richland Center Jaycees and Baraboo Jaycees. Served as Wisconsin Jaycees first Individual Development (training) VP and was a candidate for state president. Past advisory board member for the Sinsinawa Dominicans. Plus numerous volunteer and business boards and committees throughout my career.

Questions:

1. Yes
2. My campaign platform includes leading Wisconsin toward a major focus on green industries and the quality jobs that will go with these emerging opportunities. I believe that Wisconsin is uniquely positioned to become an international leader in this field by building on four existing factors: 1) our conservation and environmental heritage, 2) our substantial manufacturing base, 3) the research capabilities of the UW system and our proven ability to deliver that knowledge through our Extension system, 4) training provided by our world class Technical College system. As Lt. Gov. I will ask the Governor to appoint me to head the Dept. of Commerce so I can use my experience to implement this green approach to all aspects of business.
3. I agree with Tom Barrett's suggestion of giving this responsibility to the Government Accountability Board. An alternative would be the Wisconsin Supreme Court.
4. The number of free clinics gives voice to the fact that access to affordable health care is still beyond the reach of many of our citizens despite impressive steps taken by the state. Certain services like dental care are also facing a growing shortage of providers that will further complicate this problem even for those with dental plans. The state must work with the changes being introduced on the national level and identify and address gaps in that program as they are

discovered. I would support programs that encourage young people to pursue health related careers and then reward them for providing these services in areas facing the severest shortages.

5. We already have some programs in existence which attempt this approach to some degree. Unfortunately the rising cost of campaigns has overwhelmed these attempts at reform. I would suggest that we seek ways to provide a minimum level of access to media along with a reasonable cap on campaign expenditures. I know this doesn't address the issue of third-party involvement in campaigns but a solution on that front is not evident at this time. If one is found I will be the first to support it. The costs of political campaigns on all levels is totally out of control. But it starts with us. As candidates we must be willing to run cost effective campaigns and as voters we must learn to rely on more than a yard sign count to make decisions.
6. There will likely need to be a combination of these approaches in the short term. But I believe the long term solution lies in increased efforts to successfully encourage business growth that results in more jobs and a stable economy. Growing our way out of this is part of the solution along with fiscal responsibility based on honest appraisals of our financial situation. Smoke and mirrors must become a thing of the past.
7. Yes to reporting and disclaimers. No to getting shareholder's permission. Shareholders can influence this by voting or selling their shares. That's democracy in action.
8. My number one priority is jobs and I believe that my 20+ years as a successful professional in the economic development field gives me the experience to lead our efforts to grow our economy. I believe that my vision for a focus on green industries that effectively utilizes our existing strengths will help build a solid future that will benefit not only ourselves but future generations. I also appreciate the importance of working with all segments of our population and all regions of state. I'm prepared to be a solid contributing partner for our next governor and will serve his agenda and the interests of the citizens of the State of Wisconsin by providing experienced leadership through my role as head of the Department of Commerce.

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Questions:

1. No. I believe that we should say the way we are, for if we do this thing then States like Wisconsin vote would not count, and that makes everything unconstitutional.
2. There is one thing that I must say here I am in favor of smaller State government when the people of this Great State have control of their own government, not like it is now. I believe that the voice of the people should play a major role in this area, and with that then what the people say the government should do. The Constitution says WE the People, there for the government is to work for the people and by the people, and to serve the people. Not the other way around. I would do what the people ask me to do. Note this I am in favor of using wind and sun power to produce energy in the first place.
3. Nonpartisan legislative service agency with an independent citizen commission?
4. Before I began here there is one thing that I must point out. Do to the fact the Obama had his health care insurance brought in. Since the day Obama health care came about more Doctors are not accepting any State health care at all. Here is why I have experienced trying to get some

medical help at all. therefore we must in this State do what we can to block the Obama health care bill from taking affect in this State. The real problem is with the Federal Government tryibng to tell us what to do. which is unconsitutional under both the first and tenth Amendments of the Consitution. I will do everything for the People of the State of wisconsin so that they can regain control of the State government, and work as a team not as a single person.

5. As a Candidate I do not suport any funding, even through I am running on pure disability pay as is. I believe the suport of a candidate should come from the people where that canindate comes from and for the office they are seeking. Taxes are way to high and must be used to run the government orf the people. As tfor the difinition of a Libertarian this means less or no taxes. That is my stand on this. Tax cridet for those who make private contributions, I say yes for any donations. We must find ways to eliminate spending tax dollars and bring our budget undercontrol.
6. I came up with a plain that will reduce the budget by 2/3rds and still have money left over. this means cuting unessary spending and follish government spending. We need to provide service that the people of the State need. A lot of things can be handled by the local government and therefore must be handled by the local government. We do not need to raise taxes, but we need a much better tax sytem that will give back to the people. Here is one thing did you know that both State and Federal income taxes are illegal? This I would like to see gone. Governor Doyle's double Corperation taxes is illegal and must go. the real best way to handle this problem is to give control of the government back to the people.
7. As to the terms of a Libertarian we must say that we are very conservitive party, whith that said we do not support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending, for a corperation is to be like a single person, for a corperation is a group of individuals by definition. therefore a corperation must have the same rights as one person in this Nation like is says under the Consitution. If the bylaws of the coreration say that in order have promission by the share holders then it should do so, but if there is nothing in the bylaws or in a statements then in is up tho the shareholder to tell the corperation what they can and cannot do.
8. The firt thing that we must do as a State is to retun to our true foundation, and why we became a State in the first place. We must return to God. Being a Doctor of Theology I feel that this is the most inportant step we need to take then the rest will fall in place. My qualifications are just what the Consitution of the State says in order for me to do just what I am doing. I am one that gave his life for the freedoms that we have, and one that has defened the Consituion of both the Great State of Wisconsin and the United Staes of America. My priority is to serve the people and not be served. I belive in the will of the people, and not my will. If there is any more questions I would like to invite you to call me by phone. Thank you

Nicholas J. Voegeli

Party: Rfm

Questions:

1. It is not in the public interest to finance, in whole or in part, political views that are marginal at best or extreme at worst using public funds. Not all political ideas are equal. Some are intelligent and have practical applicability. Some are stupid with no practicality whatsoever. Permitting marginal candidates whose opinions and positions do not or cannot garner wide public support to be funded by taxpayer dollars elevates the peripheral to the level of mainstream, giving the ludicrous an artificial patina of legitimacy.
2. Clean energy is costly. The more state government compels energy producers to gravitate to renewable and less efficient energy sources the more the costs of these inefficiencies will be passed on to consumers, whether they be households or businesses. Thankfully for Wisconsin business, and for their employees who rely on them for their livelihood, Governor Doyle's Clean Energy Jobs Act was defeated, even by a Democrat-controlled legislature, which just goes to show just how awful an idea this initiative truly was.
3. Establishing an alternative to legislative redistricting is an unworkable task. Take a look at the failed efforts of Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission. Legislative redistricting is a well-established system that simply will forever anger half the population. The fact is that most legislative districts align strongly with one party or another, and only a handful will switch between parties in any typical given election. As voter dissatisfaction with the party in power grows, control of the legislature will naturally swing to the other party. This will occur regardless of how district boundaries are realigned. I find interesting that with Republicans poised to resume control of the

State Senate and Assembly, suddenly clean government advocates maintain that while Democrats are capable of fair redistricting, Republicans cannot be trusted.

4. Most health professionals are not considering the possibility of sainthood when evaluating the merits of establishing a practice in an urban versus a rural location. It can surprise no one of intelligence, then, that efforts to induce health professionals to practice in rural localities will fail unless a sufficient application to their self-interest is made. A Wisconsin State Journal editorial dated April 4, 2010 addresses this conundrum: "Student loan forgiveness is one such approach.... There are federal programs that offer up to \$120,000 toward medical school debt for doctors willing to work four years in designated rural areas. Wisconsin offers up to \$50,000 in a similar program for a three-year commitment to certain rural areas.... [T]he state Legislature should act favorably on a current proposal to increase that amount to \$100,000 in loan forgiveness."
5. I would not support this initiative.
6. "Raise revenue" is now a euphemism for raising taxes, which I oppose. Macroeconomics teaches that lowering taxes allows consumers to retain more of what they earn. Some will save, but most will spend these additional funds. Extra income means extra purchases, requiring manufacturers to increase production to meet the increased demand. Above a certain demand level, production capacity must be increased and additional labor hired, reducing unemployment. The newly employed pay taxes that would not have been paid had they not been employed. The newly employed have needs and desires for goods and services and begin to purchase to satisfy these needs. Beyond a tipping point, manufacturers and service providers will accordingly hire additional labor, perpetuating the cycle, and further increasing tax revenue, even at the lower tax rate. Lower taxes. Economic recovery ensues.
7. Why the focus on corporations? Let's look at labor unions, too. But though labor has been supporting Democrat candidates for generations, I do not support registration, reporting, and advertising disclaimer requirements for either corporate or labor election spending. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that such spending is permitted, and such burdens as would be imposed on these artificial persons by registration, reporting, and advertising disclaimer requirements would serve to stifle their right to free speech. The electorate ought to be intelligent enough to discern the truth from the falsehood without such requirements.
8. The first priority for a Lieutenant Governor is to represent his constituents, the citizens of the state. To that end, I would work with those citizens who wish to reassert ownership of our local and state governments and our congressional delegation, doing so by assisting them in identifying, recruiting, and electing men and women who feel like we do, that government has grown too large, far too expensive, and dictatorially dismissive of the interests of the citizens it ought to be serving. I am qualified to act in this capacity because I possess in abundance a characteristic that is sorely, severely lacking in government today – common sense.

Wisconsin Attorney General

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Experience: I am a courtroom attorney with 22 years experience, trying civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts. As a partner at Lawton and Cates, my practice included extensive work representing law enforcement personnel at every level of government as well as civil rights and employment discrimination cases. I also have extensive experience in environmental cases including those involving groundwater pollution and complex chemical or asbestos exposure. I led the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for five years and my tenure included significant progress in the largest sediment clean-up project in the nation in the Fox River watershed; the elimination of permit backlogs; and the acquisition of nearly 200,000 acres of public lands.

Community Involvement: As an individual, I served on the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, including two terms as chair. I also became certified and taught courses in Hunter Education and Firearm Safety. I have performed extensive pro bono legal work for numerous non-profit conservation organizations.

Questions:

1. I do support a system of public financing for elections and I am taking the public financing grant available to my campaign.
2. As Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, I dealt with balancing these issues in the context of rule making, enforcement, and permitting. I was instrumental in the passage and implementation of Wisconsin's Green Tier legislation. Green Tier is a nationally recognized program in regulatory innovation that yields superior environmental results in the permit process in exchange for lesser regulatory burden for good actors. As Attorney General, I will bring that strong background and understanding to my work.
3. I favor a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission to redraw legislative districts. Partisanship needs to be as far removed from redistricting as possible.
4. I support equal access to quality healthcare for all citizens. My opponent has attempted to sue the federal government in opposition to the recent historic national health care legislation which would help close some of the gaps in coverage and access that exist.
5. I would support a system of providing candidates with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the district. I would support a limited credit for individuals who make these contributions.
6. I have a strong track record in creating efficiencies in government while at the same time prioritizing and delivering on the services that citizens expect and deserve. As Secretary of the DNR I implemented significant budget reductions while reducing a large permit backlog and streamlined the permit process without sacrificing environmental standards. As Attorney General I would look for efficiencies that do not jeopardize public safety and I would not, unlike the current AG, devote time or resources to lawsuits for purely political purposes.
7. Yes I do support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending in order to bring integrity and transparency to the election process. I support shareholder involvement in political spending decisions by a corporation.
8. The differences between the current Attorney General and me are significant. He is a career politician who has used the agency for partisan political purposes, such as attempting to sue the federal government over health care reform, suing the Government Accountability Board in an attempt to suppress voting, and refusing to defend the state in domestic partner registry litigation. I will prioritize public safety, consumer protection, and protection of the environment. As a courtroom attorney for 22 years, I have more courtroom experience than my opponent and have tried or handled all the types of cases that come before the Department of Justice. I am endorsed by teachers, working men and women and law enforcement personnel.

J B Van Hollen

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Secretary of State

The questions - for Secretary of State and State Treasurer:

1. Please describe your view of the role of the statewide office you seek.
2. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.

David D. King

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Founded Clean Wisconsin and worked with other NGOs

Questions:

1. The role of the Sec of State is to efficiently manage the office that provided a number of important services to the public. Please check out the website that I developed www.sos.state.wi.us As I often say, "My most important job is being there when you need help"
2. My priorities for the next four years would be to continue to provide good service to the public in the face of severe budget restraints. To inspire my co-workers to continue to do the excellent work they do. To complete the scanning and posting on the website the important documents that are filed in the office. And to be available to the citizens of Wisconsin when they need assistance.

Wisconsin State Treasurer

The questions - for Secretary of State and State Treasurer:

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Questions:

1. The State Treasurer is a Constitutional Office created 162 years as a high, elective official meant to contribute to the discussion about important state financial matters. That's why it's a partisan office--to talk about issues. Unfortunately, the role has diminished to that of a rote administrator, to the point where both Mayor Tom Barrett and the Tea Party have proposed eliminating the Office. But I strongly believe democracy is not well served by stifling a duly elected voice of the people. If we eliminated representative offices whenever we were disappointed, we likely wouldn't have a Legislature. Do not eliminate the Office: Change leadership!
2. I hope to ensure the public that they can be confident in their government and that their elected officials are dedicated to improving people's lives. That's why I am running for Treasurer, and that's why I will be an independent voice. That's why I've offered ideas that will streamline government, save taxpayers millions, and are easy to implement. For example, I've proposed the elimination of state agency Executive Assistants, which are gubernatorial patronage appointments. Eliminating these positions will save millions of taxpayer dollars and not affect State operations at all. I've got 25 years in public service, two decades in public budgeting, and I believe the Treasurer must serve as a true representative voice of the people.

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Community Involvement: Rock County Board of Supervisors Knights of Columbus Council 531 Evansville Lions Club AWARE Agency (United Way agency) Oskaloosa Rotary Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission Oskaloosa Housing Trust Fund Oskaloosa Downtown Development Group East Moline Rotary Club

Questions:

1. The Treasurer administers programs like EdVest, the Unclaimed Property Division, and the Local Government Investment Pool. Still the Treasurer can assume other roles to help WI citizens. Here are 3 more roles the Treasurer can play: 1) Financial Watchdog: WI has had over a \$1 BILLION deficit for the last 9 years and over a \$2 Billion for the last 5. It's time for honest reporting about state spending. 2) Promoter of Education: While the Treasurer advocates for saving for college, it will do nothing if kids don't even graduate from high school. We need to promote programs that help kids get the education they need to compete in the global economy. 3) Economic Development: the Treasurer should be a promoter of our state and its businesses.

2. The 1st priority is to bring professionalism back to the office. Delays in processing thousands of unclaimed property requests and questionable hiring practices have raised doubts regarding the current Treasurer's leadership. I pledge not to hire family members. The Treasurer's office runs programs that involve billions of dollars and affect every WI citizen. I've the skills & experience required. I know how the office operates. I worked in the Treasurer's office for over 7 years. I understand budgeting and fiscal matters. I was a county board supervisor for 7 years, an economic developer for 5 and currently I'm an economics instructor. The 2 former State Treasurers have endorsed me because they believe I'm the most qualified candidate.

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: I am new to Madison but while living in Milwaukee I taught Catechism at Blessed Sacrament for seven years. I was a past volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters special events and Cystic Fibrosis special events. I have been donating to World Wildlife Fund since 1993, The Nature Conservancy since 2001, a Smithsonian member, AOPA member, Emily's List member, UW-Milwaukee Alumni, member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belleville and past Milwaukee County Zoological Society member.

Questions:

1. The State Treasurer serves the public through the programs that it administers. The most known program is unclaimed property. We have over \$350 million dollars that belong to Wisconsin residents and businesses. Returning these lost funds to their rightful owners is a priority to me. The office also administers the 529 college savings program (EdVest and Tomorrow's Scholar). Helping families learn about the 529 program and the need to save for college is also a top priority for me. I have streamlined the office, filing claims is easier and will be more efficient with the new imaging system that is being installed and our website has been re-designed to be more user friendly. The State Treasurer is a public servant for all Wisconsinites
2. Top priority is letting all Wisconsinites know about the Treasurer's office and the programs we administer for the public. Outreach for the unclaimed property program is a priority. I have traveled to all 72 counties every year in office, 51 counties this year, promoting that program. We have set three record years giving money back to Wisconsinites. The total given back to date is \$97,747,984.00. Promoting the 529 program is also a priority. I started contests for school children to win an EdVest account. To date 41 Wisconsin students have received \$32,500.00 in EdVest accounts. Visiting many elementary and middle schools to talk about the importance of higher education and saving for it. Qualifications -a record of working for you.

Kurt Schuller

Party: R

Questions: No response

State Senate

The questions for candidates for State Senate and State Assembly:

1. Do you support extending to all other state offices a system of public financing along the lines of the one created for state Supreme Court elections in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act?
2. How will you ensure that Wisconsin manufacturing will remain competitive in a clean energy economy?
3. Who should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts after each census: the Legislature, a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission?
4. Wisconsin has a strong record of providing residents with access to health insurance coverage, but there are disparities in access to health care services, including mental and dental health services. How can the state address this problem?
5. Would you support a system providing candidates for state office with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district? Would you support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations?
6. How would you address the continuing state budget gap? Do you believe it can be filled through spending cuts alone, or do we need to raise revenue?
7. Do you support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending? Do you support requiring corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending?
8. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.

Wisconsin Senate District 1

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Party: D

Questions: No response

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Party: R

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 3

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Community Involvement: As a member of the WI state legislature for over 25 years, I have fought to represent my constituents with a focus of protecting seniors and working people. I am a member of the Sierra Club, and the Jackson Park Neighborhood Association • Awarded 2007 "Russ Feingold Award for Service" by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, "in recognition of a strong commitment to meeting the needs of seniors in Wisconsin." • Awarded "Champion of Public Health" for the 2007-08 legislative session by the Wisconsin Public Health Association. • Awarded "Conservation Champion" for the 2007-2008 legislative session by the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters. • 100% "Votes Right with Labor" for the 2007-2008 legislative session.

Questions:

1. Yes.
2. I have supported tax incentives to advance clean energy technologies, and voted for bills to increase funding and grants for conservation, research and development of new fuel sources, and improved methods efficient and clean energy production. I have been appointed as a member of the Legislative Council Study Committee on Strategic Job Creation, and am looking with an open mind to all ideas brought before the committee. Government has an important role in making sure our workforce is properly trained and educated to meet the economic challenges, especially in our traditional strong points, such as manufacturing, research and development.
3. The current system seems to repeatedly end up with political parties spending taxpayer dollars to resolve redistricting in the courts. I would support changing the system to let the matter be resolved by the Government Accountability Board, or a panel of specially appointed retired judges, or an independent citizen commission.
4. I support full mental health parity. I also will continue to fight to make sure everyone has a access to affordable and adequate healthcare.
5. I would support matching funds for small contributions within a candidate's district.
6. The next budget will be one of the most challenging ever to face the state of Wisconsin. It is doubtful that the budget gap could be filled through cuts alone, and we must be careful that cutting expenditures on the state level will not result in forcing property tax increases on the local level. I think revenue collection should be progressive, and expenditure should be smart. School funding formula should be fixed so that it does not rely so heavily on local property taxes. I voted to enact combined reporting and have fought to close special interest tax exemptions and loopholes that over the past decades have unfairly put the burden of taxation on both residential property taxpayers and working men and women.
7. Yes and yes. I have been a strong proponent of campaign finance reform. I have voted to stop the corrupting influence of shadowy special interest groups. These reforms are needed more now more than ever after the Supreme Court issued its terrible "Citizen's United" decision.
8. I will continue to represent the people of the Third Senate District and be their voice in the Senate. I will continue to fight to protect seniors, create jobs for our families, protect property taxpayers, fight for clean elections, and work to make sure that government responsibly and effectively works for the people it serves. I believe that the best way to make sure the views of the District are being represented is to listen to the people. I have held over 75 Town Halls in the District since being elected to the Senate in Nov. 2002. I have knocked on thousands of doors, and held listening sessions in local senior residential facilities. In the Senate, I have a 100% roll call record.

Annette Miller Krznarich

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 5

Jim Sullivan

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 7

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Experience: I'm currently a Milwaukee County Supervisor for the south side, representing 50,000 constituents on the County Board.

Community Involvement: I am a member of a dozen neighborhood groups in my area, I have lead numerous weed-outs of invasive cattails in the lagoons of Humboldt and Saveland Parks. I also created and lead a coalition of transit and parks advocates to pass a county-wide advisory referendum to reduce property taxes and fund parks and transit with a new, dedicated 1% sales tax. I also helped co-found the Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge that now has over 8,000 members. This effort resulted in some fixes finally being committed to by the state DOT. I'm looking to finish the job as State Senator.

Questions:

1. Yes, it's a good start. I think in order to preserve our democracy, we must ensure that outside interest groups no longer have the loudest say in elections. To accomplish this, we must have publicly funded elections with candidates that receive a certain minimum number of small, in-district contributions to show true support and commitment by the people represented.
2. I will push for the passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act that will help create 1200 new jobs, keep an extra \$2 billion in Wisconsin's economy annually, as well as reduce rates and help our clean air standards. This is where many new manufacturing jobs are being created across the country; I want to help ensure Wisconsin has a competitive edge by starting to incentivize our manufacturers to think forward.
3. The state legislature
4. There is no simple answer to the continued and growing disparity in mental health coverage. I have seen the problems that developed in Milwaukee County's Mental Health Complex when staffing levels are cut and there aren't enough funds to cover the number of patients. I will work with Representative Sandy Pasch, a true leader on this topic, to continue to tackle this problem head-on.
5. Yes! This is something that will renew neighbors faith in our democratic system. As I mentioned above, we must ensure that outside interest groups no longer have the loudest say in elections. To accomplish this, we must have publicly funded elections with candidates that receive a certain minimum number of small, in-district contributions to show true support and commitment by the people represented. It should not be acceptable that a majority of money comes from outside a representative's district.
6. With the growing gap, there are truly tough choices ahead. It will take a combination of cuts and targeted revenue increases to get us through this economy. After that, we'll need to have a real conversation about what the proper level of services and taxation should be. Those elected representatives that want to cut everything can no longer count on others to make the tough

decisions for them. Tom Barrett recognizes this and has made tough budgeting decisions at the City. I look forward to working with him when he is elected as our next Governor.

7. Absolutely. Until we adopt public financing to ensure clean, constituent led elections, we need to keep corporate, special interest spending at bay. Forcing these corporate heads and their shareholders that spend the money to be directly accountable will let consumers know where their priorities lie.
8. In my 4-year term, I will fight for passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act; I will ensure the Hoan Bridge is completely fixed; I will work to close the gap in Wisconsin's funding formula for public schools to ensure we have a generation of leaders and innovators; I will lead the passage of a regional transit authority for southeastern Wisconsin; I will champion true election reform; and help secure funding for local parks in Milwaukee County to restore the legacy we once had. My qualifications for these tasks are the coalitions I have formed and led as a Milwaukee County Supervisor. I have also earned the support from numerous environmental groups, fellow leaders in the 7th district, and the faith of neighbors that I will get the job done.

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Community Involvement: South Milwaukee Lions Club, St. Roman-St. Charles Borromeo joint parish committees, Boy Scouts of America, Democratic Leadership Council, Democratic Party of Wisconsin

Questions:

1. I was a supporter of the Impartial Justice Act and voted for its final passage. I am a supporter of reforming the system to get the large amounts of money out of political campaigns. However, given the budget constraints next year and the revenue challenges we will be facing, I think it is highly unlikely that the dollars will be available to fund legislative races.
2. Creating jobs, particularly in the manufacturing sector, is my top priority in the legislature. During this session, a lot of time was spent taking the Governor's Task Force report on Global Warming and putting them into a bill. A fatal flaw was that cost was specifically precluded as a factor. The cost of such policies MUST be a KEY factor because all ideas must match people's ability to pay. This initiative, in my opinion, never struck the proper balance, leading to job losses. Competitive manufacturing is crucial. Balanced legislation, such as Act 141, passed two sessions ago, created the first renewable portfolio standard. It has resulted in alternative energy options in the state such as windmills and manure digesters.
3. Legislatures are elected to legislate. A task of legislating is the creation of district borders every ten years, based on the previous census. While no system is perfect, the way the public is best heard in this process is to have their elected legislators continue to establish the borders. Turning it over to a "third party" actually enhances the possibility of mischief. There are several provisions in the court system and in case law to protect the voting rights of minorities and offer general protections to the process, as a whole.
4. During this past legislative session, the legislature passed and the governor signed the mental health parity bill. I have been a long-time supporter of that bill and was pleased to see it become

law. In addition, the legislature passed an expansion of BadgerCare to include very low income individuals requiring basic care. As a result, Wisconsin claims some of the lowest rates of non-coverage in the nation. Regarding dental, it is important that we continue to try to close the coverage gap by working with the great state resources of the Marquette University Dental School and The Marshfield Clinic.

5. We already have a system through the WECF of providing matching funds to candidates for small contributions. Making modifications to that process regarding in-district contributions is something I can support. Regarding once again making campaign contributions tax deductible is, however, something I would not support. That loophole was closed many years ago for good reasons.
6. The best way for the state to raise revenue is by getting people back to work! All bills that come through the next legislative session must pass through the prism of job creation. We cannot raise taxes during a recession. All 3 candidates for governor have supported making spending cuts in the next budget and I look forward to working with the new governor and legislature to make sure that Wisconsin makes cuts, just as families are doing the same.
7. Regarding the first part of the question, I do support full disclosure. However, the US Supreme Court recently ruled that corporations have the same first amendment rights as individuals. It's yet unclear how – or if – states can regulate beyond what the court has ruled. In theory, I support corporate governance (i.e. the shareholders) having more say in campaign elections. Practically, I think it would be very difficult to legislate such a concept.
8. As I have stated previously, my number one priority is getting people back to work in Wisconsin. I have a strong record of working with individuals from both sides of the aisle to accomplish real results for real people whom I represent. By focusing on infrastructure, education (k-12 and higher education) and training a strong workforce, we can once again get the wheels of industry turning. Throughout my legislative career, I have worked hard on these themes and will continue to work in a strong, bi-partisan fashion to ensure Wisconsin residents weather the recession and get back working again.

Jess Ripp

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 9

Jason Borden

Party: D

Questions: No response

Joe Leibham

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 11

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Southeast Gateway Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, Veterans for Peace/Homeless Veterans Initiative

Questions:

1. Yes. The current system of a non-entity having the ability to spend money to sway an election has been a very bad disruption to our electoral system. This must not continue
2. The state government must ensure that our own small business get favored treatment with tax incentives to build their business add new employees and grow, building a strong manufacturing base in WI
3. I believe we should incorporate an independent citizen commission of approximately fifteen voters from across the state, and three to five members of a nonpartisan legislative agency.
4. Our state plan must be brought into a comparative status with the federally mandated health care. The Mental Health Parity Act (MHPA), requires that annual or lifetime dollar limits on mental health benefits be no lower than any such dollar limits for medical and surgical benefits offered by a group health plan or health insurance issuer offering coverage in connection with a group health plan. I also believe we should involve our University system with some support. Dental health is a very troublesome issue. Although it is proven that including dental health is a very significant issue we have limitations on funding. There will have to be some equivalence for dollars from other programs
5. There is already a system for state wide candidates and I support the idea of expanding that. Several states have programs for funding local and state campaigns. We should evaluate other states programs and initialize some combined form of those that would apply to our needs. I do not support a tax rebate or credit system
6. The need to raise revenue is very well established. We must equalize the tax burden to ensure all entities, business and property owners share in the responsibility of funding state financial obligations
7. Yes. This is a continuation of allowing corporations and other segments of the business base to have more power and control over elections. That should not be how our elections are controlled. My personal choice is no corporate or business entity is allowed to provide funding for any election.
8. My priorities include establishing a very strong green environment in Wisconsin. Working to establish new jobs in our communities. Employment with good economic stability. Rebuild our school system and work to keep teachers in the class room, and smaller class sizes to ensure our children are given the proper education and attention required and not place in jeopardy of becoming a dropout. I have worked with the LCV & the Sierra Club to bring about change in our environmental issues. I believe I can utilize this expertise to work on those issues. I have various contacts in the education field and believe I would be able to work with them to get our education system working properly

Wisconsin Senate District 13

Dwayne Block

Party: D

Questions: No response

Scott Fitzgerald

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Vittorio G. Spadaro, Sr.

Party: I

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 15

Tim Cullen

Party: D

Questions:

1. no
2. Constantly work toward the middle ground that I believe can and must be found
3. Independent citizen commission
4. Expand the coverage on state plans and work through the Insurance commissioner to require it of all companies doing business in Wi.
5. no. This question and question #1 both ignore the real problem which is independent expenditures. I believe in reform. My own campaign this year is doing the following: accepting no contributions over \$250, accepting no PAC money, and accepting no contributions from lobbyists.
6. I believe it is possible to fix over four or six years through some cuts, some bonding, and a slightly better economy which will increase revenues. We have ignored this deficit for a decade now so it will take a little time to fix it.
7. yes, yes.
8. Economy of 15th district, state deficit, and restoring civility and bipartisanship in Madison. Former state senator and majority leader and Health and Social Services Secretary and 19 years in private sector/

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Community Involvement: Friends of Riverside Park, Partners in Prevention Associate, Farm Bureau Member

Questions:

1. This Act does little to reduce overall money and influence in campaigns, in my opinion. Rather, it seems to raise the stakes, and may cost the state millions in financing.
2. Wisconsin's current regulations are protecting our right to clean air, water, and soil. Future regulations must further that protection while remaining competitive with states in the Midwest region and across the county.
3. Nonpartisan legislative service agencies or independent citizen commissions are rarely nonpartisan or independent. I would like to see some restrictions placed on gerrymandering.
4. It's generally agreed the biggest problem facing healthcare for all Wisconsin citizens is cost. By allowing out of state insurance companies to compete, by allowing HSAs, and other cost reduction, competitive and transparency measures, healthcare costs will become affordable for an ever increasing number of Wisconsin residents.

5. Over the last few decades, Wisconsin state government has centralized state power and influence in Madison. Where power and influence lie, money will follow. Systemic campaign finance reform requires attention to the root of the problem. A return of power to local governments and to citizens will reduce undue special interest group influence in financing campaigns.
6. Tax increases on job providers or citizens to raise revenue will worsen the state's economy and unemployment rate. Therefore, the state budget deficit must be addressed with spending cuts. Core services such as education, law enforcement, roads need to be funded as needed, while cuts across the board are needed in many areas. GAAP accounting principles and zero based budgeting are needed to longterm reduce spending. Possibly a constitutional amendment to disallow raiding of the segregated transportation fund. Considering there is little money to repair our crumbling roads, Wisconsin cannot afford a Madison Milwaukee Amtrak train.
7. My understanding is that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled this is a free speech issue. Therefore, 3rd party groups such as corporations and unions, e.g. WEAC, may continue to spend millions in elections without identification. My personal wish is that 3rd party groups would stay clear of campaign involvement.
8. Rock County area unemployment is among the highest in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has a problem; too many hard working residents looking for work. I have a solution that I want to take to Madison to create a better business climate in Wisconsin. We need a new direction in Madison. The focus for any public servant should be employment. I look forward to working with Democrats, Independents, and Republicans who are focused on improving our business climate. I own a small business. I have created private sector jobs, and I have a plan to bring private sector jobs back to our area. My Wisconsin Jobs First Plan can be seen at voterickrichard.com and includes jobs retention, attracting and recruiting new employers, I-90 interstate expansion, etc.

Wisconsin Senate District 17

Carol Beals

Party: D

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 19

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 21

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Community Involvement: Kiwanis, Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, Union Grove Area Fund,

Questions:

1. No, I do not. In theory, I think it makes sense to take the money out of the campaign because the McCain-Feingold act makes it easier for the wealthy to win an election. However I do not think I could vote for this type of legislation. The way the election process is allows people to contribute if they want to. This legislation makes it so that every taxpayer is funding everyone's campaign, and I don't like this. I cannot imagine giving my money to a candidate that believes that taxpayers should pay for abortions.
2. Wisconsin needs to stay competitive by: 1. by balancing the structural deficit. 2. reducing taxes. 3. making Wisconsin a business friendly state. 4. make Wisconsin's schools a world leader.
3. The legislature should be responsible. This is the fairest way to do it as then the voters are represented. Plus, who would appoint the 'nonpartisan legislative service agency or independent citizen commission' and how do we assure that they are what they say they are?
4. By reducing mandates on health insurance companies and opening up the insurance options to allow more competition in this state. Also, tort reform would reduce the cost of insurance as well as the cost of healthcare in general.
5. Absolutely not. I do not believe that citizens should get a tax rebate or credit for donating to a politicians campaign.
6. I do believe that this needs to be accomplished and it is a priority of mine. Wisconsin has plenty of revenues so I believe that it has to be accomplished by cuts to spending.
7. Not sure how that can be done unless the contribution from a corporation is solely paying for the ad. No. Shareholders can elect the board of directors, and if it is bad for business, then they will stop it.
8. My #1 priority is to create jobs by making Wisconsin a more business friendly state by fixing the structural budget deficits and reducing corporate taxes. The only way to create jobs in any state is to understand what business owners are thinking. Unfortunately most of our elected politicians have never run nor owned their own business. My experience working with small business owners and my understanding of the economy makes me a perfect candidate to go to Madison and fix the mess that has been created.

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Community Involvement: Racine Public Library board, Racine Interfaith Coalition, Holy Communion Lutheran Church

Questions:

1. I would have to see the specific proposal but I very much enjoyed running five "spending limit" /partially publicly funded legislative races when I was in the Assembly. Last time (2006) my opponent spent \$400,000 and I spent \$218,000. Third parties spent heavily. Putting limits on this would very much help the voice of the average person be heard more clearly.
2. I am a strong advocate for protecting our beautiful Wisconsin environment. Good public policy respects our precious natural resources while assisting the private sector. Universities and technical colleges turning our savvy graduates with an environmental sensitivity is a must. The state has three key roles: targeted tax incentives, infrastructural improvement and thoughtful Department of Natural Resources co-operation in rules and regulations in the area of "green jobs."
3. I have been in public office long enough now to observe and participate in redistricting after the 1990 and 2000 Census. I think we would all be served well by moving toward a nonpartisan service agency or independent citizen commission taking a much stronger hand in the process.
4. I am a long-time advocate of mental health parity--with some success this last session--and a supporter of dental access for low income folks, especially children. We should have at least a 4-county pilot program to demonstrate how increased re-imbusement to dentists will increase access. Also, expansion of Federally Qualified Health Centers--like the clinic on Northwestern Ave in Racine--is another way to meet dental access need for low income folks.
5. We do have a weak version of public match that we have used in Wisconsin for years. That could be improved upon...but during this recessionary time it will be difficult to find the dollars for new tax incentives and/or credits. I would be cautious in this area given the current budget restraints.
6. Last session we did not raise taxes in Wisconsin government (sales, payroll, income) because we were able to get ARRA help from the federal government. Democrats or Republicans in power next session, we will be making unprecedented cuts and not going to big revenue enhancers. (My campaign has been to over 10,000 homes as of this writing and only a handful of folks talk of new taxes. The huge majority are asking for austerity and reductions.)
7. Yes. Yes.
8. As chair of the Senate Education committee I have had the duty and opportunity to try to make sure every child in Wisconsin public schools gets a good education. Equally important, as the Racine County state senator, it is my privilege to advocate for the 165,000 people I represent and to guarantee that Racine gets its "fair share" in whatever new laws or budgets are passed.

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Questions:

1. As the lead author of the Impartial Justice Act, I look forward to implementing broader reforms along the lines of Impartial Justice to other offices.
2. I believe that we need to make a significant public commitment to encourage private sector investment in clean energy sources. That commitment must include finding for incentives, realistic yet ambitious regulations and support for research and development of new clean energy sources.
3. I am open to finding a more fair and non-partisan process to drawing legislative districts. I'd need to do more research before committing to any one specific plan.
4. Access is really about affordability, which is why I believe that cost is the key. We can make health care more affordable by using state purchasing power through larger insurance pools and by making tax credits available to middle and lower income families to help offset the cost. We took some important steps on mental health parity over the last few years and I think we need to start looking at dental care as a vital part of overall health.
5. This is an interesting idea but I would need to more about how a program like this would work before making a judgement.
6. I believe that a stronger economy is the key to a stronger budget. Finding a balance between investing in programs that will continue to help the economy grow while making responsible spending cuts that won't negatively effect economic growth is going to be an even tougher job in 2011 than it was in 2009.
7. I strongly support any bill that gives the public the ability to know who is really paying for political advertisements run during campaigns. I see this as the most important campaign finance reform issue facing the legislature next year.
8. The economy, energy policy and political reform remain my top priorities in the coming term. I am a leading author of the CORE Jobs Act, a comprehensive job creation plan that makes targetted investments in proven job creation programs. I also led the fight to pass the Renewable Fuel Standard Act, bi-partisan legislation that increases and expands the production, development and use of renewable fuels in Wisconsin. And finally , I was the lead author of the Impartial Justice Act, the most significant campaign finance reform bill passed in a generation in Wisconsin. I believe my record shows that I am not only committed to these issues, but that I'm also an effective leader on them as well.

Terry Moulton

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 25

Dane A. Deutsch

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Wisconsin Senate District 27

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Experience: Jon began as a radio personality on two Madison area radio stations and also worked for a Milwaukee station. He subsequently worked in both the State Assembly and State Senate in media relations and as communications director.

Community Involvement: An advocate for citizen involvement and campaign finance reform, Jon is a member of the Dane County NAACP, Monroe Noon Optimists, WI Farm Bureau, League of Women Voters, 1,000 Friends, and the League of Conservation Voters.

Questions:

1. I have co-authored with Republican Senator Mike Ellis a comprehensive campaign finance reform package that includes public financing of elections with tough spending caps, matching grants and issue ad regulation in one bill. I will continue to advocate for this bi-partisan comprehensive approach to changing our campaign finance laws.
2. We should help our manufacturing industries find the tools they need to stay open and protect our environment. These are wise investments for our state. With the help of the Federal government we can help these businesses with green improvements and job creation and retention. We have seen in Janesville what the loss of manufacturing has done to that community; we will work to keep our businesses here and grow jobs in them.
3. The Legislature must play a role in redistricting. The courts give some balance to that process.
4. Rural dental clinics like the one that now serves Green County low income children are good partnerships for the state. We should look at what is working to help bring fair access for mental and dental health and build off of those successes. Successes are out there and should be used as examples of how we can be smart contributors as a state for accessibility and fairness.
5. I am willing to consider any and all ideas to improve our campaign finance system.
6. The next biennial budget will pose big problems again for the state of Wisconsin. My priorities are investments that create jobs, education of our children and those that need retraining to find jobs, and protection of basic services so that people can stay in their homes even if they experience loss of income. How that will be done and the debate that shapes a state budget will depend greatly on the Governor and the makeup of the Legislature. Once again, everything will be on the table and discussed as an option.
7. I support regulation of so called issue ads. I authored a bill (SB 43) to do just that, which passed the Senate for the second consecutive session with bi-partisan support. The Citizens United US Supreme Court decision created some challenges when we reached the Assembly, the bill did not pass before the end of session in both houses. I remain committed to regulation of issue ads. They are campaign expenditures and should be treated just like all other campaign expenditures.
8. Representing the interests and needs of the people of the 27th Senate District are my top priority. Supporting job creation with business supports tied to new jobs is essential. Making sure we keep our great education system is also key for our economy and for our future. Policies that keep and

put money in family's pockets like unemployment insurance, lottery tax credit allocations, SeniorCare, and health care programs need to be a priority for our economy.

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Experience: Small businessman, job creator. Seventh year as village trustee on the Cross Plains village board. Third year as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Community Involvement: Past president of the Cross Plains/Berry Fire District. Past chair of the Cross Plains Area EMS commission. Chair of the Crystal/ Fish/Mud Lake District. Host of the annual Spike Rett Syndrome Volleyball tournament, raising over \$80,000 toward research for that disease. Contributed to the Cross Plains swimming pool to help families who cannot afford season passes for the pool. Supporter of youth and adult sports leagues.

Questions:

1. NO, the PEW Center on the States ranks Wisconsin in the top ten states that are on the verge of financial collapse. It only makes sense to spend money on programs like this if you are an out-of-touch big spender. We have many other programs that are in desperate need of financial attention now. In this economy we have to be smarter about how we are using taxpayer dollars. The anti-job, anti-employer, and anti-working family, progressive policies have got to end this November. As a small businessman, I understand that when the checkbook is empty...stop writing checks.
2. If you are talking about manufacturing relying on windmills and solar they will not be competitive. We need to work with historically proven forms of fuel, such as cleaner coal, nuclear and other cost effective energy sources. Otherwise Wisconsin will continue to bleed jobs. We are losing businesses at a rate faster than Minnesota, Illinois, and even Michigan. Since Jon Erpenbach last had an opponent, 6,700 private businesses have left the State. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development reported in Nov. 2009 that, for the first time ever, Wisconsin has more government jobs than manufacturing jobs. I remember when Wisconsin was known for making things. Let's get back there.
3. Our State Constitution requires the legislature and Governor to do the redistricting. Until a consensus is created to change the Constitution, it is pointless to discuss this. This is the kind of incoherent and unnecessary legislation that wastes the legislature's time. There are more pressing issues for working families, especially during these hard times. I want to get the State back on track and this isn't even close to a priority.
4. With a 2.5 billion dollar structural deficit in our State budget we need to look closely at all programs. Adding new projects at this time is just plain irresponsible. It will take a major effort to just continue funding what we already have in place. If the economy gets any worse we could potentially lose the programs we already have. In 2009 the State Democrats raised taxes 4.8 billion on the backs of Wisconsinites. We cannot continue to tax working individuals and families to provide services for the people that aren't contributing, when many of those being taxed can't afford these services for themselves.

5. We do not need to use scarce tax money to fund the political process. The State Legislature has to prioritize what is really important for the taxpayer, and this issue shouldn't even be on the radar screen of importance. If a candidate truly has public support they will have no difficulty funding their own campaigns. It violates our principles of free speech when you require someone to fund causes they do not believe in.
6. We need to start by reducing spending where possible. Without that, the economy may never turn around. New growth is the only realistic way to solve our long term budget problems. Historically it's been proven, time and time again that when taxes are lowered the economy expands and revenues increase. And on the other hand, when taxes and fees are raised to continue irresponsible spending practices as they are being done now, the economy constricts, jobs are lost and ultimately working families and taxpayers suffer. Econ. 101, you can't tax your way out of a hole.
7. I do support disclaimers. The only controls on political spending that I would support would be a requirement that the source of the money is fully disclosed before it can be spent. I'm a true believer that sunshine is the best disinfectant. Keep it above board and truly transparent. We all know that finance law is written by incumbents to protect themselves and to give themselves a re-election advantage.
8. 1.CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING: self explanatory.2.TERM LIMITS:8 yrs for Senate & Assembly.Greater turn over will cause more responsible behavior.3.IMPROVE EDUCATION:We need to offer more variety in educational opportunities.We need to get more from the money we spend on existing schools. Test scores keep falling let's really find out why-no matter who is offended.4.HEALTHCARE:We need to work with existing healthcare choices. The Federal program must be stopped before healthcare rationing occurs. No one should have the power to mandate what coverage you desire.5.STOP BORROWING AGAINST THE FUTURE: Every level of Govt. is embarking on an orgy of new borrowing. We have already mortgaged our children's future- let's stop before it's our grandchildren.

Anthony Wickersham

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 29

Russ Decker

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: It is this candidate's policy not to respond to questionnaires.

Jimmy Boy Edming

Party: R

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Senate District 31

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Experience: Tomah City Council Two terms as Mayor of Tomah

Community Involvement: Ed has been involved in his community from the beginning. Since 1993 Ed has provided the free Thanksgiving Dinner to area residents, including deliveries to folks who could not get out of their homes. Last year he served 1,200 people. For more than 15 years Ed has volunteered at a local nursing home, going over at least monthly to read to his many senior friends there. Ed also belongs to a number of local service organizations and veterans organizations. His community access television program brings upbeat information of local interest into thousands of homes.

Questions:

1. I believe that public financing has the potential create a chilling effect on First Amendment rights, most often stifling new voices from entering the political process. I prefer a system that provides for full disclosure of where campaign finances come from, but allows people to raise their own money their own way. Taxpayer money should not pay for political speech. The problem with the check box on tax forms is that the person who checks it does not contribute the dollar. Instead the checks are added up and the cost is levied against all taxpayers.
2. Wisconsin manufacturing has lost its competitive nature not because of clean energy initiatives, but because of the high levels of spending, the state debt rising at a faster pace than the national debt according to the nonpartisan Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, and taxation imposed on job providers. This has resulted in Wisconsin – for the first time ever – having more government jobs than manufacturing jobs, according to the Department of Workforce Development. If we do not first address these issues, Wisconsin manufacturing will never be competitive.
3. I believe that a nonpartisan committee should make use of modern computer technology in order to have districts drawn without any political influence.
4. I think that Wisconsin should take the lead in studying the root causes of high medical costs. By constantly just paying more for a broken system, we fail to get to the core of the problem. More competition and consumer choice is essential to any repair. Flexibility with the kinds of insurance coverage made available to people is also important. That includes allowing for catastrophic medical policies that may be used in combination with tax-exempt medical savings accounts that do not expire.
5. I do not support taxpayer money being used in political campaigns. The most chilling problem this creates is providing money from the public coffers for major party candidates while stifling new, independent voices from outside of the harsh polarizing political climate we have today.
6. I believe that the state budget gap has to be addressed with spending cuts. Our level of taxation is one of the largest contributors to the bad job climate for working people in Wisconsin. The people cannot afford more taxes. USA Today shared a Moody's job growth outlook analysis earlier this summer. In that report Wisconsin was ranked 50th out of 51, with no job growth projected for 2010. Other respected economic experts have similarly ranked Wisconsin low for bringing job providers to the state. Improving our economy in order to draw job providers back to the state will be the key to future prosperity.

7. I believe that corporations should operate politically the same way collective bargaining organizations currently operate. The rules should be the same in order for there to be a level playing field.
8. My priority will be the economy and jobs. That will require less spending and lower taxes. My qualifications include being a small business person that provides jobs to more than 30 people and serving one term on the Tomah city council and two terms as the Mayor of Tomah. During my first term as mayor, I cut city expenses 13 percent, eliminated a \$4 million debt, and improved city services without raising taxes. In my second term I made history by being the first mayor to veto a budget to successfully hold down property taxes.

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Experience: health care manager health care worker university professor dairy farmer

Community Involvement: Wisconsin Farmer's Union Wisconsin Farm Bureau Regional Planning Commission Pastoral Council (a past president) Buffalo County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Questions:

1. yes
2. The state must do its part to assist businesses in moving to clean jobs. An example is USEUCO, a manufacturing plant in Tomah that I helped obtain a grant to manufacture a small scale aerobic digester to convert cow manure to electricity.
3. A non-partisan service agency
4. We need to create a statewide health insurance exchange giving everyone access to choices of several affordable plans. We can do this with federal grant dollars. By offering more affordable choices, people of moderate means, now on medicaid, may choose to move to the exchange freeing up state resources to expand coverage.
5. yes to both questions
6. The "continuing state budget gap" has its roots in decisions made over the last 20 years. Just as it has taken a while for the state to dig the hole, it is going to take time to fill it in. Our first step must be a rational plan to get us there while preserving the essential services that make our communities good and safe places to live, work and raise our families. Everything must be on the table, recognizing that the particulars of any budget will depend on the state of the economy at the moment and immediate needs.
7. yes to both questions
8. To pass what I introduced at the end of the last legislative session: a statewide exchange to make health insurance more affordable for smaller businesses. The qualifications I bring to this task: 10 years of research and teaching health services at the university level; a PhD in health services research; experience in actually delivering health care; and 10 years of running a dairy farm and paying increasingly exorbitant insurance premiums until we were forced to drop our insurance and do without any coverage for two years.

Wisconsin Senate District 33

Timothy R. Dietrich

Party: R

Questions: No response

Rich Zipperer

Party: R

Questions: No response

State Assembly

Wisconsin Assembly District 1

Description: The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of a 33 member senate and the 99 member assembly, together with the service agencies created by the legislature and the staff employed by each house. Senators serve staggered four year terms and assembly members serve two year terms. The legislature's main responsibility is to make policy by enacting state laws. The legislature can also override a governor's veto of any legislation by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. Members earn a salary of \$49,943 per year.

The questions for candidates for State Senate and State Assembly:

- 1. Do you support extending to all other state offices a system of public financing along the lines of the one created for state Supreme Court elections in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act?*
- 2. How will you ensure that Wisconsin manufacturing will remain competitive in a clean energy economy?*
- 3. Who should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts after each census: the Legislature, a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission?*
- 4. Wisconsin has a strong record of providing residents with access to health insurance coverage, but there are disparities in access to health care services, including mental and dental health services. How can the state address this problem?*
- 5. Would you support a system providing candidates for state office with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district? Would you support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations?*
- 6. How would you address the continuing state budget gap? Do you believe it can be filled through spending cuts alone, or do we need to raise revenue?*
- 7. Do you support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending? Do you support requiring corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending?*
- 8. Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.*

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Past YMCA Chairperson and active board member, past Sunshine House Chairperson, Past Sanitary District President

Questions:

1. Yes, this is a critical issue, and I am supportive of expanding public finance measures. However, with a challenging budget coming up, the fiscal impact needs to be taken into consideration.
2. I will work to steer incentives to create jobs in manufacturing with an emphasis on green jobs. Wisconsin's manufacturing infrastructure and the emerging clean energy economy could support each other. I will also support our education system, especially tech school to create an ample and educated workforce, so we do not export our best, brightest and hardest working people.

3. I would need more information about the advantages and disadvantages of each of these approaches in order to make a decision that takes the responsibility out of the legislature and into another organization or agency.
4. We need to ensure access to affordable health care unlimited by employment status. I live in a rural district and understand the need not only for better access to health insurance but rather better access to places that provide health services.
5. As with any legislative proposal, the cost to taxpayers and the state needs to be weighed carefully. However, I strongly believe that the influence of money and out of state interests should be kept to a minimum in state and local elections.
6. Stream-lining and consolidating can make sense. I have faith in the local governments to be more efficient and more responsive to problems they are closer to than the state, though they have had various caps and state aid reduced for years. As with last legislative session we need to leave all options open to find ways to cut spending and make our tax system fair and effective. I also believe, we need to grow the economy by steering tax incentives to small businesses and farms to create jobs.
7. Yes, voters deserve to know who is paying for political ad and this should be required of not just corporations but all special interest organizations. This is a very important issue to me and I want to find ways for Wisconsin to preserve its clean political tradition while responding to the recent campaign finance federal court decisions.
8. I have a history of working on projects and community needs. I know how to roll up my sleeves and work toward a solution. I have made payrolls, balanced budgets, grown my business and been influential in building a strong community in my 33 years in the 1st Assembly District. In addition I am a small business owner and I have over years been able to create jobs for people in my community. I know what it takes for small businesses to create jobs and what it will take to create jobs in a tourist based economy like the one in my district. I want to work to find sustainable solutions to state budget problems and provide excellent service to constituents who are trying to deal with the state government.

Wisconsin Assembly District 2

Andre M. Jacque

Party: R

Questions: No response

Terrance J. Ostrander

Party: R

Questions: No response

Jeffrey Van Straten

Party: R

Questions: No response

Ted Zigmunt

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 3

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Experience: General Manager Saturn of Green Bay Inc Business was closed due to The Great Recession. Led overall profitability, sales and service for this medium volume 30-50 employee Saturn dealership with consistent annual sales revenue. Oversaw and controlled all daily operations, policy implementation, advertising/promotion and strategic direction. Set and administer budgets, initiate cost controls to ensure profitability. Recruit, hire and motivate leadership and staff including key management and support personnel for sales, finance and insurance, service, parts and business office. P&L Responsibility; Marketing planning and execution, Strategy origination and implementation.

Community Involvement: Volunteer Chaplain Green Bay Correctional Institute 1986-1989; raised money for: Make-A-Wish Foundation, local Green Bay family after life changing injury, Women's Shelter

Questions:

1. Taking "Money" out of politics is absolutely essential. At all levels of government campaign finance reform must allow every citizen a fair voice. I believe the dealings of monied politics has cost the American people their voice, and has driven our national debt to dangerous levels.
2. Wisconsin tax reform is essential. Wisconsin's corporate tax is the 8th highest in the country. That tax burden is simply passed on to the consumer as a "cost of doing business." The bottom line is we citizens pay for that in the price of the good and services we buy, then we pay a sales tax on top of that. To create a vibrant Wisconsin economy we must drive our corporate taxes down, invite competitive businesses into Wisconsin to protect the consumer, and get Wisconsinites working again. EX. The state of Texas added 134,000 jobs since 2007, while California lost nearly 1,000,000 in the same time frame. The corporate tax in Texas is significantly lower than in California and Wisconsin.
3. It has to be an independent nonpartisan body that balances populations and not political parties.
4. The state of Wisconsin can only spend what it takes in. If it borrows money to pay for programs it can't afford, all programs will eventually be lost. It is an imperfect system and will remain one.
5. Absolutely.
6. The long road: The budget gap was caused by the loss of some 180,000 Wisconsin jobs; mine and the members of Saturn of Green Bay included. This will not be addressed with anything but hard choices. Creating the longterm sustainability of this state must start with the properly directed tax incentives to drive manufacturing and hiring. The immediate path: The budget process must eliminate wasteful spending, and then begin to tighten our collective belts across the state.

7. Mandated truth in advertising practices did not hurt the retail automotive industry one bit. It protected consumers from deception. I believe the same is true for politics. Politics is a rough and tumble business. In the words of Karl Rove, there are "dirty tricks" he can teach us to blatantly use to shape the thinking of the voter. Most political ads are emotionally driven. They appeal not to our intellects but to our fears, worries and concerns. Big monied negative advertising campaigns have proven very effective in not telling the whole story to get results. In the end, it is the citizenry who pays the bill, always. Politics requires the spot light. Let it shine!
8. Job! Wisconsin lost 180,000 jobs. Saturn of Green Bay employed as many as 51 people. Saturn of Green Bay is no more. We must create a state that businesses are drawn to. Getting people back to work is of absolute necessity. I believe the private sector is responsible for that. Our tax system may be driving business away from our state. My goal will be to drive the process of tax reform by studying states like Texas, Virginia, Minnesota, and Indiana who are considered to business friendly. We must get people back to work.

Joel Montel Opperman

Party: D

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Brown County Taxpayers Association Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association Georgia Pacific Advisory Board Project Vote Ducks Unlimited Whitetails Unlimited National Rifle Association Wisconsin Right to Life On Broadway, Inc

Questions:

1. No. I do not believe tax payers should be forced to fund political elections. Especially now that there is a projected budget shortfall of 200 million dollars, and a structural deficit close to 3 billion dollars.
2. We need to reduce regulations and mandates on businesses while encouraging businesses to be more environmentally friendly. In addition, we must ensure there is a link of evolving green technology to our businesses that will enable them to be more cost efficient and competitive. Like many homeowners are finding out - it can pay to be green!
3. The Legislature at the state level and the legislative bodies at each level of government with the guidance of the Clerk and the Governmental Accountability Board who oversees elections.
4. We need to increase the reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid for health and dental services without raising fees and taxes.
5. No. I do not believe tax payers should be forced to pay for political campaigns.

6. We need to reduce spending including pork projects, and create jobs to grow the economy to fill the budget gap.
7. Yes, they should register for transparency. However, freedom of political speech regardless of our own opinion is protected by the constitution.
8. Reduce Spending Create Economic Friendly Job Environment Cut Taxes I crafted and balanced a 100 million dollar budget with a 6 million dollar shortfall. I have experience working for a former member of Wisconsin's Joint Finance Committee and know the state budget and process. I have the fortitude to make the tough budget decisions to get our state's economy back on track.

Wisconsin Assembly District 5

Craig Fletcher

Party: R

Questions: No response

David Landwehr

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Questions: No response

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Experience: none in the public sector, Ive been elected to multiple local union positions and appointed 1 international position

Community Involvement: one of the founding board members of rebuild together fox valley, plus volunteering for the same, helped with the safety training for the womens habitat for humanity build in the greenbay area,worked with the susan komen foundation with my sister every other year in sheboygan falls, foreign exchange student program, and the ms foundation

Questions:

1. I would support the expansion of public finance but we also need to keep in mind the fiscal impact on the state government with the budget challenges we will be facing next year.
2. manufacturing is the main driver in the economy, and I believe that there is a boat load of potential for clean energy job creation in this sector, and I also beleive that the legislature passed a number of bills to help manufacturing with the clean and green energy programs
3. I beleive the current law says the legislature is responsible for this, I am open for any suggestions regarding this matter.
4. I would support mental health and dental insurance programs
5. I would consider every option to minimize the influence of out of state business's on our election process, we need to consider the tax payer and the budget
6. What I understand is that this next years budget will be the largest in the states history,we need to cut spending across the board while we protect important things like education,health care and public saftey. We also need to close corporate tax loop holes so everyone,person or thing is paying their fair share of taxes, I will look at every option on this so our children are not inheriting this fiscal burden

7. Yes, people should know who is paying for campaigns,adds,mailings,etc...,and Yes i do support corporations to notify their shareholders and get the shareholders majority decision to participate in any election
8. Ive been a member of the carpenters union for almost 20 years and in that time i have seen to many family supporting jobs disappear, We need to get back our manufacturing and bring back family supporting jobs, The economy is not doing very well with high enemployment and the wall street mess. Last, this budget will be the largest in the states history, So if we can bring back or create family supporting jobs this will help on the unemployed and also bring back tax dollars for the budget

Wisconsin Assembly District 6

Gary Tauchen

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 7

Scott R. Dettman



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Experience: Currently I work as a business manager working to enhance educational and developmental systems in health care. In 2008, I was a campaign manger for Democratic candidate in 21st State Assembly District. I have also worked as an environmental and consumer advocate for both WISPIRG & Wisconsin Environment where I promoted renewable energy and fought against harmful environmental practices.

Community Involvement: I have been involved in my community through active membership in WISPIRG, Wisconsin Environment,the Democratic Party of Milwaukee County & Wisconsin, and have also helped coach a summer athletic camp for high school students for the past 5 years.

Questions:

1. Yes, I believe that both Wisconsin, and the United States need significant campaign finance reform. The efforts extending public financing to the Wisconsin Judicial races are a great step in the right direction. Only when we have publicly financed campaigns will the people's voices truly be heard. I think public financing is a must for the state of Wisconsin.
2. As the United States moves toward a clean energy economy Wisconsin is in a unique position, if we invest properly, to be on the forefront of the manufacturing of clean / green energy technology. By embracing clean energy now, Wisconsin will benefit greatly. In regards to those industries that currently exist in Wisconsin, I believe we need to make them feel welcome during this transitional period, instead or encouraging them to leave. I think it is essential that we provide incentives for manufacturing to make the transition, protecting Wisconsin jobs.
3. I would tap a nonpartisan legislative service agency for redrawing legislative districts. In my opinion, politics should have no role in determining legislative districts, a nonpartisan group with a

firm understanding of the laws and considerations at issue would be far better at determining districts. However, to vote for a law such as this it would have to be an amendment to the State Constitution or it would have to possess some sort of extended time guarantee. Either of these options would help to ensure that in 2020 the law isn't easily overturned for political gain.

4. With the new health care initiatives beginning to roll out, I believe Wisconsin needs to address both the disparities in access for mental and dental health services for our residents. I believe some innovative funding solutions can and must be found to begin to include coverage in these areas where currently doesn't exist or is severely underfunded. If elected to the legislature I plan to be an advocate for better access to health services for Wisconsin.
5. I support this idea, because encourages campaign contributions come from and solicited from people who reside in the district. This kind of program will help protect the people voices who are represented by the candidate from be clouded by special interest groups. I would support the idea of Wisconsin matching funding up to an agreed upon and reasonable amount if there were publicly financed campaigns. However, I do not believe there should be a tax credit or rebate for individuals who make this donation.
6. To simply cut spending to programs and vital resources is not the answer. All though we should investigate to see where we can save money by resolving inefficiencies, we need to find better ways to raise revenue. Now this doesn't mean we need increase the burden on Wisconsin's working class, but that we need to explore innovative approaches to generate revenue so we can maintain and improve the great services that we enjoy in Wisconsin.
7. I do support registration, reporting, and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending because the people have a right to know which interests are being represented, and it also helps great more transparency during election cycles. I also think that corporations should have to notify and get permission from shareholders before corporations use shareholder money to engage in campaigning that the majority may not agree with.
8. If elected, my main priority will be to push for comprehensive economic solutions that address not just one part of the problem but rather approach our state's challenges on all fronts (i.e. education, jobs, property tax reform, energy efficiency). Through my work as an environmental and consumer advocate, along with my experience as a business leader I can provide a unique perspective into the intricacies of the problems we face. By drawing upon my past experiences I can help develop new innovative solutions for these problems, and get our State back on track.

Peggy Krusick



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City/Town: Assembly District 7 covers the southwest side of Milwaukee and most of Greenfield. The district stretches from as far east as South 23rd Street to as far west as South 100th Street and from just north of Cleveland Avenue to as far south as College Avenue.

Experience: • Elected to the Assembly in 1983, re-elected since 1984. • Chair, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. • Member, Assembly Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business; and Assembly Committee on Education • Legislative Aide, Wisconsin State Assembly. • Staff Assistant, Governor's Ombudsman Program for the Aging and Disabled. • Administrative Assistant, Higher Educational Aids Board. • Paralegal, Milwaukee Law Office. • Master's study in public administration, UW-Madison. • B.A. in Political Science, Certificate in Law Studies, UW-Milwaukee.

Community Involvement: • Make regular home visits, send out surveys and always vote the district.
• Lifelong resident of the district who lives in my childhood home with my husband and our two children.
• Member of St. Gregory the Great Parish and area neighborhood associations.

Questions:

1. Yes. I voted for the Impartial Justice Act and believe a similar public financing system for other state offices is needed as well. I've long fought to limit the influence of moneyed special interests in elections and at the State Capitol. Campaign finance reform is needed now in Wisconsin to ensure fair and clean elections and to return government back to the people and taxpayers.
2. I joined a large majority of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in voting for the Green to Gold Fund. This fund provides revolving loans to Wisconsin manufacturers to help them reduce energy costs, retool for the clean energy economy and create jobs. I would continue to support bipartisan initiatives like this.
3. It's time to get politics out of legislative redistricting. The nonpartisan legislative reference bureau, with input from independent citizen groups, should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts. In addition to making elections more competitive, this will also save taxpayers money by avoiding the costly litigation that results when politicians attempt to redraw the legislative districts.
4. From writing the legislation that became the foundation for SeniorCare, Wisconsin's premier prescription drug benefit program for seniors, to supporting BadgerCare Plus, which provides affordable health coverage to qualified children and families, I have worked hard in the Legislature to help expand access to quality health care to more Wisconsin residents. A bipartisan special committee of experts is working right now on potential solutions to the shortage of health care providers in certain parts of Wisconsin and the adequacy of funding for public health. I look forward to reviewing the committee's recommendations when they are completed and working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in enacting the best of those ideas.
5. I would need to review the details of this proposal before taking a position. However, I generally support the idea of encouraging candidates to primarily fund their campaigns through small donations from individuals in their districts—the people the candidates are elected to represent.
6. I voted against the most recent \$65 billion state budget because it taxed too much, spent too much, used the taxpayers' credit card and raised the price of our auto insurance, phone service, cable TV, utility bills and more. It's time for government to live within the taxpayers' means--just like families and small business owners do everyday across Wisconsin when they make out their own budgets. I will not support increasing taxes or fees on working or middle class families to close Wisconsin's projected \$2.5 billion budget gap. I'm ready to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make the tough choices that are needed to get Wisconsin's fiscal house in order once and for all. The future of our great state depends on it.
7. Yes, I support a sunshine law for corporate election spending. The public has a right to know who is trying to influence their vote through paid advertising or other election spending. A corporation likewise should be required to first notify its shareholders (i.e., its owners) and get their permission before engaging in election spending.
8. My top priorities are to (1)continue respecting the taxpayer, (2)create and retain jobs in Wisconsin, and (3)strengthen Wisconsin's K-12 school system. On the Assembly Jobs Committee, I've been fighting against unaffordable tax credits for businesses and other expensive schemes that cost taxpayers millions but provide no guarantee of jobs. The best way to get our state's economy back on track is to make Wisconsin a more affordable place for families to live and businesses to operate or locate. The best jobs program is a strong education system. On the Assembly Education Committee, I've been fighting to hold all schools, including those in the taxpayer-funded Milwaukee school voucher program, accountable to parents, the public and taxpayers.

Brad Sponholz

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 8

Laura Manriquez



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City/Town: Milwaukee

Experience: Laura Manriquez will bring bold, experienced leadership to the position of Representative for the 8th Assembly District. • A resident of the District for more than 30 years • Born to a German mother and a Mexican father • A mother of seven, a grandmother of four • A licensed nurse of 15 years • An active member of her church for more than 20 years • A lifelong public servant and a hard working, dedicated advocate for: • Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) issues • Prison reform for non-violent offenders • Health care • Economic development • Education • Well known in the Capitol for her ability to work across the political spectrum to get things done for our community

Community Involvement: Manriquez has been active member of numerous community organizations over the years, including (but not limited to): • WISDOM/MICAH Milwaukee Inner City Alliance for Hope (Member) • WISDOM/MICAH Treatment Instead of Prison Strategy (Chairwoman) • Esperanza Unida Board of Directors (Member, Vice President and President) • Wisconsin Association Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (Member) • Governor's Office of Justice Assistance Treatment and Diversion (Advisory Member) • Wiser Choice Governors Executive Committee (Member) • Wiser Choice Faith Based Advisory Council (Member) • NAACP Milwaukee Branch (Member) • Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators (Member) • UWM AOC advocacy committee (Member)

Questions:

1. yes
2. I will work with all parties interested in developing Wisconsin manufacturing that is green friendly. I will advocate for legislation that will move Wisconsin as a leader for our green economy.
3. A commission of individuals from all of these areas in order to be inclusive of all interested parties, which will also bring accountability.
4. On 2/19/10, I was invited to participate in the planning of the Healthy Wisconsin disparities workshop for Wisconsin's state health plan. As a result, I am confident and support the state with the 2010 plan that addresses our health disparities.
5. yes
6. Through increasing economic growth within our economy and through international opportunities.
7. yes
8. Increasing economic growth with smaller local initiatives and international work, of which I have been active in this area for years. One example was a sister city project that I and a few others worked on with the city of Estambu, Turkey that would spiral into getting individuals back to work. This was signed off by our Mayor and the common council president. This 1 million dollar project was inclusive of MATC and Bucyrus International. Quality education of which I have had years of advocating with others like MICAH, AOC from UWM, Education for the people and others. Healthcare, of which I have had 15 years plus in the field. I will work toward proactive holistic health on the front end, quality healthcare that is affordable

Ramona Rivas

Party: I

Questions: No response

Angel C. Sanchez

Party: D

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Questions:

1. No elected office should be for sale. Caps are important and necessary to even the playing field. By having a cap, we preserve hope that people still have a fair chance to compete and represent the people from all walks of life.
2. The state of Wisconsin needs to devise a clean energy program that educates business regarding its concerns, while at the same time creates a long term plan that allows transition to take place. Businesses need to be able to grow into the clean energy generation rather than be given a deadline of when to comply and placing a hardship on an already stretched financial reserve. Just think, do you pay down debt or hold your reserve until the clouds clear.
3. Independent citizen commission ... yes
4. The state can address its problem by prioritizing and finding creative ways to do outreach and educate people. We must aggressively market our state and grow our revenues to address our expenses.
5. If small funds are small and a cap is in place, then yes, I would support a system that allows rebate or credit.
6. You need to cut spending wherever possible and also grow our tax base while making Wisconsin more of a destination state. We should get people to visit, recreate and promote our state back home.
7. Yes on corporate election spending. I believe that shareholders should have a referendum to decide whether they entrust their corporation to get involved in political decisions.
8. My number one concern is to represent the people that live in my district. I will do what is right for the state by intellectually stimulating the people I work with to defend or defeat any cause before us. Our state needs to set goals with respect as to where it wants to be. Everyday the world continues to change and no one is waiting for us to catch up. Everything in life is about ultimately winning regardless of task. I have experience in government and in the private sector. I have what it takes to lead, and these challenging times bring out the best in everyone that is a fighter in life. Our situation in America needs desperate answers and strong representation. Because of this I respectfully ask your endorsement.

JoCasta Zamarripa



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Community Involvement: 9to5 Milwaukee 9to5 National Association of Working Women Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin (PPAWI) Southside

Organizing Committee (SOC) Fair Wisconsin Equality Wisconsin (formerly LGBT Center Advocates) Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) Reproductive Justice Collective, Milwaukee SisterSong Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee The Lesbian Fund Emerge Wisconsin The White House Project Latino Nonprofit Leadership Program (LNLP) Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition (MLHC) The Roberto Hernandez Center UW-Milwaukee Teen Pregnancy Prevention Network (TPPN) Everytown (YWCA)

Questions:

1. Yes
2. By supporting proposals such as Clean Energy Jobs Act. This gives us the opportunity to use energy more efficiently and reduce our dependence on aging power plants and imported fossil fuels while creating clean jobs for our citizens.
3. It should be a combination of a non-partisan legislative service agency and an independent citizen commission.
4. The state could address it by supporting more programs such as BadgerCare and Senior Care. It is important that mental and dental services and also accessible in rural areas as well as urban areas. This could be done by supporting our Wisconsin Universities and giving more incentives for students to work in local mental and dental health services. Eliminating disparities will save Wisconsin money and create a healthier state, I intend to work towards that if I am elected.
5. I would consider it, but representing a low-income district such as the 8th Assembly district, it would be difficult to obtain contributions. It would be unfair to offer those that could a tax rebate while others that might want to donate contributions, just do not have the means to do so.
6. 1. Making big businesses pay their fair share. 2. Collecting uncollected tax revenue. 3. Working with members of congress to get more federal dollars for our state. 4. Increasing sales tax and ensuring a portion of that sales tax will be redistributed to communities accordingly.
7. Yes, especially after the Supreme Court decision that would allow special interests and corporations to have greater input in candidate elections, this could have a negative affect in how campaigns are won. In addition, I could foresee the challenges and difficulties in ensuring that all corporations are notified and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending, because a single corporation might have many shareholders.
8. My priorities, when I get into office, are based on what I hear at the doors, from residents. They are, Fighting to lower property taxes by increasing shared revenue for my district. Reducing crime by ensuring funding for our police, while at the same time, making sure that funding is being used effectively. Investing in our youth through education by holding all schools accountable to our children. I am qualified for this position partly because I have lived in this district my entire life. I know my community and I care deeply for it. I have worked nearly my entire adult life, serving the people of the City of Milwaukee as an educator and as an organizer. I often visit my state capitol to lobby on issues important to my community.

Wisconsin Assembly District 9

Josh C. Zepnick

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 10

Elizabeth M. Coggs

Party: D

Questions:

1. Undecided
2. no response -
3. The Legislature
4. no response -
5. Yes

6. No, with a diverse amount of solutions.
7. Yes/No
8. To work on job creation and quality-education reform

Stephanie Findley



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Experience: Stephanie's educational background includes a Master of Science in Business Management from the School of Business at Cardinal Stritch University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University of Wisconsin in Criminal Justice Management. Stephanie has built her career as a management consultant with over 14 years of research, public involvement and outreach, as well as a political and business strategist. She has worked with a wide range of people using her understanding of individuals, teams and organizations to help build the next generation of leaders.

Community Involvement: Stephanie serves as Board Chair for Findley and Associates, Inc. and former Vice-Chair of the Social Development Commission's Board of Commissioners from 2003 to 2005 (committee assignments: Public Policy Chair, Programming and Planning and Milwaukee County's Head Start Liaison). She serves on the African American Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, Milwaukee Urban League Young Professional's Executive Board (committee assignment: Fundraising Chair). She is the Founder/Chair of the Central City Networking Forum and the Central City CEO Roundtable.

Questions:

1. Yes
2. I would hold manufacturing firms to a higher standard of environmental standards when it comes to ensuring we remain competitive in the industry but remaining socially responsible to the communities of their place of business.
3. A nonpartisan legislative service agency
4. This is a huge issue for me that comes down to money and priorities. If the governing bodies doesn't consider it a priority it will not get the funding it needs to assist our most vulnerable citizens. The state can address this problem by continuing to provide statistics on the problem.
5. Yes and yes
6. You would have to do both. I'm sure there is some spending we could cut but we are going to have to find additional sources revenue to make up the budget shortfall.
7. Yes and Yes
8. Jobs - As a business owner I have worked with businesses on growth and development that has helped expand their business so they could hire individuals from the community. Education - As an educator I have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the students that I have worked with so improving our educational system to graduate more students who can read, write and do math will bring more jobs to the state due to a more educated workforce. Environment - Making sure our communities are free from hazards which affects our citizens.

Ieshuh Griffin

Party: I

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Experience: I meet the prerequisites to be a candidate. My experience consists of many different elements from observation to victimization.

Community Involvement: I have been an active community member as it relates to injustice, racial profile, government corruption, victimization by the system, and so forth. Milwaukee County Circuit Courts have numerous corrupt judicial officers as well as there is a system in place that is used by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to prosecute VICTIMS for commercial profit, completely unlawful, etc.

Questions:

1. There needs to be in my opinion a blanket system for candidates as a whole. A public official is a public official regardless of the position held.
2. There is a need for a review of internal procedure and operation(s).
3. Federal government
4. I disagree, I do not believe Wisconsin has a strong record in that area. It is my position that there is an unequal access to services within Wisconsin. There is a need for an internal overhaul.
5. I do not support campaign financing.
6. The internal administration is at fault. There needs to be an internal overhaul.
7. Yes.
8. My concerns are injustice, rape, inequality, governmental corruption and any and all issues that affect my constituents and those similarly situated. My qualifications are being either a victim or witnessing victimization in itself.

Sherman Lawrence Hill

Party: D

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 11

Jason M. Fields

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 12

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Experience: This is my first run for political office.

Community Involvement: Eastbrook Church. I donate time and resources as needs arise. I prefer to keep those private.

Questions:

Q: 1. Do you support extending to all other state offices a system of public financing along the lines of the one created for state Supreme Court elections in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act?

No

Q: 2. *How will you ensure that Wisconsin manufacturing will remain competitive in a clean energy economy?*

We can look at tax incentive to grow business and jobs.

Q: 3. *Who should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts after each census: the Legislature, a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission?*

In reality politics will never be absent from the process, the legislature.

Q: 4. *Wisconsin has a strong record of providing residents with access to health insurance coverage, but there are disparities in access to health care services, including mental and dental health services. How can the state address this problem?*

Each is a separate issue and needs to be addressed individually.

Q: 5. *Would you support a system providing candidates for state office with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district? Would you support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations?*

No, this will not help first time or new candidates. It will only give those currently in office more advantage.

Q: 6. *How would you address the continuing state budget gap? Do you believe it can be filled through spending cuts alone, or do we need to raise revenue?*

I believe we can balance the budget through spending cuts and better use and accountability of all spending by eliminating fraud and duplication of services.

Q: 7. *Do you support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending? Do you support requiring corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending?*

If something like this was enacted, it should apply to all outside spending, not just corporations.

Q: 8. *Please describe your priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.*

Education is the lifeblood of our state and we need to work to get the best education for all the children of the state. Teachers know how to teach and we need to support them. Job growth and business opportunities are vital to the short and long term stability of Wisconsin. I believe in a citizen legislature and that makes me qualified.

Frederick Kessler

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 13

Lisa Rose Becker

Party: I

Questions: No response

David Alan Cullen

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 14

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Experience: I have not previously held public office, but have many varied experiences that will serve me well as a legislator. I've worked at a medical lab, a medical product manufacturer and as a small business owner. With a family background in agriculture, I have owned and raised a cow, raised chickens and baled hay. With extended family from the Wisconsin Dells, I understand the importance of our tourism industry. As an attorney, I've represented abused and neglected children, dealt with government agencies and handled appeals. I've been a Republican Party of Waukesha County member since 1987. From the 1986 Kasten campaign onward, I've volunteered for many conservative candidates including as a ward captain for Bush 2004.

Community Involvement: Memberships: Republican Party of Waukesha County (since 1987), State Bar of Wisconsin, Waukesha County Bar Association, NRA (Life Member), WI-Force, Elmbrook Historical Society, Zoological Society of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. My wife and I attend Elmbrook Church and have hosted a Bible study in our home. I also serve as a volunteer guardian.

Questions:

1. No.
2. I would oppose a Wisconsin version of "Cap and Trade (Tax)." I would work against regulations that overburden businesses. I oppose actions not based on sound science and that are not economically sound. Wisconsin should not unilaterally enact policies that would harm our manufacturing in competing with other states and other nations.
3. Legislature. We elect a legislature to do these kinds of things. That is why we have elections and why elections have consequences. "Non-partisan" is too often a fiction.
4. We need a basic understanding that quality health care, individualized services and advancement of health care technologies have costs associated with them. We need to accept that there will be base level costs. Many factors increase, artificially, the cost of health care including, high medical education costs, lack of competition and price transparency and malpractice insurance rates. To deal with some of these, we must address tort reform, over-regulation, inflated education expenses and creation of additional price awareness for procedure or test costs at different facilities. Further, expansion of HSA accounts, the easier ability to form insurance groups to spread out risk and additional insurance reforms would help.
5. I do not favor public financing of elections in any fashion. I do not want my tax dollars going to support candidates that I would have to then work against and try to defeat. I might support a tax deduction for contributions, but not a refundable credit or rebate, which would be a backdoor to public financing.
6. We spend too much and have exceeded our basic political foundation of limited government. First, we need to set an amount beyond which we will not spend, which I propose as being significantly less than the previous budget. Then, we must prioritize those things that are essential to the operation of a limited government and those things to which we are already obligated (bonds, pension funds). Finally, other programs will have to compete for prioritization for any remaining funds. We should only cut spending, not raise taxes.

7. I believe that it is good to have some information indicating who is financing a particular ad or other campaign item, but would not support burdensome registration/reporting requirements that inhibit free speech. Shareholders should take responsibility for their investments. If a corporation is supporting a position with which the shareholder disagrees, the shareholder is free to divest themselves of that stock.
8. After finishing a double major in three years, I graduated law school with honors and had awards for top class grade, including Constitutional Law. I've worked at a medical lab, a medical product manufacturer and as a small business owner. As attorney, I've represented abused children, dealt with government agencies and handled appeals. A lifelong Southeast Wisconsin resident, I've been a Republican Party of Waukesha County member since 1987. From the 1986 Kasten campaign onward, I've volunteered for conservative candidates including as a ward captain for Bush 2004. I don't come to the fight for conservative causes overnight. I support photo ID for voting, concealed carry, cutting the state budget, school choice and pro-life.

Dennis James Kaun

Party: R
 Questions: No response

Dale P. Kooyenga

Party: R
 Questions: No response

Christopher A. Maurer

Party: R
 Questions: No response

Michael E. Olen

Party: R
 Questions: No response

Ryan Shulander

Party: R
 Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 15

David Nickel



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Community Involvement: I am, and have been, incredibly active in the community and offering to work for you in State government is an extension of my dedication to civic duty.

***** Mayoral Appointee – Communications Board
 ***** Parish Council at the Cathedral ***** Human Concerns Committee member / Volunteer
 ***** Choir member ***** APC district 13 representative ***** Member of several non-profit boards – including experience on executive committees ***** Police Volunteer ***** School Technology board member *****

Questions:

1. Ensuring public financing is available to all candidates is essential for clean and fair elections. Elections and campaigns are expensive. Without public financing, only wealthy individuals would have the ability to run a campaign against an incumbent, career politician. Speaking directly on the 2009 Impartial Justice Act, there have been some concerns voiced, e.g. State Senator Mike Ellis, a longtime advocate of campaign reform, complained that the bill actually allows outside interests to spend more than the candidates, and does nothing to address so-called issue ads run by third parties. Even with the concerns though, six of the seven current Supreme Court Justices support some kind of public funding.
2. Changing to a clean energy economy could be the biggest blessing to Wisconsin manufacturing. We already have the infrastructure in place and a skilled labor force here ready to work. We can create the products here We need bold action to make sure Wisconsin is a leader and make sure we don't miss this golden opportunity I have many ideas to create real jobs to put Wisconsin manufacturing back to work. One example would be a 5% co-firing of wood pellets in utility coal burners—even the American Coal Council backs this—allowing the creation of ~25 plants—creating 1,000s of Wisconsin jobs,keeping the money in the Wisconsin economy by purchasing less coal from other states and using our own resources, all while protecting our own environment
3. Ensuring that the redrawing of legislative districts is extremely important for fair elections. I would love for a non-partisan group or independent citizen commission be given this responsibility. However, how do you make sure that the decisions are made devoid of partisan political views? Politics have become so divisive and partisan. It is hard to imagine someone involved in this process without some preconceived opinions. Even our judicial branch has become more and more partisan.
4. When you talk health issues, it seems as if people forget that mental and dental are also health issues. Mental issues need to be addressed, as more than 50% of people with severe mental disorders abuse drugs and alcohol. More precedence needs to be focused on prevention. As an example, the latest stiffening of drunk driving laws should have included a priority on prevention. With over 26% of Wisconsin drivers admitting driving drunk in just one year, stiffer penalties seem not to deter driving drunk. More prevention is tantamount to successful handling of not only drunk driving, but mental and dental health.
5. yes to both
6. With such a large budget gap, in the billions, it could be hard to erase that with just spending cuts, and we can't just continue to raise taxes. However, there are alternatives such as my example of the clean energy solution. The creation of the jobs, the plants, the businesses all create new revenue streams for the state. Allowing us to address the issue without severally devastating our programs, or placing an undue burden on the families and small businesses in the state. Creating new real jobs, keeping businesses here, and attracting other employers to Wisconsin is an attractive solution to the debate between - do you cut programs or do you raise taxes.
7. - no response -
8. Jobs—Having owned a business and having international business experience gives me an advantage to know the challenges and needs to successfully grow our workforce Taxes—By placing more emphasis on the creation of new revenue streams, we won't have to continually raise more taxes and create new fees. Education—Not being a career politician,I am not scarred to take on the tougher issues. I have the political will to change our broken system. Government Accountability—Not being corrupted or embattled by embezzlement issues,allows me to focus and speak up for the citizens of Wisconsin when money is stolen from us. Environment—Our Lake Michigan needs to be protected,eg MMSD sewage dumping,Asian Carp. A Focus on Clean Reliable Energy

Ronald A. Rieboldt

Party: R

Questions: No response

Tony Staskunas

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 16

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Questions: No response

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Experience: Incumbent

Community Involvement: I sit on a variety of boards and a member of organization; CYD, WHEDA, NAACP, Walnutway Conservation Corp., etc

Questions:

1. Yes
2. I think it is important that companies play a big role in keeping the environment clean & healthy. I will support legislation to achieve that goal.
3. Legislature
4. The state should pass legislation requiring insurance company to provide that coverage; Mental Health Parity.
5. Yes
6. We need to raise revenue.
7. Yes
8. We have to look at raising revenue, sales tax increase, get rid of wasteful spending so that the state can continue providing a variety of service without putting people lives in jeopardy. I will work hard to develop legislation to address the above issues.

Wisconsin Assembly District 17

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Experience: As a business owner i have over 20 years of experience in business development, sales, purchasing, marketing, human resources and management.

Community Involvement: My community involvement consists of mentoring children, chaperoning kids on field trips,feeding the homeless,and working with AODA.

Questions:

1. Yes.
2. Manufacturing will remain competitive by being innovative but also being socially responsible to the communities for which they are located.
3. Nonpartisan legislative service agency
4. I could ensure that the legislative audit bureau audits the program to ensure quality services are provided. The legislative will also make sure that healthcare costs are controlled.
5. Yes. Yes.

6. We first will need to cut wasteful spending and find some extra revenue sources to fill the budget gap.
7. Yes. Yes
8. Jobs will be a number one priority in 17th District. As a business owner, I provided employment opportunities

Barbara Linette Toles

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 18

Tamara D. Grigsby

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 19

Krista Burns

Party: R

Questions: No response

Jon Richards

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 20

Steven F. Kraeger

Party: R

Questions: No response

Molly McGartland-Cummings

Party: R

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 21

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Experience: Presently Common Council President - City of Oak Creek First elected to the Common Council in April of 2006. St. Francis School Board from roughly 2001 - 2009.

Community Involvement: Married for 36 years to Connie with two grown children. MATC Board of Directors from July of 2008 to present. Past Labor Leader representing up to 2000 workers with UE Local 1111 @ Allen-Bradley also known as Rockwell Automation. Past President of Cudahy St. Francis Little Baseball Association

Questions:

1. Yes.
2. Manufacturing will remain competitive if people look past the initial startup/conversion costs and focus on the greater long term gains. Certainly any tax breaks presently in place might be able to be expanded. MATC has teamed up with Johnson Controls and has started the largest photovoltaic farm in the state. The skilled workforce that will be created to install and maintain these and other solar panels will be a positive for the state and a competitive advantage for the state and business.
3. I could support an independent citizen commission for redrawing legislative districts.
4. Our residents are better off having mental health and dental coverage. The cost and lower quality of life associated with not having mental health and dental coverage is probably greater than providing residents with the coverage. Treating depression or a toothache early on is more cost effective than waiting for the problems to become more severe. Without dental or mental health services, the individual's erosion of their quality of life affects not only the individual but the rest of the family and ultimately the community at large.
5. I would support a system providing candidates for state office with public matching funds for small contributions from people living within in the candidate's district. I would also support a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make such donations. What is small?
6. I would address the state budget gap through careful scrutiny of all programs during the budget setting process. I would follow the same process that I have when working on the St. Francis School Board and the Common Council in Oak Creek. Raising revenue should only be done as a last resort.
7. Yes, I support registration, reporting and disclaimer requirements. While the concept of corporations getting permission from the shareholders in order to engage in election spending sounds good, how many requests from the corporations get properly scrutinized let alone actually challenged by shareholders?
8. My first priority would be to keep jobs here and encourage job growth. As a past union leader I have the skills and first hand knowledge of the issues affecting business and labor. In Oak Creek I have worked with various businesses and developers through Tax Incremental-Financing Districts offering these tax incentives when they made sense. In the area of healthcare for our residents I would work to see that President Obama's Health Care Initiative is smoothly implemented. I support a single payer healthcare system. Working toward a balanced budget and then living within those guidelines is another priority. I have always worked within the confines of a budget whether it be on the School Board or on The Common Council or at MATC.

Wisconsin Assembly District 22

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Experience: Legislator since January 2009. Member of 5 Assembly Committees and vice-chair of the Public Health Committee. Chair of Special Legislative Council Committee to address statutes related to mental illness. Registered Nurse with advanced degrees in mental health nursing and bioethics. Over 15 years experience teaching at the college level.

Community Involvement: Four-term President of National Association on Mental Illness of Greater Milwaukee, member of numerous other non-profit Boards, including Red Cross. Coordinated the CIT program for Milwaukee-area law enforcement (training law enforcement officers to be first responders to individuals dealing with mental health crises). Developed the partner program CIP, which trains emergency room personnel, teachers, corrections officers, and other members of the community to understand and deal with mental health crises in their environments. Member of various hospitals' ethics committees.

Questions:

1. I strongly support public financing of elections, as the present system is seriously flawed. The competition for campaign dollars leads to special interest groups wielding undue influence. In addition, the distraction of continuous campaigning interferes with the real work of legislators, which is to advance laws and policies which serve the needs and interests of their constituents.
2. Annually, over sixteen billion dollars leaves our state in the purchase of nonrenewable fossil fuel. We need to advance the move to renewable energy sources and encourage the development of innovation in the production and manufacturing of clean energy technologies. Businesses that implement energy efficiency actions see notable cost savings. With our university systems, technical colleges, and strong manufacturing base, Wisconsin is well-suited to be a leader in clean energy technology. The Public Service Commission estimates that clean energy actions can save consumers \$1.2 billion over 15 years in energy costs and create more than 15,000 jobs
3. Redistricting in Wisconsin requires reform. The current system, which allows the legislature to control the boundaries, creates districts which are non-competitive and do not foster voter choice. I believe the proposal by Mayor Barrett, to take control out of the hands of the legislature and into the hands of a non-partisan group of individuals, is admirable and deserves serious consideration
4. While our State does provide basic coverage to many residents through the various Badger Care programs, it remains difficult and sometimes impossible for residents to obtain health care. Because of low reimbursements, many providers, including dentists and psychiatrists, do not accept patients with these coverage plans. Decades of neglect of mental health services have especially led to access difficulties across the state. A large part of the problem originates from a lack of insurance parity on coverage for mental health and drug and alcohol issues. The passage of both the Federal and State Parity laws will help address this somewhat, but we also need to increase the number of providers.
5. I strongly support strengthening the public financing of elections. (Please see my answer to question #1). The details of the funding need to be worked out with consideration of available funds and the State budget.

6. I am not convinced that it is possible through spending cuts alone. We need a combination of both selected cuts and selected increases in revenues. Revenue increases must not be regressive and must also foster responsible use of tax dollars. We too often spend money and efforts to pay for policies to cope with problems, rather than initiate programs to solve them. We need to look at cost-benefits, and not just costs. One example is our corrections systems. Wisconsin incarcerates 23,000 individuals at incredibly high costs (compare to Minnesota, with 9,000 inmates and a similar population and crime rate). We need to get smarter in responding to crime, both for the safety of our State and for the health of our budget.
7. I do support all of the above.
8. We must continue to address the problems related to jobs and the economy. We must address issues of improving education; we need to prepare our young residents for participation in the global economy. We must improve access to health care, incorporating the federal changes, but also acting on initiatives that reduce costs and spending on health care. And we must move Wisconsin to be a leader in creating renewable energy and decreasing our dependence and spending on fossil fuels. I was able to initiate and rally support for important bills and get them signed into law (most notably, the Wisconsin Parity Act.) I have over 30 years of experience in health care and experience in bringing diverse groups together to address problems.

A. Paul Pedersen

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 23

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Community Involvement: Lumen Christi Catholic Church Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce American Legion

Questions:

1. NO
2. By keeping state spending under control so we can cut taxes and make our state a friendlier place for businesses and families. I am opposed to clean energy mandates that raise energy prices without providing any benefits to the environment and result in a net loss of jobs. That is why I was strongly opposed to the so-called "Clean Energy Jobs Act", that would have accomplished little more than raising electric rates and driving manufacturers out of Wisconsin.
3. A nonpartisan legislative service agency sounds like the best option, but in reality it's hard to imagine any agency being totally nonpartisan. The same can be said of an "independent" citizen commission. So perhaps the best option is to stay with the system we have now. At least we know where members of the Legislature stand, and ultimately it's the voters who choose their Legislators. So I wouldn't be too quick to change the system we've been using in Wisconsin for a long time. This issue should be carefully studied before any changes are made.
4. Our state has consistently ranked either first or second among the states in the country when it comes to the quality of health care available. Over 90% of our residents are insured, and of the less than 10% who are not, about a third choose not to buy health insurance, and another third are eligible for a current state program like Badger Care, but for some reason do not sign up. So in reality only a very small percentage of our state residents do not have access to health insurance,

and these residents still get health care when they need it by going to emergency rooms. Perhaps the answer is for health care providers to develop a system of low income clinics, which would be more efficient and cost effective.

5. To the first question: No. To the second question: I could see making individual donations to candidates of up to perhaps \$100 tax deductible.
6. There are many examples of wasteful and inefficient government spending in Wisconsin, including increased spending in the 2009-10 state budget during a difficult economic time. So yes, I do think the budget gap can be filled by spending cuts alone. I am also opposed to the "raiding" of funds; for example, when money from the transportation fund is used to pay for education costs. It will not be easy to balance the next budget, but with a Governor and Legislature working together it can be accomplished. Raising taxes will only hurt our economy more. I am strongly opposed to raising any taxes.
7. To the first question: No. While candidate reporting requirements make sense, extending these requirements to private companies and institutions may raise First Amendment concerns. To the second question: If the shareholders of a company want the corporation to notify them and get their permission to engage in election spending, then the shareholders should make this an issue at the annual meeting. This would seem to be more of an internal concern for a company rather than a government concern.
8. Photo I.D. for voting and an end to same day registration. Tougher drink driving laws. Getting state spending under control and lowering taxes. A sensible state energy policy, which would include repealing the nuclear moratorium. Addressing issues of concern to our water resources, such as invasive species and combined sewer overflows. As for my qualifications, I have lived in Wisconsin for my entire life and care deeply about this state and its future. My voting record and my perfect attendance record for session days during my first two terms in the State Assembly speak for themselves. I have consistently responded to constituent concerns and questions, and will continue to do so.

Wisconsin Assembly District 24

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Questions: No response

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Wisconsin Assembly District 25

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Community Involvement: President Manitowoc Public Library Board of Trustees, City Ethics Board, McKinley Charter School Board, Rahr-West Art Museum Board, Manitowoc Public Library Foundation Board, Manitowoc-Calument Library System Board

Questions:

1. We emphatically need to level the "playing field" and deminish the influence of the super-wealthy and powerful special interest groups and redemocratize elections so that "ordinary" citizens can run and be elected to public office. Therefore, I support the concept of public financing but I do worry about the cost of that to the tax-paying public and fear that the Courts (U.S. Supreme Court) will continue to hold the flood gates open to unrestricted corporate spending, treating corporations as if they are "individuals" and money as if it is "free speech."
2. Manufacturing is part of the very foundation of the Wisconsin economy. We must keep it here and expand the manufacturing base. That can be encouraged through FAIR taxation, especially for small and medium sized businesses, and by maintaining and improving the public educational systems to improve and expand our well-educated, well-trained, highly skilled work force. To expand the industrial base we need a smart and aggressive plan for the development of "green", biotech, and clean energy industries here in Wisconsin before those jobs are moved to China and other third world areas.
3. Currently the legislature has the authority to redistrict areas of representation within the state, but given the intensity of partisan competition and lack of objectivity that process needs to be somewhat depoliticized and made more rational and fair in order to preserve fair competition and the democratic character of the electoral system. Therefore, final redistricting arrangements and plans ought to have the oversight of a nonpartisan, independent citizens commission primarily concerned for the "general good" of the democratic process.
4. We made important improvements and reforms during the last legislative session, especially pertaining to mental/emotional health and autism, but work remains to be done in expanding services in rural and intercity areas for dental and nutritional health.
5. The cost to the state taxpayers must be considered, but workable and affordable means of making elections truly fair and democratic must be explored.
6. Cutting alone--especially arbitrary, across the board cutting--would be reckless and would not only inflict long-term damage to the quality of life in Wisconsin but would drive us deeper into economic recession. Some desired increases in programs and building projects will need to be postponed, reforms of our unusually expensive state prison policies will have to be undertaken, tax exemptions and tax loopholes addressed, and a general regime of restraint adopted. But in the process education should be protected and the state budget should not be balanced at the expense of our children and older citizens.
7. I consider the recent Supreme Court decision to be a major blow to democracy and a major shift in the balance of power away from the people and political parties to the powerful and wealthy who now control so much of this country's economy. I feel strongly about the need to hold those people--the power elite--publically accountable for the political influence they try to exert on elections. Much greater accountability should be required and more authority must be given to the Government Accountability Board to enforce such policies.
8. --Jobs, economic growth and development especially through the development of new industries -- Educational excellence to keep Wisconsin a society of well-educated citizens and skilled producers. --Protection, preservation, and restoration of the natural environment and the responsible and sustainable use of the natural resources. I feel a special responsibility for the protection of the Great Lakes.

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Community Involvement: past member of: YMCA, Capital Civic Center, Manitowoc Public Utilities, Lakeshore Technical College; Boards of Directors

Questions:

1. No. Public financing of elections, by using tax dollars to pay for political campaigns is a bad idea that will result in citizen contributions being involuntarily used to fund candidates they don't support. This welfare for politicians is not supported by the general public and is unnecessary. Campaign financing with tax dollars also too often brings with it attempts at regulation of political speech contrary to the First Amendment to the Constitution. Candidates should be encouraged as participants in a competitive process to completely disclose all the sources of their support. I do not take PAC special interest contributions because they come with strings attached. Term limits might be the best kind of campaign finance reform.
2. Until recently we have had a robust manufacturing sector in this State. Massive tax increases passed by the last Legislature were aimed directly at manufacturers, threatening their ability to return to health. The worst possible thing to do would be to impose further misguided regulations at aimed achieving arbitrary goals limiting energy choices and raising costs that would drive these valuable manufacturing jobs away. Recent proposals would have intentionally raised energy costs at a cost of 1000s of jobs with no appreciable positive impact on the environment. All energy alternatives should be allowed to freely compete for support through the workings of the market based economic system rather than by governmental top down decisions.
3. The decennial responsibility for redistricting currently lies with the Governor and Legislature. It works relatively well although imperfectly. I have supported, and continue to support, the creation of an independent bipartisan commission to move the process along quicker after the census information becomes available in a more objective way aimed at encouraging electoral competition.
4. The best way to encourage the availability of a wide range of health insurance coverage options is to have a healthy growing economy that provides job opportunities for people in our State. The "Business Climate" is the "JOBS Climate". Wisconsin has been headed in the wrong direction for a number of years, expanding the size of government and raising taxes crowding out job opportunities in the private sector. We need to turn that around ASAP! A growing economy with a thriving private sector will not only provide the best kind of environment for these kinds of health insurance coverages to become widely available at affordable prices, but to also create the kind of purchasing power among employers and employees to buy them.
5. I do not support using public funds to pay directly for elections. I do support offering small tax credits or individual income tax deductions to partially reimburse the cost of small private individual donations to candidates.
6. Our most important priority has to be to get our economy growing again, providing job opportunities in the private sector for our citizens. We cannot afford to further expand the size of government at this time. If necessary we will need to make dramatic cutbacks in the cost and size of State and local government in order to get through this in addition to begin to significantly cut back the newly increased tax burden recently enacted by the Legislature. We must do everything

we can to avoid increasing the tax burden to get thru this. In fact we need to as quickly as possible make dramatic improvements in the business climate - by significantly cutting back on taxes in order to spur the economic growth that will create those jobs.

7. I do not support new regulation of corporate or union organizations in their political speech. Requiring either group to specifically obtain permission from members or shareholders would interfere with their 1st Amendment guaranteed rights of free speech.
8. My top priority is to represent the people of this district, not the special interests or the party machinery in Madison. Our top priority has to be to turn the direction of our State around, to create a pro growth pro private sector jobs climate. The business climate is the JOBS climate. Without a healthy growing economy that provides widespread job opportunities for our people we can have no real economic recovery. We need to embrace policies that promote economic growth - reduced taxes and smaller government - that will create these kinds of opportunities. Wisconsin has been headed in the wrong direction for too long, raising taxes and expanding the size of government at the expense of the opportunities we need in the private sector.

Wisconsin Assembly District 26

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Experience: 25+ years running a multi-million dollar business.

Questions:

1. No because that takes away the individuals right to contribute and it will also create more government interference.
2. The private sector will compete as it always has...as long as government stays out of the way.
3. The Legislature.
4. Allow them to buy insurance coverage across state lines, allow them to pool groups together to achieve additional discounts.
5. No, I would not support either.
6. I don't believe that there are only two solutions to address the budget gap. Spending cuts and raising additional revenue are two options, but I also believe that eliminating waste and improving productivity will also go a long way in addressing the budget gap. It is being done in the family household and has been done in the business world for decades. It's about time that we hold our elected officials accountable and demand that they join the real world. We cannot spend money that we don't have, besides...it's OUR money, not theirs!!
7. No. This is all about freedom of speech and additional rules and regulations will do nothing, other than to increase costs and drive additional government programs that everyone will have to pay for.
8. My priorities are to address job losses by improving the business environment (i.e. reducing the tax burden on businesses); balancing the state budget by controlling spending (prioritize the people's needs, not Government's needs) and eliminating the vast amount of waste in government; reduce taxes again through waste elimination in Government as well as by eliminating pork-barrel projects for politicians. For the past 25+ years, I have been in the private sector mainly in sales management and I have learned how to "profitably grow the business" by being the "voice of the customer". Government needs to learn how to NOT spend what they don't have, they need to eliminate waste, maximize productivity and listen to the "customer", the people!

Job E. Hou-Seye

Party: I

Questions: No response

Kevin Matichek

Party: R

Questions: No response

Juan Perez

Party: D

Questions: No response

Terry Van Akkeren

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Wisconsin Assembly District 27

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Community Involvement: Sheboygan Falls: Jaycees-pres 4x, Kiwanis, Chamber Main Street; Member Saron Church, Sheboygan County Economic Development corporation, Vice-Chair Sheboygan County SMART growth Committee, Leadership In Life Institute-Graduate and Moderator, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Sheboygan-Pres 2x, National Institute of Certified College Planning Specialists, Awards: Outstanding Young Wisconsinite 2004, Ten Outstanding Young Americans 2005, National Wrestling Hall of Fame 2006

Questions:

1. No, I believe that private contributions are a matter of freedom of expression and freedom of speech. I am in favor of continuing the current maximum donations that a candidate can receive from any single contributor. I believe that raising funds to run for public office is one test of a candidates viability, along with being able to organize a campaign team. I make this statement even though I am challenging an incumbent Republican in a primary, and my opponent had money in the bank before I even announced my candidacy. When funding rules were changed on the

federal level, it just lead too more issue ads being run by 527 groups, outside of the candidates control.

2. First, reduce the red tape. Wisconsin needs to simplify and streamline regulations and make the permitting process easier. Second, make sure our corporate taxes are in line with states that are successfully attracting new business. Stop taxing out of state earnings of companies headquartered in Wisconsin. Third, promote the top notch Wisconsin work ethic and productivity. The Wisconsin work ethic is second to none. Fourth, design an economic system that helps Wisconsin counties and local municipalities compete for new business from out of state, instead amongst themselves. Fifth, rehabilitate and restore freight rail in Wisconsin. This will help reduce shipping cost and prepare Wisconsin for when oil prices rise again.
3. There is already too much partisan bickering between Republicans and Democrats for my liking. This has resulted in arguing over and prolonging problems, rather than solving problems. Having the legislature continue to work on redistricting will only add to the existing problem. We must identify a fair nonpartisan system for redistricting. I would examine what other states are doing and would be open to suggestions on this issue.
4. In my opinion, health insurance's primary job is to provide catastrophic coverage. Over time, our society has come to expect health insurance to pay for more and more, which is now resulting in higher premiums for individuals and employers. In addition insurance has removed us, the end consumer, from the true cost of healthcare. I believe strongly that everyone should contribute something towards the cost of their health coverage. For government run programs, this could be based on ability to pay, but should rarely, if ever, be zero. These new contributions could be used to fund new dental and mental health programs for those who want and need them. Raising taxes to pay for this is not the answer.
5. I would support an above the line tax deduction for small individual contributions. I do not support public matching funds nor a tax credit or rebate.
6. In the current economy, the budget gap must be addressed with spending cuts, raising taxes is not an option for me. Elected officials must lead by example by paying more than \$35 a month for an individual state health plan and \$85 per month for a family plan. I believe all state elected officials should pay 25% of the cost of their state provided health coverage and start paying their employee contribution to the state pension fund. Next, newly hired state employees should be expected to pay the employee portion of the pension as well. Audits for fraud and waste should be automatically conducted on every state run program. Just look at the abuses that were eventually found in the Wisconsin childcare program.
7. I do support reporting, registration and advertising disclaimers for corporate election spending. I do not support corporations being required to get permission from shareholders for election spending. If shareholders are unhappy with this or any other corporate position, they can vote for new board members or with their pocketbook by selling the stock of the corporation.
8. 1. Truly balance the state budget, no more structural deficit and accounting gimmicks. I have a degree in finance and have passed six balanced budgets as Mayor, while keeping the highest possible bond rating for the City of Sheboygan Falls. 2. Substitute a helping hand for outright handouts and attach expectation for those receiving government help. Just giving people handouts limits the natural human spirit to better themselves. 3. Listen, learn, and lead: people deserve results and proactive communication from their leaders, not more finger pointing. 4. Carefully consider the short-term and long-term consequences of any legislation. I have drafted strategic business plans that addressed both my short- and long-term needs.

Wisconsin Assembly District 28

Anny Hraychuck

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Questions: No response

Erik Severson

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 29

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Experience: Jones attended New Richmond & Spring Valley schools and went on to obtain a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Strategic Management, as well as a legal education. She holds a graduate certificate in Ethics and Leadership and an undergraduate degree in communication. She has an adult son in college and she currently works at a local law firm. Jones is known in the community for her work with many area community organizations as both a volunteer and a professional. Some of the work she has done was running a domestic abuse program, starting a pet visiting program to nursing homes with the Humane Society, working on Habitat for Humanity houses, mentoring teens, working against homelessness and hunger.

Community Involvement: I have been a working parent for over twenty years; working, raising my son and putting myself through school. I have worked in jobs from loading trucks to being an Executive Director at a domestic abuse program. I have worked to provide services to low income individuals providing support for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. I have served on coalitions for the homeless, and worked to get food to the many residents of our state who go to bed hungry. I understand the needs of working families and those trying to make ends meet in our district. I understand the issues we are facing in the economy and in rural development and agriculture. (see resume at Linked In page)

Questions:

1. Yes, I feel that public funding makes it possible for all people to have their voices more fairly and equally heard in elections.
2. Moving toward clean energy jobs is good for the economy, environment, and overall a positive step for our state. There are many avenues we need to explore. We need diversity of industries expanded and various levels of job creation: entry level work, to jobs to help people who are laid off from other employment or senior citizens to train in new skills, agricultural avenues, manufacturing and construction jobs, to executive level positions- including clean energy jobs. Clean energy jobs are an important part of a holistic plan to improve our economy and would create new opportunities for agriculture and other job markets. We need to take bold action toward implementing clean energy, while maintaining a balanced approach to our plan.
3. I need more information to give an educated answer. Certainly not the Legislature.
4. Mental and dental health services are vital to the overall health and well being of our citizens. Currently Dunn County is addressing these issues with a task force Mental Health Watch, that has discussed the local needs, gaps in service, resources available, etc. regarding mental health issues. St. Croix County has the CHIPS program- Community Health Improvement, which addresses local health needs and is working to find ways to address these needs. Pierce County has done similar research. We need to look at communities for current best practices and ideas and implement. We also need to address veteran's mental health care for those falling through the cracks when they return home. We are making some progress, but we owe them much more.

5. Yes! Getting good representatives in office should be about who has great leadership skills- not who has the most money, the richest friends or the most special interests. Public funding would help move toward encouraging more true leaders in our Legislature.
6. I am working on a plan and some ideas on this. I cannot fit it into the the space allowed on here, but will be posting some position papers on my website: www.lizjonesforassembly.com soon.
7. Yes. Absolutely.
8. I have a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Strategic Management and a certificate in Ethics and Leadership. My bachelor's degree is in communication with a focus on writing. While attending Hamline Law School, I was recommended by my Legal Research and Writing professor to write on the Hamline Law Journal of Public Law and Policy. I have worked to secure resources for organizations, create policies and procedures, manage organizations, lead staff, and work under tight deadlines . I have worked with a variety of populations and have extensive experience providing direct services to individuals. *economic development *fair taxes *strong schools *healthy people, environment and communities

John Murtha

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 30

Matt Borup

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Community Involvement: I arrange volunteers for the Pierce County Clean Sweep where we collect hazardous and bulky waste items. I am a State of Wisconsin and City of River Falls "Special Registration Deputy" for registering new and moved voters. I have been active in helping voters to register at the University of Wisconsin River Falls and in the community.

Questions:

1. Yes. I have personally limited contributions to my campaign to \$100 and will refuse any funds from any interest group. I believe that results of elections in a democracy should be determined by

voters. Elections should not be decided by the few big money donors or wealthy special interest groups. The Impartial Justice Act is a way to restore power to the voters.

2. Wisconsin and American manufacturing are less competitive in world markets due to energy usage and costs. Much of the energy we use in Wisconsin is imported, so these dollars leave our economy. Government funded infrastructure, such as rail and river transportation networks, allow our manufacturers to export goods with lower energy costs. We need to continue to invest in energy saving infrastructure so that we remain competitive. We can develop the next generation of energy creation and saving here in Wisconsin. These jobs will require an educated and skilled workforce. Government through education can ensure people here in Wisconsin have the skills to start these companies. This is an opportunity for Wisconsin and our economy.
3. I believe a nonpartisan legislative service agency is the best suited to handle the workload in a fair and equitable manner.
4. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has a plan called Healthiest Wisconsin 2020. This plan address many of the needs and ways to correct deficiencies. These plans can not happen without adequate funding. The long term benefit provided to our economy through healthy workers will offset the costs. Wisconsin is short on the capital needed to provide these services. We need to correct our tax policies so that these needs can be paid for without oppressive property taxes. Find more information about the HW2020 plan here: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/>
5. I would support matching funds. Money funds messaging for many campaigns. This reduces the power of the voter in setting the direction of elections. Restoring the balance of power to the local voters will better serve our needs. The best proposal to achieve balance is through matching funds for small contributions from local voters. For small contributions tax rebates and credits create red tape and extra paperwork, matching funds do not.
6. Wisconsin should raise revenue and stop passing costs on to residents through property taxes. Incarceration needs to be controlled. The "Hang 'em High" mentality has resulted in a 600% growth in the jail population in Pierce County when population rose just 33%. Nationally we have about five times more people incarcerated than in 1980. This has not resulted in safer communities. Instead our police, jailers, and 9/11 dispatchers are more overworked. Spending cuts alone will not be enough, revenue will need to be increased. The Wisconsin constitution requires a balanced operating budget. A cut in vital areas of government now could make our economic condition worse, not better. I support taxation of cannabis as one way to close the gap
7. I support both concepts. Wisconsin voters have the right to examine who has contributed to my campaign, and all other election campaigns throughout Wisconsin. We should have the same rights in regard to corporate election spending. Shareholders in a corporation have different political needs than corporate officers. No shareholder should be forced to support political action with money that should be their dividends from investment.
8. Reduce incarceration in Wisconsin: Incarceration increases in America since the 1970's have been out of control. We have taken funds from prevention programs such as education, family health, and nutrition to pay for it. Many stay away from this third rail of politics, I will address the problem. Move to a more progressive tax structure and reduce property taxes: My voting record on the county board has shown that I do not mind being the lone vote on an issue. With a potentially balanced legislature one vote can ensure that needs are paid at the state level. Fund education and infrastructure for the long term needs of Wisconsin. Please view my website for more information about my approaches: <http://www.plunkettforassembly.com/>

Wisconsin Assembly District 31

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: N/A

Questions:

1. NO
2. Get rid of laws that hinder Manufacturing, Clean Energy (Solar-Wind) cost to much to produce and would drive Manufacturing out of the State, WE already lost about 150,000 jobs, Clean energy would only produce a minimum amount of jobs.
3. A master computer from Madison University, Put the numbers in and let the computer decide
4. Putting Mental and dental services would put the parice of health insurance out of reach of most americans reach
5. NO NO NO NO
6. Let me get in first and let me study the situation,, SMALLER GOVERNMENT---LESS TAXES---LESS GOVERNMENT INTRUTION IN PRIVATE LIVES
7. NO
8. Get rid of the train from Milwaukee to Madison, save a billion dollars--,Recind the conceal carry law from 1850's and then we will not need a conceal carry permit, Government knows too mech about us alraeady and they don't nesd to know who has a gun,

Wisconsin Assembly District 32

Tyler August

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Questions: No response

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Experience: I have tried my hand at many things: I have been a farm hand (part time, 10 years), a resort and restaurant cook (6 years), an auto mechanic, a college student (part time over 30 years, a newspaper reporter, a photographer (20 years), a photo shop keeper (three years) a burglar alarm company owner (18 years) real estate investor/ re modeler, and now a politician. I also found time to raise two wonderful daughters while living with my wife for 30 years.

Community Involvement: I am the vice chair of the committee to save the 1840 Israel Stowell Temperance House. It is the last one standing in Wisconsin. The 19th century anti-slavery, anti drinking, and women's sufferage movements would have been at home within it's walls... Check out

the Delavan Historical Society web site at: delavanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. I also served as an alderman in Delavan for four years and on the board of zoning review for three years.

Questions:

1. Yes. Lets get the good old boys out of the elections.
2. We have to get ahead of the curve. Solar and wind power may now have little effect, but the old energy will not get cheaper. Who is going to protect the spent nuclear fuel along Lake Michigan for the next 10,000 years, and at what cost? We must encourage conservation and effective new technology and make the parts in Wisconsin to sell around the world. I own the only all electric car in town.
3. I vote for the independent citizen commission with no retired or current politicians aboard.
4. The health care research and development has been done. We should all enjoy the health care that John McCain and Teddy Kennedy enjoyed. Is it too expensive? The congress should enjoy only the same national health care we can afford for the rest of us. We will find a way.
5. Yes. Yes.
6. I lost my last election for alderman by pointing out that the lights, water, street crews, cops, and firemen had to be properly funded to keep the city running. We had cut taxes two years in a row, but union wage increases and health care and energy costs keep rising. The schools raised their part of the taxes for the same reasons. My question stands for winters to come...Which streets do we not clear to save tax money? We need cut non-essential costs and raise money for the necessary services.
7. Yes and Yes.
8. I have business, farming, and political knowledge. I have also worked for many bosses of various skill levels and with many different fellow employees. I can think inside and outside of the box. I also know how to lead a debate to a just and responsible conclusion. The state of Wisconsin needs leadership, not party slogans. Politics is not a football game where you win by beating the other team into the ground. It is not a rodeo or an old west movie where the fastest gun hands out decisions. Politics should be representative's of the people working for the people. Two terms should be a standard for all public positions.

Adam M. Gibbs

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Experience: Entering my 43rd year of teaching. I have also been involved in small business ventures for 20 years.

Community Involvement: Active church member, church council, previously church treasurer, raise a garden that contributes fresh vegetables to local food pantries, Lion's Club Member and officer, member Geneva Lakes Conservancy

Questions:

1. Yes, campaign finance reform is a must in Wisconsin. It should not be necessary to spend \$50-100 thousand dollars to run for the Assembly.
2. By attracting clean energy jobs to the state that provide jobs with a living wage. The cost of carbon-based energy sources leaves the state. We have no carbon-based energy resources in the

state which results in a drain of Wisconsin dollars. Wind, solar, biomass and other alternative energy sources do not drain money from the state. The equipment can be manufactured within the state and provide our energy when put into the energy grid.

3. We need to explore an independent citizen commission or a nonpartisan legislative service agency to redistrict. Iowa has a system worth examining as a model. Competitive districts need to be formed.
4. This is a most difficult problem. The state is a leader in the nation in providing access but as indicated there are gaps in coverage. Mandating coverage is sometimes necessary but insurance companies cannot raise premium costs to offset mandates. If insurance companies provide health care insurance it should not end up being "health exclusion coverage"!
5. Absolutely, this goes along with question #1.
6. Spending cuts will be necessary and they will cause residents to question loss of services and longer waits for state services. We need to look at ways to close loopholes in collecting taxes from individuals and businesses. We need to look at taxing on-line sales the same as in store retail sales. Way too many individuals and businesses pay little or no taxes. We all should pay something to make the state work. An improved economy will solve many of the financial problems.
7. Absolutely!
8. School finance reform -- 43 years as an educator! Campaign Finance reform -- this is my second attempt for Assembly and it has been a real eye-opener having enough finances to attempt to be elected. Equitable tax system -- common sense! Badger Care maintained -- health education background. Small business incentives for job creation -- having been a small business owner.

Daniel George Kilkenny

Party: I

Questions: No response

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Party: R

Questions: No response

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Owner 21 Years. Tax Payer Veitnam Veteran - United States Air Force. Chairman Burlington Historic Presevation Commission Parish Council

Community Involvement: Rotary International 20 years Jaycees 12 years United State Air Force Burlington Historic Presevation Commission Saint Mary's Parish Council - Burlington Chocolatefest Board and Chairman 2002 -2003 Chamber of Commerce - Burlington

Questions:

1. I do not have a position on this subject at this time! I will need to review it on any new legislation's merit.
2. Allow free enterprise to work on its own and keep additional requirements to local control. It sould be review on a case by case review by the local Municipalities and Counties. No new taxes on clean energy only credits for the effort!
3. Non-partisan legislative service!
4. It will have to wait until the new Federal Program is in place and options are explored!
5. Yes, No
6. We need to balance the budget! Spending cuts and job creation will allow for the funding short falls. Raising revenues in the current climate exasperates the economy. Creating an environment that support job retention, attracts business and encourages entrepreneurship while preserving individuals rights must be the goal of the new legislature.
7. I support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirement for corporate spending. Notification of shareholders would be an inappropriate requirement.
8. My only priority is to create jobs and balance the budget, without new taxes or increases in the existing taxes. Is it possible? Only time will tell!

Wisconsin Assembly District 33

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Experience: 29 years of continually relivant business experience with companies like GE, Allen-Bradley, Schenck AccuRate and so on -- 7 years of real estate experience as well as 25 years of community service within the 33rd assembly district.

Community Involvement: Delafield Chamber of Commerce, Founding member and treasurer of our church (www.GoActs2.com), Founding member and Director of the "Dreamers Center for Creative Arts" (<http://www.dreamerscenter.org/>).

Questions:

1. I understand the goal of this legislation which is to avoid the perception (or reality) of influence that could result from campaign contributions. I can agree with aspects of the legislation, e.g. providing a check box on our tax return as a way of directing funds to a campaign fund trust account; however, these funds should be over and above the individual's taxes. I don't agree with other aspects of the legislation, e.g. transferring monies from the state's general fund especially when we are in such a negative budget situation. So, I agree we need campaign finance reform but given the scope of this particular legislation I could not support it as currently defined.

2. Improving Wisconsin's business environment is my number one issue. We must: (1) eliminate punitive taxes, (2) eliminate punitive procedures, (3) improve our legislative procedures to facilitated the business process and (4) provide incentives to encourage business growth. As a conservative I feel we must also conserve our environment but not to the point of killing our future, there is a balance. I believe we should encourage the development of clean nuclear power, provide incentives for the development of energy efficient products, offer accelerated depreciation for the installation of energy efficient products and so on. With this as a background, I am 100% against the current cap and trade legislation.
3. The idea of redrawing legislative districts is to better represent people, not politics or politicians. As the districts are redrawn they should be done under a set of legislative guiding principles, such as: keeping communities in a single district, creating compact or contiguous districts, reduce voter confusing about who represents them and so on. Inasmuch as this is "for the people" I feel the state should set the guidelines and a balanced, independent group of knowledgeable citizens should set the boundaries with final legislative or legislative committee approval.
4. I believe that all healthcare modalities (general health, hearing, mental, dental, etc..) should be covered under the same legislation. I also believe that we needs to be individually responsible for our own healthcare and that incentives, such as medical savings plans that are completely tax free (state and federal) and roll over year to year, should be available to all citizens. I agree with the concept of Badger-Care as safety net program, but I don't believe it should be a lifestyle program and should only be offered until other options can be implemented and only for a finite period of time.
5. I do not believe in state matching funds for political contributions. We already have too many taxes and a budget problem that must be addressed. I believe some level of campaign finance reform is justified and making campaign contributions tax deductible might be something to consider. I also think there is some value in limit contributions to within the district the candidate is campaigning to represent.
6. We can absolutely not raise revenues (taxes and fees), in fact, our current reliance on property and income tax is not sustainable due to our aging population and the business flight we are currently experiencing. We must absolutely reduce costs by reducing the size of government, eliminating ineffective programs and getting the fraud, waist, and abuse out of our existing programs. I do think tax reform is necessary to shift the load off of property and income tax and "possibly" onto a consumption tax model – but NOT as a way of increasing revenues from Wisconsin citizens.
7. I do believe a disclaimer is required, as there is for a candidate (e.g. Paid for by Citizens for Deklotz, Dan Hahn Treasurer). I believe corporations should notify their shareholders if they engage in political advertising; however, approval need only be obtained from the Board of Directors as it is for other major activities.
8. My priorities are: (1) Improving Wisconsin's Business environment focusing on taxes, policies, procedures and incentives, (2) Improving the way the state interacts with the educational system including the development of a new funding formula, the elimination of mandates and the reduction of restrictive employment policies, (3) Reducing personal taxes including reforming our tax system, and (4) addressing our social welfare system. My experience comes from 29+ years of increasing relevant senior management business experience in large Wisconsin companies such as GE and Allen-Bradley both in the United States and Internationally as well as my involvement in community and local organizations.

Brian M. Dorow

Party: R

Questions: No response

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Party: R

Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 34

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Experience: Raised in Rhinelander. Graduate of Rhinelander High School 1990; B.A. Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN 1994; M.A. UW-River Falls 1999. Worked in private sector fields of accounting and publishing before teaching stints in Arizona and Minnesota. Teacher & coach in Rhinelander School District since 2000. Named a Kohl Education Foundation Fellow in 2010. Adjunct faculty member at Nicolet College since 2001. Founded Northwoods Community Secondary School in 2004 (current position). Built my own home in 2006. Married to wife Nicole and we have three young children.

Community Involvement: Much of my community involvement is an extension of being a education reformer. NCSS regularly hosts meals and other gatherings for Veteran or other neighborhood groups. Additionally, I serve as Secretary of the Rhinelander Environmental Stewardship Academy Governing Board and am also on the Board of Directors of the Teaching Drum Outdoor School in Three Lakes, WI. I am a volunteer coach with the Rhinelander Ice Association.

Questions:

1. No. While I appreciate the intent of such legislation, to minimize the influence of PAC and other special interest groups on elections, it is up to each individual candidate to take such a stance. I support voluntary tax contributions to public election funds. I myself am seeking to utilize such public financing options for my campaign. In doing so, I agree to the campaign spending limits set forth. However, all candidates for state office should be free to seek donations from as many individuals as they care to reach out to.
2. Primary responsibility belongs to the private sector manufacturers in the clean energy field, not the government. However, as a legislator I will investigate and work to halt subsidies to fossil fuel based energy providers. Business subsidies provide unfair advantage to those that receive them. One of the reasons we have not seen a stronger movement nationally for cleaner energy is due to the billions of dollars that subsidize big oil and coal. With a truly level playing field Wisconsin residents will seek out clean energy sources. I did. I own a solar panel unit that generates over half of the electricity my household uses. The State can lead by example by purchasing energy from non-subsidized sources. Free markets must remain free.
3. Article IV, Sec. 3 of the State Constitution reads "At its first session after each enumeration made by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall apportion and district anew the members of the senate and assembly, according to the number of inhabitants." I interpret this to mean one of the duties of legislators elected this year, after the most recent U.S. Census, will be to examine the current legislative district boundaries. What a great opportunity for the voters of the 34th district to send me, a more independent minded representative, to assist in any redrawing that takes place--helping ensure that any changes made are based on "the number of inhabitants," not democratic or republican gerrymandering.
4. Truthfully, I don't know. Health care service providers and the government are so intertwined that to completely undo that is unlikely, difficult and to some unpopular. Here is what I believe: More

free market principles in health care will reduce prices and increase access. Insurance companies profit by NOT delivering on their service and have many locked in "customers." Many individuals do not make a connection between their daily lifestyle and their health. If health care was more driven by a cash economy (even a sliding scale one) we would recognize a greater connection between our daily choices and our health. It is unethical to force someone to care for their neighbor and to tell a business what they must charge.

5. No. No. Such a structure, while well intended, would add to the scope and size of state government. Tax rebates or credits for such a practice would require equal cuts somewhere else in the state budget or else the deficit will grow. If state government seeks to minimize PAC, special interests, or corporate influences in elections then parameters can be created that shorten the amount of time between filing candidacy papers and election day.
6. This is the toughest question any legislator should face in Madison. Choices need to be made that many will find difficult. We need to examine all the things government does and ask ourselves questions like "Is this an essential service of government?" "Can this be more effectively provided by the private sector?" "Is government encouraging citizens to act on their own behalf or is it enabling them to be overly dependent on others?" No matter how well intended, raising revenue grows government programming. Spending cuts, including program cuts, is the way to reduce the budget gap. Government should exist to protect property and personal rights, nothing more. Consolidation or streamlining of some divisions may also reduce costs.
7. I do support advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. Truth in advertising is something consumers and voters need to make informed choices. Truth in advertising helps a free market function more properly. Requiring corporations to register with or report to the state or to seek permission from their shareholders to engage in election spending is an inappropriate intrusion of government and adds to both government and private sector bureaucracy--thus increasing both taxes and the costs of goods. Responsible shareholders should research the practices of the corporations where they invest their money. Responsible voters should recognize corporate ads in elections as inherently biased.
8. My priorities: Change an unequal school funding formula and school reform. Eliminate the budget deficit. Promote a free market so a clean energy economy can emerge in WI and other job creation can occur. Starting two charter schools is proven experience in making change in a setting where change is resisted. As an award-winning history and government teacher I have strong skills in finding information, evaluating resources, and reaching sound, non-partisan conclusions. These skills will help make sure that residents of the 34th get back what they put into state government. These skills will also serve the greater Wisconsin community through policy that creates jobs, improves schools, and reduces the scope of gov't in our lives.

Daniel L. Meyer

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Community life has always been important to me. I have been active as a Cub Scout leader, soccer coach for boys and girls teams, and very active in my church. At First Congregational Church I have taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, been active with the Youth Group, Chairman of the Education Board and served as Church Moderator.

Questions:

1. I approve of the passage of the Impartial Justice Act. I would like to see the idea of public financing expanded, but with the budget challenges we face it will be difficult to expand this concept to include more public offices.
2. One of the keys I believe is research. We need to develop clean energy alternatives that are able to compete with our current sources of energy and not cause an excessive burden on our

manufacturing industry. We also need to encourage individual/small company development of clean energy sources. I believe there is tremendous potential for new job growth in the clean energy industry. The legislature passed a number of initiatives for businesses to upgrade facilities and for new companies to get started in this new industry; we need to continue to encourage the development and implementation of clean energy alternatives.

3. Under current law the legislature is responsible for redistricting. Each of the alternatives has pros and cons. I would be receptive to a possible change in the current system.
4. We see access disparities here in the Northwoods. In the Northwoods we need to have local clinics available for routine medical/dental needs. By staffing medical clinics with a PA or an APNP. Dental clinics staffed by Dental Hygienists. With the clinics connected via internet to Dentists and Doctors. This would allow local residents to get basic care in their own communities at lower cost and convenience.
5. Voter apathy I feel is a growing problem. We need to get more people involved in the voting/election process. We need to look at all the alternatives to involve more people in the process.
6. At this time with the economy just starting to rebound, I do not feel it would be wise to increase taxes. The recent decision at the National level to make more money available for states to fund Medicare and provide more money for teachers will help to balance the budget. Some cuts have been made and we will need to look at several options to decrease spending but still maintain necessary services.
7. I believe it is important for voters to know who is paying for political ads. I look forward to discussing new legislation on this issue.
8. The first priority will be the economy: how to create jobs without causing a burden on tax payers. Secondly we need to look at Education Funding. We need to form a bipartisan group including teachers, school boards members, etc, to find a long term solution to the school funding problem. Third: here in the Northwoods the beauty of the area is our lifeblood. We must make sure that it is protected.

Wisconsin Assembly District 35

Jeremy Cordova

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Questions: No response

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Experience: Jay Schmelling has served in Business Development for the Wisconsin Pipe Trades for over 12 years and as a construction management professional for 10 years before that. The time Jay has spent working from both sides of the collective bargaining process over his 30-year career gives him the requisite experience to serve the 35th Assembly District by working with everyone in the

Assembly, regardless of party. In his active roll with the Bio-Industry Alliance, Jay has worked tirelessly to promote a strong commitment to renewable energy.

Community Involvement: Member of: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bloomville, United Association of Plumbers Steamfitters and Sprinklerfitters of the United States and Canada, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #434, Merrill Eagles Club, Lincoln County Democrats, Wisconsin Bio Industry Alliance (work related), WBIA Bio Power sub committee (work related), Wisconsin Technology Council, Wisconsin Innovation Network, Great Lakes Timber Professional's Association, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Previous member of the Ashland/Bayfield County Wild Turkey Federation, Merrill Wrestling Club, Founding Member of the Corning Volunteer Fire Dept.

Questions:

1. While I am not familiar with all of the particular provisions encompassed in the Impartial Justice Bill, I do agree campaign finance should be a focus of any elected official. While monitoring and enforcing campaign finance regulations is important, it is equally important to take our state budget situation into consideration when implementing new requirements.
2. Wisconsin's manufacturing economy is one of our state's strongest economies, and I believe the best opportunity to enhance our manufacturing sector is through energy conservation and expanding renewable energy utilization. Throughout my experience with the Bio Industry Alliance, I have seen more and more companies understand that energy conservation and investments in renewable resources are yielding wider profit margins. Wisconsin has a strong progressive tradition, and to meet the challenges of a global economy, Wisconsin will need to focus on planning and implementing sound energy conservation strategies and new investments in renewable energy technology.
3. Before making drastic changes upon entering office, I would need to study this issue further. I would certainly be open to looking at all different angles of the redistricting process, and would consider any new proposals.
4. There are many opportunities for expanding access to health care and dental services, and with the federal health care reform coming to Wisconsin, there will need to be strong leadership for addressing these future changes. Wisconsin is a leader for access and quality, and I will do my best to continue our state's success. Additionally, while examining these opportunities, we will also need to factor in our state's budget situation.
5. Although public matching funds and other proposals to minimize out-of-district or out-of-state money in elections are equitable, the cost these proposals would have on taxpayers is a major concern of mine.
6. There has been a major mismanagement of our state's budget by Republicans and Democrats in the past 15 years. There is no silver bullet for getting us through this difficult recession, but throughout my experience as a construction manager, managing million dollar project budgets, there were two principles for making sure a job is done on time and on budget – the budget has to be used as efficiently as possible, and if there is no money, then the first place to look is where to cut. Each decision made in a 1700 page document will need to be made carefully and with the Northwoods as a priority. While looking through the upcoming budget my number one focus will be for Wisconsin's rural middle-class families.
7. There will be some significant changes this election due in part to the recent court decision. How this will change our elections is unknown at this point, but I look forward to examining this issue, as well as many other campaign finance proposals upon entering office.
8. With over 30 years of hands-on job creation experience, I look forward to finding new opportunities for getting Wisconsin back to work. The construction industry and construction material manufacturing industry have seen significant job loss. We need to bring those jobs back and also create new jobs geared for Wisconsin's clean energy economy. We are amidst uncertain times, and it is time for a strong, independent Northwood's voice in Madison. After talking with thousands of people in our community, one thing is certain – people are fed up with empty campaign promises. The only promise I can offer is that I will work hard for our Northwood's community, and provide the effective representation we have sought for so many years.

Tom Tiffany

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 36

Jeffrey L. Mursau

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Questions: No response

Anne-Marie Woznicki

Party: D

Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Andy is a member of the Wisconsin Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau, regularly attending organizational meetings. He also serves on the board of the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin. Andy understands the value of educational opportunities, so he volunteers for the Jefferson County Literacy Council. He is also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson, having served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. Andy enjoys spending time with Cub Scout Troop 137. He has previously served as den leader for the group.

Questions:

1. Yes. Last session I voted for a bill that touched upon these points, the Impartial Justice Act. In addition, my colleagues and I banned members from fundraising during the state budget process-- something I think we should continue in the next budget cycle. I strongly support expanding public finance measures, however, we must be mindful of the unique economic circumstances that we are in and any fiscal impact on state government must be taken into account.
2. As Chair of the Renewable Energy and Rural Affairs Committee this past session, it is my job to look for ways to provide Wisconsin with renewable energy. Renewable energy is part and parcel with a clean energy economy so we must invest in our manufacturing plants so that they can not only produce renewable sources of energy but create clean energy JOBS. I am proud to say we have already begun this investment by creating initiatives that make it easier for manufacturers to upgrade or start up operations related to this purpose. We must connect our strong manufacturing tradition with the economy of the future.
3. Currently, Wisconsin law states that the legislature is responsible for redistricting. However, I know that some states are moving towards using alternative methods. I would be interested in learning more about this for the future.

4. This is an important issue, especially for rural areas that have a harder time attracting providers to the area. I am proud to say that last session, my colleagues and I were able to pass the Mental Parity Act and established funding for the Marshfield Clinic. As a member of the Rural Caucus, I can tell you that these are issues we are constantly evaluating because there is always more that can be done.
5. There is no question no question that we should explore every option to minimize outside influence on local elections. People are tired of partisan politics. They want both parties to work on good ideas TOGETHER, on the voters behalf. That is really what this job is and should be about.
6. We must keep moving in a forward direction. When we inherited one of the largest budget deficits in one of the worst of economic times, my colleagues and I were still able to cut state spending across the board while preserving important priorities such as education, health care and public safety. I also, personally, returned my raise and furlough coverage, as I feel it is our duty to lead by example. I was the only one in my senate district to do so.
7. Transparency in the process is my utmost priority. That principal applies to corporate election spending as well. The voters have a right to know who is paying for political ads. Voters are smart and we should treat them as such. The Government Accountability Board is currently drafting rules regarding this issue and I will continue to keep my eye on this as it moves forward.
8. Our biggest priority MUST be jobs. We have got to get Wisconsin back on track and end the suffering that so many folks are feeling right now. We must continue to work with our local businesses and farmers to create an environment that helps them grow. Simple things, such as the Capital Access Bill I authored this past session to make lending to small businesses easier for banks, are what we need to be focusing on as a legislative body. I also feel that we should continue to look for ways to lift the tax burden off Wisconsin's working families and finally work harder to make our government more transparent and accountable to the people. I have been working tirelessly on a bill that will do just that, Truth In State Contracting.

Vicki L. Milbrath

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Administration. Former Captain, U.S. Army Reserves. Former Economic Analyst, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Community Involvement: Co- Founder, Trailbreaker Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K Run, a charity event in its 17th Year. Past President, Waukesha Toastmasters, Former Co-Chair, Waukesha Ducks Unlimited, Member, Oconomowoc Chamber of Commerce. Member, Rock River Rescue, Watertown. My wife is a Co-Founder of The Womens Center, Inc., Waukesha.

Questions:

1. I am open to the concept of extending a system of public financing to the other state-wide offices. At the same time I am not firmly committed to such public financing. Certainly, what we observed in recent Wisconsin Supreme Court races more than justified enactment of the 2009 Impartial Justice Act.
2. Permit me please to answer this question first within a broader context, my strong support for the overall strength of Wisconsin's economy. Specific proposals I have been advancing for some time include the creation of a new Federal/State Park in southern Wisconsin within less than 20 miles of an existing Interstate highway a demonstration state/federal park which will be accessible to a larger portion of our population and which will serve recreational, educational and economic development purposes. Perhaps named the Wisconsin Ice Age National Park, maybe on land already owned by the State to showcase our past, present and promote our future. As a model for others, like the Iowa Farmlands National Park.
3. Existing practice places the majority of Wisconsin residents, like those of other states, into districts pre-designed to deprive all residents of their real vote. Why, because they have been placed by their legislature into a district already designed to have a predetermined partisan outcome which operates as designed the vast majority of the time. They have been made more a resident of the district in which they live than a real voter. The proposal of Mayor Barrett seems the most likely to start moving our State to one in which voter choice will really start to make all the positive change true voter choice can.
4. Particularly in the coming legislative sessions Wisconsin's legislature will have the chance to narrow or hold steady or increase our citizen's access to healthcare insurance/coverage and the scope of that coverage. I will always support holding steady or broadening that access and believe that an expanding economy will be making these choices possible. I will work very hard to make that expanding economy possible. As an individual who has accomplished much for this states economy I will continue to grow our States economy; I refuse to join those who talk down this states present economy or its future for partisan purposes despite how costly their continuous negative messages are to our state and its people.
5. I am open to the concept of such a matching fund system for contributions raised within a candidates district.
6. We are back on the road shoulder from the depression deep ditch into which we had driven. Both our national and states economy's will be changing as they have over the past 36 months and we will probably need to revisit our legislative choices several times during the next two year period to make our best decisions. We could opt like some states have to only slash spending, prolonging their states recovery and economic woes, or make the thoughtful choices of reduced spending and revenue increases, particularly if they fall on non residents, which maximize our state's economic well being. For example, saving 1% of 1 budget cycle and not having a 21st century rail system is a most shortsighted choice which will hurt our state for years.
7. Yes. Failure to support one means our democracy is at risk. Failure to support the other means the shareholders of corporations are giving up their ownership rights.
8. I will be recommending to my colleagues that Wisconsin license plates, owner's choice, state to pick up the slight cost, read either America's Dairyland or America's Vacationland to promote our great tourism resources and simultaneously promote our economic growth. No owner choice defaults to traditional America's Dairyland. I will further fight for adequate state spending to attract tourism and the students, property and business owners which follow as a result to visit, live, retire, operate businesses here that comes with adequate promotion of all Wisconsin has to offer. We should reduce the burden on Wisconsin residents by revenue derived from non residents so that non residents now and into the future will be supporting our growth

Wisconsin Assembly District 39

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 40

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Community Involvement: Disability activist; Advocate for victims of domestic violence.

Questions:

1. I support public financing of campaigns that would limit the amount of monies gathered from private entities to manage campaigns. Partisan and special monetary interest in our elections must be reduced.
2. A process of educating the public and citizens in the private sector about the benefits of clean energy manufacturing to us all would be a start. Government incentives to assist businesses to move from traditional practices to clean energy and increased energy efficiency would also be necessary. The process would have to be multi-faceted.
3. The initial plan should be submitted by the Legislature to a non-partisan citizen's commission for final approval.
4. As a member of the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities, I strongly believe that mental parity is a priority issue and that access to good mental health care for all must continue to be a part of the legislative agenda until it is achieved. As for dental health, I feel that access to proper dental care for all Wisconsin citizens should be discussed such as a plan that proposed by some dental professionals in Wisconsin to put a per unit charge on soft drinks to pay for a Wisconsin dental plan.
5. I would support that type of plan if it would require a cap per individual donations, whereby the cap would allow people of lesser incomes to have as much of a say as anyone else in a district. This would provide incentives for candidates to bring more people into the process. I would also support it being a tax credit if the state could afford it.
6. There is no simple answer to this question - whether it be just cutting taxes or increasing revenue. It must be a combination of both, while at the same time creating governmental efficiencies and encouraging strong, long term, economic development.
7. I believe that all donors to any election must be honest and thoroughly open, both individual and corporate. I believe that all organizations, whether labor or manufacturing must achieve the support of its members or shareholders before making campaign donations of any sort.
8. My priority to serve in office is to be a truly responsive representative to the residents of the district. A representative not just should, but MUST spend time listening to their constituents and

community and elected leaders. Along with the trust that electors put into the foundations of a candidate's core philosophies, the issues that concern the community must form the agenda that a representative should bring to the office they are elected to. What has given me that ability is my life's experience including my education, working, raising a family, being part of a working family, serving on the Wisconsin Council on Disabilities for seven years - have given me a broad base of experiences on which to draw from.

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 41

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Questions:

1. Yes

2. We must develop a stable set of policies that provides incentives for the transition to renewable energy.
3. I prefer a non-partisan, independent commission.
4. With the implementation of federal reform, we should evaluate remaining gaps in parity and address them. In particular, we need to increase access to dental care especially for low income people.
5. I would consider this.
6. We will have to consider both spending cuts and new revenue.
7. yes. I strongly support full disclosure of all campaign spending.
8. We need to 1) Put education funding on a secure footing 2) Get people back to work and restore the economy 3) Transition to clean, renewable energy here at home

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Questions: No response

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Wisconsin Assembly District 43

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Experience: I am a Professor at UW-Whitewater on leave while serving in the Assembly. In my life I have held many different jobs in private industry and government. In the Legislature, I serve as Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, as well as serving as a member of the Education, Consumer Protection, Financial Institutions and Workforce Development Committees. During my tenure serving the people of the 43rd Assembly District, I led Initiatives to save SeniorCare and extend Unemployment Benefits in Wisconsin, as well as authored or co-authored dozens of pieces of legislation that protect workers, create incentives for businesses to create jobs and protected our state's education system.

Community Involvement: I have always enjoyed the opportunities I have had to serve and participate in the Whitewater Community. As a father of three, my wife Michelle and I care a great deal about our community. In addition to my public service experience at the state and municipal levels, I

serve as a liturgist at my church, First United Methodist, and I coach my daughters' soccer and softball teams.

Questions:

1. As a State Representative during the recent session, I proudly voted for the Impartial Justice Act. It was essential to immediately curtail the influence of special interest money on our state's highest court. With the ethical scandals that have plagued the WI Supreme Court in recent years, I have been gravely concerned about the appearance that justice is for sale in the State of Wisconsin. Money clearly has too great of an influence in the legislative and executive branches of government as well. As to whether a public financing should be set up for other offices, I believe there is significant merit to such a plan. However, I would need to see the cost of the system and I would need to know it was possible in the current budget climate.
2. There are many critical things that must be done to facilitate expansion of Wisconsin's green economy: investing in high-tech education and job training, expanding the availability of tax incentives for the use of energy-savings techniques for homes and businesses, and facilitating public-private partnerships that will lead to the next great green energy ideas. Emphasizing public policy strategies that grow green jobs in Wisconsin is not only environmentally smart, its business savvy. With the significant assets Wisconsin has in terms of its educated workforce, well-developed infrastructure and quality of life, the Badger State has a remarkable opportunity to create 21st Century jobs while maintaining our state's commitment to conservation.
3. For too long the system of redrawing legislative districts has devolved into a political football that simply entrenches the incumbents of both political parties. In fact, most of the time any redistricting plan ends up in the courts causing endless litigation. This must stop. I have read about a plan offered by State Rep. Fred Kessler (D-Milwaukee) that has some merit, which gives the responsibility of drawing the district lines to an independent entity. I know there are other proposals, and I am open to hearing about those plans as well. Ultimately, however, I believe that some independent entity -- with citizen input -- and not the Legislature be responsible for redistricting.
4. During the past legislative session, I was proud to help reduce health coverage disparities in Wisconsin. By voting to restrict insurance companies' ability to reject patients on the basis of preexisting conditions, expanding BadgerCare, protecting SeniorCare and advancing other reforms such as mental health parity, my colleagues and I were able to secure coverage for most people. However, it is clear that more should be done, particularly in the area of dental health coverage. Dental health has significant implications for someone's overall health. Diabetes and heart disease are just two of the many ailments that can result from poor dental care. We need to focus more resources on dental prevention to reduce long-term health care costs.
5. As I mentioned, money has far too great an influence on both sides in the political process. I am open to considering a wide range of alternatives to reduce this corrupting influence. In these tough economic times, elected officials should focus on solving the problems facing our state, not worrying about the next election. That's why I supported a measure that restricted the ability of Representatives to raise money during the formulation of the state budget. As to whether it would be good to offer incentives to limit the availability of out-of-district money, I am certainly open to this idea, however, as with any proposal I would have to see the estimated cost of such a program before voting for that type of plan.
6. There are three solutions for balancing budgets -- cutting spending, raising revenue, or both. In the forthcoming budget, a number of hard choices are going to be necessary. While I am not a member of the Legislature's budget-writing committee, the Joint Finance Committee, I will continue to do everything that I can to protect education and job training from the most significant cuts, and will look for areas to reduce expenditures just as my colleagues and I did during the most recent state budget when we cut \$3.2 billion in spending without raising the sales tax, property tax or income tax on 99 percent of Wisconsinites.
7. I am in complete agreement with the proposal of requiring corporations to disclose the sources of political contributions. In fact, I co-sponsored legislation that would have ensured these requirements were followed. The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows corporations the same rights as individuals in the political process goes back on years of prudent legal precedence. Publicly traded corporations have extensive requirements to disclose their balance sheets -- the same should be true for their political spending. Moreover, I have serious concerns that if the sources of these contributions are not open to public scrutiny, it will lead to more negative attack ads that have been so destructive to our political discourse.

8. If given the honor of serving the people of the 43rd Assembly District, I would follow three key priorities: Helping businesses create and retain family-supporting jobs; ensuring Wisconsin has high-quality schools for students of all ages and income levels; and protecting the rights of everyday folks against the moneyed special interests. During my service as a State Legislator, I have been a constant advocate for protecting education as a member of the Assembly Education Committee and Chairman of the Colleges and Universities Committee. I voted for \$200 million in incentives to help businesses create jobs, eliminated needless red tape for businesses in the district I represent, all while protecting the rights of both workers and consumers.

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Community Involvement: President of Whitewater Kiwanis Breakfast Club; Advisor, Whitewater High School Key Club (2008 - Present); Commander, Whitewater VFW Post 547; Sr. Vice Commander, 1st District Wisconsin VFW; Member, Whitewater American Legion Post #173; Member, Disabled American Veterans Post #39; Member, 82nd Airborne Division Association; Member, National Rifle Association; Member, Gideons International; Member, Wisconsin Farm Bureau; Member, UW-Whitewater Alumni Association; Member, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; Member, Kappa Delta Pi & Alpha Omega Honor Societies; Volunteer with numerous other service & Christian organizations.

Questions:

1. The 2009 Impartial Justice Act provided taxpayer money to candidates for the Wisconsin Supreme Court for their primary and general election. Just extending this law to other state offices will not solve the problem of balancing the public need for transparency while preserving individual free speech.
2. I will promote sensible policy options that would focus on free market principles. For example, there was recently a news article about a business which captures CO2 and natural gas from factory emissions and then sells the natural gas to pay for the costs of cleaning the emissions. They did not receive public funds. The owners and investors realized that if their solution worked they would make money - incentive. No jobs are lost. No taxes are increased. By choosing a free market solution, the economy and the environment will both be better.
3. I believe that a nonpartisan legislative service agency should establish districts based on already existing boundaries such as township or county lines. This would reduce the confusion voters have about who represents them. We currently have districts that divide streets where a person living on one side of the street is in one district and the person on the other side of the street is in another district. Districts should be created without any political data - just population data. The legislature should have oversight of the agency.

4. We can address the problem of health care disparities by working with individuals and the local levels of government. The state should provide some oversight, but we should not duplicate systems already in place at the local level and if we must mandate any type of services, we must fund the mandate.
5. I do not believe in the public funding of elections. I believe all candidates should be able to fund their campaigns through individual contributions. If people in their districts believe in the candidate, they will support them.
6. We should address the budget gap by cutting spending, cutting the size of government, and by creating a positive business climate where businesses want to come to Wisconsin and not leave. Creating a positive business climate will increase revenue without raising taxes. I also believe all elected state officials should take a pay cut and these funds should be used to prevent the furloughing of hard working state employees.
7. I support registration, reporting, and advertising disclaimers because they provide transparency. However, I believe they should be required not just of corporations but all groups to include unions. If we require corporations to get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending, unions should also be required to get permission from their members prior to engaging in election spending.
8. My priorities will be to provide common sense leadership to fix unemployment, improve the business climate, and other problems not dealt with by the incumbents. My leadership experience earned while serving in the military taught me to be able to rapidly estimate a situation and make a sound decision. Reluctance to make a decision or pushing the decision off just causes more problems and hardships. My experiences taught me that a leader takes responsibility for all that occurs regardless of the actions of others. My experiences taught me to stick by my convictions to stand up for what is right, and to share hardships during tough times.

Wisconsin Assembly District 44

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Community Involvement: Republican Party of Rock County – Member; St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (Janesville) – Congregational Member; University of Wisconsin – Platteville - Lifetime Alumni Member. Member of: Alumni & Friends of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. Member of: Alumni & Friends of the Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association.

Questions:

1. I do not support a system of public financing similar to one created by Governor Doyle in the 2009 Wisconsin Supreme Court elections. Public funds should not be distributed to either partisan or non-partisan candidates. Under the 2009 Impartial Justice Act, in order to qualify for the funds a

candidate had to agree to limit spending and raise small sums totaling between \$5,000 and \$15,000 from 1,000 different contributors. They could then receive up to \$100,000 for a primary race and up to \$300,000 for a general election. There is a major disparity between funds raised and the amounts provided as public funds. Wisconsin's budget already has a large budget deficit. The general public should not have to fund candidates they may not support.

2. As more fees are created, the more likely that tax forms and applications need to be completed. This means businesses will lose time and money. The capital gains benefit was used to reduce capital and discourage risk taking. The Capital gains exemption was used to create long term investments. These long term investments are critical to many businesses as they start-up and try to expand. Business permits must be advanced as soon as possible in time efficient manner. The quicker a business can be approved for a project the more likely that business can create new jobs. Business owners should not have to wait anywhere from 6 months to 3 years to start up their job-creating businesses. New regulations can be burdensome for companies.
3. Redistricting is the redrawing the lines of legislative and congressional districts to reflect population changes following the census. The process is required so each district has roughly the same number of people. I do not think awarding final authority for approving redistricting should be up to let's say the non-partisan Government Accountability Board (for the board is comprised of appointed individuals by the Governor). I believe that the redistricting process should be compact, but also competitive. In the world of partisan politics, I don't know if creating 50/50 districts would be in the best interest for the state of Wisconsin. A 50/50 district would only protect large majority party ideologies and would not necessarily others.
4. We must work to provide quality and affordable health care for families in Wisconsin. We can drive down health care costs by making health care costs transparent. We should require hospitals and insurance companies to fully disclose the costs of health care. That way, patients will know exactly what kind of care they are getting, but also at a price that meets their budget. Competition drives down health care costs. Patients should be able to shop around for the best plan, but we also must make sure there is one standard of care for everyone. Government should not have to create certain plans based on location, age, or income level. Patients and doctors should be in control, not the government.
5. I believe we must keep all Wisconsin elections fair. I do not support a system that would provide candidates with public matching funds for small contributions from people who live within the candidate's district. I also do not support a rebate or a tax credit for individuals who make such donations. Rebates or a tax credits for campaign contributions would only harm our state's budget and I would go even further by saying such exclusions would only encourage fraudulent activity.
6. A combination of solutions must be used to circumvent a larger state deficit in the 2011-2013 biennium budget. The state legislators must crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse in government spending. More transparency in government spending will help the state legislatures work to understand that resources are limited and reduce services if need be in order to loosen that tax burden on Wisconsin residents. Evaluating pay scales of state workers should also be evaluated. The government must also turn to the private sector to provide services instead of taking on more responsibilities. To elaborate even further, the state of Wisconsin should create a law that would require any unexpected revenues to be deposited in the stabilization fund.
7. I do not support the current Disclosure Act that was most recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. A legislator must uphold and protect the U.S. Constitution. The Disclosure Act violates free speech. The Supreme Court affirmed these ideas in its January 2010 decision. We cannot stifle free speech by using political clout to require corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending.
8. I was born and raised in Janesville, Wisconsin. I attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and I continue to be a congregational member today. I graduated from Milton High School. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville with a degree in Political Science and Business Administration. I served three years as an intern for Congressman Paul Ryan and I served two more years as a staff member for Congressman Paul Ryan. I believe my background and experiences would serve me well as the next assemblyperson in the 44th Assembly District. I have a number of priorities for the 44th Assembly District. I will focus on jobs and the economy in the next legislative session. Visit: <http://brotheridgeforassembly.com> for more information.

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Questions:

1. I was supportive of and very happy to see the Impartial Justice bill pass. I am generally supportive of public financing however, the Impartial Justice bill is estimated to have a significant fiscal effect on the state and any decisions affecting state finances are going to have to take current budget constraints into consideration.
2. I was supportive of the Clean Energy Jobs act and disappointed that it did not pass last session. I believe the Clean Energy Jobs act held a lot of potential to create the green jobs of the future. Assembly Democrats did pass the Green to Gold program that creates a revolving loan fund for manufacturers to make energy efficiency upgrades to their facility allowing them to reduce utility costs and use the saving to invest and grow their business or to retool their current manufacturing to make products related to the creation of renewable energy. I believe this program will help keep Wisconsin competitive in the green job economy and I also look forward to continuing working on this issue next session.
3. At this time, the Legislature is legally responsible for redistricting. From what I understand, each option has its advantages and disadvantages. I am certainly willing to work with interested parties and learn more about the different options.
4. Assembly Democrats made significant advances in increasing access to healthcare last session including providing funding to implement BadgerCare Plus coverage for low-income childless adults, and when the program proved to be too popular, creating BadgerCare Basic for those on the waiting list for coverage. We also passed a mental health parity bill that went beyond what was provided by the federal legislation. Dental care access remains a problem in Wisconsin. From what I understand, DHS is operating a trial in Southeastern Wisconsin to improve dental care access for that part of the state. Hopefully, improvements and lessons learned from this trial will help us expand better access throughout the rest of the state.
5. I have concerns regarding the effect of out of state special interest money on elections in Wisconsin. I would certainly be interested in reviewing a proposal to provide public matching funds

for small local donations, however, I would need to review the details and any projected fiscal effect of such a proposal.

6. Last session, Assembly Democrats were faced with an unprecedented budget crisis. In an effort to address that budget deficit we made historic spending cuts. We were able to cut spending by nearly \$3.2 million while protecting vital public services, education, and public safety. We also held the line on taxes, avoiding a sales tax increase, holding the line on property taxes and safe-guarding 99% of Wisconsinites from an income tax increase. I know we will be facing another difficult budget next session but we were able to meet the challenge last budget and I am confident we will be able to roll up our sleeves and do the same next session.
7. I was disappointed to see the GAB drop their proposed rule. I plan on working on this issue next session.
8. My focus, as it has always been, is on doing what I can to help working families. Especially in this time of economic decline, we must provide a safety net for struggling families to help them stay in their homes, have access to health care, get the training and preparation they need to get back into the workforce, work with business leaders to ensure there will be jobs available and ensure their children have access to a quality education.

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Questions: This candidate has chosen not to respond.

Wisconsin Assembly District 45

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Community Involvement: Served on Town of Turtle planning and zoning commission. Served as Town of Turtle Town Board Chairperson. Environmental and emergency volunteer, EAP food program volunteer and former United Way labor chairperson.

Questions:

1. I support campaign finance reform that will remove the influence of money on our electoral process. Campaigns should be run by the candidate and about the issues of importance in their area. I think one of the biggest problems facing our Democracy in the unregulated spending of shadowy groups that muddle the process and misinform voters. I will be a strong proponent of cleaning up the election process. Educational work like this survey are vital to a strong democracy, so a thanks to the League and the readers!
2. My career was bringing business and workers together for good jobs and business success. In today's economy business, labor, and government must function as a team if we are to compete regionally, nationally, and even internationally. Wisconsin has a number of tools to attract and retain manufacturing and other business and we need to use these aggressively. We absolutely

need to develop new incentives to help businesses through the transition to a clean energy economy. I believe that Wisconsin is poised to be an economic leader and could attract new businesses through this process. We must also address the needs of locally owned, small businesses as they endeavor to meet the demands of a clean energy economy.

3. I believe that Government should be accountable to the citizens. As Town Chair, I have worked to make local government accessible and responsive to residents. Re-districting would be ideally done by a nonpartisan agency or citizen group that has the skills and information necessary to draw fair, competitive districts that take into consideration issues like keeping communities whole when possible.
4. Access to mental health treatment and dental care for our most at risk residents is an area that Wisconsin needs to improve. There are a number of programs that can be instituted such as school loan forgiveness programs in exchange for participation in treatment options for those in need. I would like to applaud area dentists and other medical professionals who go out of their way to help treat those without coverage, but despite their efforts there is still a great need. I firmly believe that health care coverage should include mental health and addiction treatment and dental care.
5. I believe that we must continue to move forward with strong efforts to minimize the influence of money in campaigns. While I support the concept of expanding public finance measures especially when tied with small donations from within the specific district, our state is struggling fiscally, we cannot ignore the cost of such measures. I think that any effort to empower individuals over special interests needs to be strongly considered.
6. Like many families in Beloit and the surrounding area, we have had to tighten our belt and prioritize what our family needs and can afford. Across kitchen tables throughout Wisconsin, residents carefully budget and plan every month. Wisconsin needs to do the same. The economic crisis is an opportunity for us to re-prioritize our spending and investments. Now is the time to look hard to make sure that every tax dollar collected is wisely spent to get the best deal for Wisconsin residents.
7. When you or I donate to someone we support or write a letter on their behalf, our names are proudly attached. Corporations or other special interest groups should be held to the same standard of disclosure so that the public can make a full informed decision. I think that the public has the right to know who is paying to influence their views and that it is an important consideration when weighing such statements.
8. Bringing good jobs to the hard working people in the Beloit area is my number one priority. We are blessed with one of the best workforces in the world and they deserve the opportunity to work in family supporting jobs. While we focus on putting our experience to work, we cannot stop working on healthcare solutions. Our seniors need to be able to afford lifesaving medication and basic healthcare. Finally even in the most fiscally challenging times we must not forget our obligation to invest in the next generation. We must fix the school funding formula that pits homeowners against our school children. Our children and grandchildren deserve the same educational opportunities that helped our generation succeed.

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Questions:

1. No

2. The way to be competitive is to create a pro-jobs tax environment and streamline our regulatory process for our current and future employers. We need to stop overregulating and making it difficult for people to do business in our state. Wisconsin is rated at the bottom in most categories as it relates to pro-jobs/business.
3. The legislature, there is no such thing as a nonpartisan agency or independent commission as all people have political preferences. Creating commissions and agencies is creating more bureaucracy at the tax payors expense.
4. The answer for most of our issues relate back to the fact we don't have enough people working. Everyone has access to dental, mental and other healthcare services, the issue becomes who is going to pay for it. We should look for private sector solutions that may have a combination of public/private support for those that cannot afford those services.
5. No and No.
6. I am against raising taxes and additional user fees. We need to address the issues of what, where and the results of what is being spent. The focus needs to be on creating jobs and a state that attracts people to Wisconsin and not drive people away because of our lack of competitiveness versus other states. When Wisconsin was growing in the 90's we were attracting up to 20,000 residents per year, currently we are losing about 7,000 residents per year, which means lost revenue.
7. No
8. We need to create a pro-jobs environment in Wisconsin, that means a better tax policy, a streamlined regulatory process, repealing the combined income tax, roll back the capital gains tax and focus on balancing the budget and spending within our means. As a business person, I work with employers everyday on solving employee benefits demands and funding of those programs. I have been active at the capitol and working with organizations like the WMC and NFIB. I am a former School Board President for the School District of Beloit, and during my three years we balanced the budget without raising the mil rate. We also had to make difficult budget cuts during those budget cycles.

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Community Involvement: BOARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS (Past and Present) § Vice President, Stateline World Trade Association Board of Directors § Supervisor #4, Town of Clinton Board of Supervisors § Alumni, Stateline Leadership Academy (2005) § Member, Friends of Clinton Public Library § Member, Clinton Community Historical Society § Member, Clinton Fencehoppers Snowmobile Club § Member, International Miniature Zebu Cattle Association § Past Member, Clinton Junior Women's Club § Honorary and Past Member, Town of Linn Fire Department § Past Member, Town of Linn Public Parks Committee

Questions:

1. I do not support extending this system to all other state offices due to the unknown and potentially substantial additional costs that could be incurred. The current bill states that if total designations to the democracy trust fund do not generate sufficient general purpose revenues to fully fund the costs of public grants and administration of the democracy trust fund, the bill appropriates additional general purpose revenues to finance those costs.
2. I support the business case for sustainability, which explores how environmental & social management can be integrated better with economic business goals. Companies that capitalize on the opportunities & cost-savings that a clean energy economy presents can achieve a competitive advantage. I am not in favor of quotas or mandates related to clean energy consumption or production. We need a more responsive support system, particularly in the Departments of Commerce & Natural Resources to assist companies that wish to explore new technologies and processes. Current regulations apply to "typical" operations & processes, resulting in gaps and lags in regulations that lead to additional time & money invested in permits, siting & compliance.
3. I would be in favor of designating the responsibility for redrawing legislative districts to an independent citizen commission with oversight by a nonpartisan legislative service agency. Final approval by the legislature and Governor should still be required. With the GIS mapping and data management technology that is available, this task should be able to be accomplished in an objective and transparent manner to achieve the specific objectives of contiguous districts, equal population, compactness and minimized county and census place splits.
4. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is available to assist communities with a variety of health care service delivery models and federal/state resources that can help improve access to primary care, dental care and mental health for their populations. Rural health clinics, community health centers and free clinics are examples of such health care delivery models. If these models are not working, the agency responsible for delivering the service should be re-evaluating these programs and offering solutions. This should be done as part of ongoing operations and particularly the biennial budget process.
5. I am not in favor of expanding the distribution of public matching funds. I am also not in favor of a tax rebate or credit for individuals who make campaign contributions.
6. I would support a constitutional amendment requiring spending controls, responsible budgeting, & property tax relief - a long-term reform strategy to provide control mechanisms to prevent over-spending in times of prosperity and a rainy day fund for budget shortfalls. To establish the fund, revenues exceeding 6.5% of statewide personal income would be deposited into a dedicated fund to be used only if the economy enters a recession. Any funding over 10% of annual tax collections would be returned to taxpayers as a credit. I would also advocate for returning to "base budget review" or "zero-based budgeting". It would be prudent to restore this practice as a way to eliminate waste, gain efficiency & provide transparency for agency budgets.
7. I am in support of registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. I am not in favor of requiring corporations to notify and get permission from shareholders in order to engage in election spending. A more practical approach would be to require that the election spending process be transparent so that shareholders and potential investors could easily access election spending information.
8. "State government should do more to encourage job growth, reduce spending, support rural and urban economic development, restore public trust and then GET OUT OF THE WAY!" § Bring economic security to our district § Protect and promote agriculture § Put people first in state government § Limit the size and scope of government § Simplify regulatory and tax policy Businesses need to grow to add workers. I have been working to help businesses of all types and sizes navigate government regulations my entire career. I am well-qualified to act as a resource and advocate for ALL business - large, small, urban, rural, manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, technology, etc.- so job growth can occur and people can get back to work.

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Experience: I am a working class person who is tired of seeing the rights of individual and lower income households be trampled by big business and the wealthy. I have managed retail stores, small catering companies, and a hotel. I am currently working as a case aide at a half way house helping out clients return to society as productive people.

Community Involvement: Beloit Jaycees, Member Beloit Riverfest, Member of the Board of Directors Beloit International Film Festival, Volunteer

Questions:

1. I would support extending the 2009 Impartial Justice Act to all public officials running for a state office. Transparency in campaign finance is a right the voters must have. We need to know who is paying for our candidates campaigns. The best way to do this is through public funding of candidates.
2. I think we need to invest in our work force. By training up our available workforce we can help manufactures save money and add jobs. If companies can save on training a large workforce Wisconsin will be very competitive in the manufacturing industry.
3. Partisan agencies should not have any say as to how legislative lines are drawn. An independent party needs to make those choices.
4. We have to start treating mental and dental health as equal to our health care.
5. I do not feel that a tax credit for campaign contributions is appropriate. The US Supreme Court has ruled that businesses have the same right in campaign finance as an individual. As long as that president stands tax credits to individuals could also apply to corporate contributions, giving more tax breaks for the most wealthy.
6. Spending cuts through the elimination, reduction and consolidation of government agencies will generate the long term budgetary needs to begin to close the gap. Revenues will have to increase too. But adding new taxes or increasing taxes is not the answer during a recession. Investing in our available workforce, investing in new industries and getting the economy moving forward will generate the needed revenues.
7. I fully support all full disclosure policies that requires who pays for any political/election/legislative ad to clearly and openly disclose who is paying for those ads. Publicly traded businesses should also seek the approval of all shareholders prior to purchasing any ad regarding any political/election/legislative issues.
8. My priorities are to protect the people of my district. To ensure that it is the peoples interests that are represented not special interest and big business.

Wisconsin Assembly District 46

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City/Town: I have lived in Dane County my entire life. I was born and raised in Madison. I graduated from LaFollette High School. I have lived in Oregon with my husband, Scott since 1974. We raised 3 kids there and now have 6 wonderful grandkids.

Experience: Office Manager at small business in Madison since 2006, Owned art gallery and framing business in Oregon from 2001-2008, Own custom embroidery business 1995 - present (not very active for the past 3-4 yrs.), Co-owned 120 self-storage units and 4 unit apartment with my husband, Retired from WPS Health Insurance after 27 years 1973 - 1992 Rating and Proposal Department/Actuarial Div. - Assistant Manager with 15 employees, 1992-2001 Corporate Compliance Department/Actuarial Div. - Compliance Analyst dealing with 35 states and federal legislation

Community Involvement: Elected to Oregon School Board 1983 - 1999; served on Negotiations Committee, chaired Policy Committee, served as Clerk 1995 - 1999, Past member Parks Board for Village of Oregon, Past member of Downtown Oregon group (planning group), Past member of Oregon Chamber of Commerce, Member of National Wild Turkey Federation(NWTF) 1985 - present; served on WI Chapter NWTF Board of Directors 2000-2010, served as Secretary of Board for 8 years, State Convention Co-Chairperson 4 years, Local Banquet Chair 6 years, Member of Safari Club International, Past member of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever

Questions:

1. Assembly races are partisan and as such should not be limited by who contributes to campaigns. I don't have a problem with some kind of public financing option such as the current WERC grant.
2. I believe there are a lot of questions regarding the validity of the effect of use of fossil fuels on the Earth's climate. That being said, I am willing to allow the use alternative fuel sources, whatever they might be. However, I am very concerned that mandating the use of some of these sources is going to make energy prices skyrocket. If the US and/or WI are the only ones using these higher priced fuels, we are going to be at a major competitive disadvantage. We must not let that happen.
3. No matter what system is used of the three listed here, the individuals who serve on them will bring with them their own individual partisan preferences. The Legislature, by its nature, will be partisan and will be weighted toward the party that is in the majority. We know the members are partisan, we know which party they belong to and we know that in two years we will be able once again to vote on whether they stay in office. The other two committees will undoubtedly be appointed and will be populated with individuals who are favored by whoever does the appointing. Their loyalty and responsibility will be to the person(s) who appointed them - not the voters. So if given a choice, I favor leaving the current system in place.
4. Since Congress has already passed Health Care Legislation, this is no longer going to be a problem that the state needs to get involved in.
5. At this time, I have to say no to both questions. Public matching money may come from the taxpayers and we don't need any additional taxes right now. And I think we need to move away from allowing tax rebates or credits for every different situation that presents itself. I would like to see the Federal and State governments move toward a taxing system that ordinary people can understand. No special considerations and no loopholes...
6. The revenue gap is fueled by two forces - the economy and overspending. We need to look at every expenditure carefully and prioritize. A huge undertaking - but this is necessary. And then we need to be realistic about our revenue estimates.
7. The premise of these questions is overreaching and unnecessary. Shareholders will vote with their feet if a corporation doesn't act in accordance with their individual beliefs. And corporations would be hamstrung if they had to ask permission everytime they wanted to weigh in on something.
8. We need to create a realistic state budget. Most budget decisions are just plain common sense - is it necessary? and can we afford it? We need to address our economic climate. We need to find out why we are losing jobs to other states and other countries. What is it that makes them more attractive? If we aren't able to curb the loss of manufacturing jobs or attract new ones to the state, we need to identify ways to replace those jobs with work that our citizens can do. My background

in small business and education will help in both of these areas. We need to sideline the proposed high speed train from Madison to Milwaukee and the commuter train in Dane County until our economy is able to support them without subsidies.

Wisconsin Assembly District 47

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Questions:

1. Yes.
2. We need to provide incentives to manufacturers to retool so that they are #1 in the country in manufacturing parts for the clean energy economy! We shouldn't be buying wind turbines from China or Ireland. Solar panels and parts should be made right here in Wisconsin.
3. Iowa has good success with a panel of retired judges. I also like the idea of an independent citizen commission.
4. The national health care plan will help correct disparities as it takes effect. The dental health issue is something that has been largely ignored. I would be interested in exploring solutions with all of the various providers involved. If every dentist agreed to take a certain number of Medicaid patients and all of the Community Clinics could offer basic dental health care it would go a long way.
5. I support matching funds. I may support a tax rebate or credit.
6. We can increase revenue by reducing corporate tax avoidance and by growing the economy through job creation. I like some of the ideas that Wisconsin Way has put forward.
7. Yes, and yes.
8. Work toward a solution to the funding crisis in education, helped by my experience on the school board. - Help bring the health care bill to fruition, helped by my nursing background.

Keith Ripp

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 48

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Community Involvement: Board of Directors, Operation Fresh Start (former, 10 years) Board of Directors, Atwood Community Center (former, 2 years)

Questions:

1. Yes. I voted in support of the Impartial Justice Act; I would support public funding for other elected state offices as well.
2. I sat on the special assembly committee that recommended passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act. I voted to support this legislation that, if enacted, would have required increased use of renewable energy - such as solar and wind - in the generation of our electricity. A non-partisan analysis concluded that this legislation would have resulted in the creation of more than 15,000 clean energy jobs. Unfortunately, the bill's opponents were able to stop its ultimate passage. When we return to session in 2011, the Clean Energy Jobs Act should be one of the first pieces of legislation we take up. It will result in more jobs, cleaner air and water, and less reliance on imported coal, gas, and oil.
3. I'm open to ideas regarding the ultimate make-up of the group. What's important is that we take politics out of the equation and draw districts based on what's best for the communities within those districts.
4. During the last legislative session,, I voted for, and we passed, stronger mental health parity legislation. This, combined with new federal legislation, should help. That said, too many people with mental illnesses still fall through the healthcare cracks. The deinstitutionalization of treatment for people with mental illnesses was not followed by adequate investments in community treatment options; one result of this is that too many people with mental illnesses end up in jail or prison because there are often not alternative community services available during times of crisis. We need a greater investment in community services available to people with mental illnesses.
5. I would support matching funds, yes. But I would likely recommend that the candidate's small contributions come from within the state rather than just inside their district. The reason being: some candidates reside in extremely poor districts, or poorer parts of districts; a strictly in-district requirement could result in making qualifying for a grant more difficult for poorer people. Regarding a tax credit for small contributions, yes. Anything we can do to shift influence away from big corporate donors will help.
6. One area that provides a great opportunity for cost savings is corrections. We spend too many of our tax dollars on unproven and/or ineffective approaches to crime control. We need to take the rhetoric out of criminal justice policy and use proven, evidence-based approaches to deterrence, with a focus on reforming offenders. Obviously, dangerous offenders need to be incarcerated. But we also need to invest in prevention, education, and rehabilitation, particularly for juvenile and non-violent offenders. This will save tax dollars and make our communities safer.
7. Yes. The recent decision by activist conservative Supreme Court justices to allow unlimited and unaccountable corporate spending on political campaigns is a great threat to the democratic process. We need less money in politics, not more.
8. 1) Pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act. I serve on the Committee on Energy and Utilities, as well as the Labor committee. I am also a committed environmentalist with a 100% pro-environment voting rating from the League of Conservation Voters. With clean energy legislation, we can create thousands of new jobs and protect the environment. 2) Corrections reform with a focus on evidence-based practices that both protect us from dangerous people and provide opportunities for treatment, prevention, and successful reintegration of former offenders. We need a comprehensive approach to crime, one that is victim sensitive, includes proportionate punishment and rehabilitation, and focuses on addressing crime at its root causes.

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Questions:

1. I would support a system of public financing that does not violate the free speech and equal protection clauses of the U.S. Constitution.
2. We need to create a business friendly environment in Wisconsin that will bring new jobs and opportunity to the state by preventing tax or fee increases and promoting innovation in the clean energy industry.
3. All options should be considered when deciding on who should be responsible for redrawing legislative districts.
4. Change current tax and insurance law to put health policies under control of the citizens by expanding the use of high-deductible policies with matching health savings accounts. This approach will avoid instituting "Soviet-style socialized medicine" and instead promote a health care industry that adheres to the American ideal of free-market capitalism to the benefit of the consumer.
5. I would devote further examination to the proposal and consider any tax rebate or credit.
6. I am committed to not raising taxes and working to eliminate wasteful spending, while welcoming suggestions and possible solutions from the community. Some examples would be to cut back lawn mowing along highways and parks to curb costs, and generating additional revenue by putting the state's prison population to work, marketing their labor to local businesses to the highest bidder.
7. I would consider disclaimer requirements while protecting free speech.
8. I grew up in the 48th District, attending Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Monona and graduating from McFarland High School in 1998. After graduation I enlisted in the Air Force, receiving the Joint Service Achievement Medal for meritorious service in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. During my time in the Military I received an associate degree in Information Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force. I also attended Madison Area Technical College and have a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Edgewood College. I'm currently employed at Menards. I care about this area and the people who live here and my priority will be to help both prosper.

Wisconsin Assembly District 49

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Community Involvement: Phil volunteers for local and county fairs, helps shingle a house or two on the side, and donates time and money to local charities.

Questions:

1. Last session I was a strong supporter of the Impartial Justice Act. It is important that we bolster public financing of campaigns since I believe that is one of the only ways of keeping our elections fair for all candidates. However, in these difficult economic times we must also be aware of the potential fiscal impact to state government that this sort of financing may have.
2. Wisconsin has one of the most robust manufacturing sectors in the nation. For that reason it's incredibly important that we prepare our workers and our industries for the 21st century. Throughout the state (and in my district in particular) there is tremendous growth potential in renewable energy manufacturing jobs. I helped author and voted for many bills that were geared toward both bolstering our manufacturing sector as well as focusing our workforce for a renewable energy based economy.
3. Right now the law specifies that the Legislature is in charge of redistricting. That being said, I would be open to examining changes to this system.
4. In the last session I helped pass several different pieces of legislation that were geared toward providing residents, especially in rural areas, with access to the health and dental services they need and deserve. I worked to protect our rural critical access hospitals, coauthored legislation to help bring in qualified dentists to provide services in free clinics, and worked to ensure that those with mental health issues received care and coverage. I also have been working to try and bring in a free dental clinic into my corner of the state which is something I would like to follow through with in the future.
5. I think all options should be on the table when it comes to reducing the impact that out of state partisan organizations have on our local elections. Of course we must be aware of the impact that such measures could have on our state's budget and act accordingly.
6. I think everyone would agree that the last budget was not exactly a trip to Disneyland. However, my Democratic colleagues and I were able to pass the budget on time while protecting the things that matter most - public safety, education, health and infrastructure. We were able to reduce state spending in a responsible manner while closing loopholes that allowed corporations to evade state taxes and without placing a huge burden on the middle class. In the future you can be sure that I will work to craft a responsible budget that will continue to protect these priorities.
7. I think it's common sense that folks should know who is trying to sell them a bill of goods. This is certainly something that will be an issue that I will prioritize in the future.
8. I have one overriding priority for another term in office - continuing to protect and grow jobs in Wisconsin. In the past session I helped craft a package of bills that helped grow industry specific jobs for not just rural Wisconsin but for the entire state. I helped expand the powerful job growing enterprise zone program, worked to ensure that women in business receive equal pay and benefits, and helped build a set of bills that create a rural and local food economy. There is still much work

to be done and it is my hope that I will be able to continue to expand this package of job growth measures in the next session.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 50

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Questions:

1. No
2. With the current tax climate in Wisconsin, manufacturers are not competitive at the present time and jobs are leaving the state at an alarming rate. I will work toward nullifying any federal mandates for clean energy passed on to Wisconsin by the federal government. Wisconsin citizens should be able to set their own standards for clean air and water. Complying with federal mandates will hasten Wisconsin's economic slide.
3. I'm not certain who would be better at fairly redrawing legislative districts, but the Legislature would certainly be my last choice.
4. Access to health care is a complicated problem and with the passage of 'Obamacare', it will be more complicated and expensive for most citizens. Wisconsin would be well served to opt out of the federal health care and do its best to contain costs through innovations in providing services for its own citizens. Because of pressures from insurance companies and the pharmaceutical industry, there was absolutely no cost containment in the federal health care plan. Wisconsin can do things much better and more efficiently if it does not bow to federal pressure.
5. Matching funds probably would not solve the problem of special interest groups funneling money toward electing or defeating a candidate based on his or her stand on their particular issue.
6. The Wisconsin legislature needs to get serious about continuing deficits. Independent analysis should be made of ALL state expenditures and programs to get an impartial reading into the effectiveness or even the necessity of the expenses. Cuts to the state bureaucracy should be made

and the state should be realistic about projected tax revenues. The web of government red tape in addition to high taxes is a huge stumbling block for the creation of small business and the retention of established businesses in our state.

7. I favor as much transparency as possibly in campaign financing. The public should have easy access to information about any corporate campaign contributions. I would think that shareholders would want to know if the companies they have invested in are donating to candidates.
8. I would look at ways of downsizing our bloated and inefficient state government. High property taxes are forcing people out of their homes. We need to look at new ways of funding our public schools. I would encourage the growth and development of business in Wisconsin by lowering the costs of taxes and compliance. I would also encourage a serious look at eliminating 'victimless' crimes that seem to take a lot of time from law enforcement and fill up Wisconsin's jails. I would work toward allowing home-based direct to consumer sales on a number of products, most certainly farm goods, including raw milk. If Wisconsin citizens want liberty, then they must also accept the responsibility that comes along with it

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Wisconsin Assembly District 51

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Community Involvement: Board Member and victim-offender conferencing facilitator for Lafayette County Restorative Justice Program, member of Leadership Council for Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, member of Economic Restructuring Committee of Platteville Mainstreet Program, service on District 12 Investigative Committee of Wisconsin Office of Lawyer Regulation.

Questions:

1. Campaigning financing can be a huge distraction for candidates for public office, and the contributions of large amounts of money by corporations, wealthy individuals and special interests can be a corrupting influence. For those reasons, I support extending public funding to other state offices. However, this expenditure of public funds must be weighed against other worthy uses of public funds.
2. The Wisconsin manufacturing industry is in an excellent position to benefit from a clean energy economy. We have a history of quality manufacturing going back more than a century. We have a pool of skilled and productive workers eager to put their talents to work. We have a university and technical college system geared for the necessary research and training. Often, a relatively small amount of public or venture funding applied prudently can lead to substantial employment, and I intend to support measures that show promise.

3. Current law dictates that the legislature is responsible for redistricting. The result appears to be some odd-shaped districts weighted to favor the electability of one party or the other. I would be interested in exploring other approaches that would better reflect the public interest.
4. The entire health care matter is in transition due to the passage of federal health care reform legislation. I believe we should let reform work itself out for the next few years before attempting significant change in Wisconsin. The major exceptions are the availability of mental and dental care in rural areas, which are not addressed in federal reforms, but are urgent priorities in parts of Wisconsin.
5. We should consider public matching funds for small contributions from people within a candidate's district, along with other options, to minimize the influence of out-of-state interests on our local elections. As with any public solution to problems within the state, cost is a limiting factor at this time, and any proposals would have to involve cost/benefit analyses.
6. The previous legislature made major cuts in spending, at the same time protecting important priorities. But there is a limit that budgets can be cut before causing great harm to vital programs, such as education and public safety. All options, both spending and revenues, should be on the table. The old axiom of economics applies: "There is no free lunch."
7. The recent Supreme Court decision will impact campaign finance laws in Wisconsin. The Government Accountability Board recently passed an emergency rule as well. I believe voters should know who is paying for political ads.
8. Wisconsin's budget problems (and those of nearly every other state) are the direct result of the current recession and accompanying unemployment. With fewer people working, paying income taxes and buying goods subject to sales tax, states' revenues have plummeted. Our problems will not be solved until people go back to work and incomes rise. This means utilizing Wisconsin's natural assets—skilled and hard working people; quality education, universities and technical colleges, and natural resources such as fertile land and water resources—to create well-paying jobs. Here in the 51st Assembly District, we already have projects underway or already completed to add value to agricultural products.

Wisconsin Assembly District 52

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Community Involvement: Hurricane Katrina volunteer for the Fond du Lac Chapter of the American Red Cross. Volunteer with the Salvation Army. Volunteer with the public library for services to persons in nursing homes and residential facilities.

Questions:

1. Yes.
2. I reject the notion that clean energy and a strong manufacturing economy are mutually exclusive. With the legendary work-ethic of our citizens and the world-class research facilities of our state universities, we can take the lead in developing clean energy that will reduce costs, allowing businesses to spend more on creating jobs. Additionally, the new technologies can be a source for new jobs which will be sustainable and not dependent on fluctuations in energy costs. Manufacturing green products and creating new energy sources can result in tens of thousands of new jobs in this state.
3. Non-partisan legislative service agency.

4. We must be a leader in providing health insurance to all of our citizens. We should provide incentives for people getting state assistance for health insurance to choose low cost plans, so that more persons can access coverage through Badger Care and Badger Care Plus. We must use our insurance commissioner to make sure insurers follow the rules. We must be sure to provide mental health treatment parity, as short-term intervention can prevent costly interventions later, and prevent persons suffering from such diseases from harm to themselves or others. We need to focus on having accessible facilities in every county in this state and to giving health care providers incentives to practice in rural communities and in the inner city.
5. Yes. Probably no.
6. Everything must be on the table when addressing the structural budget deficit. We cannot keep raising taxes on our children. We must first look at state spending. We can eliminate some 200 boards and commissions with limited or out-dated missions. We can combine medical insurance pools for state and local employees, and we can provide incentives for individuals getting state assistance for health insurance to choose low cost plans. We also need to work harder to eliminate millions of dollars in Medicare fraud. We should also get smart on crime, dealing with non-violent offenders in the community by creating an intensive supervision program. Minnesota has the same population and crime rate as us, but only one-third as many prisoners.
7. Yes. Yes.
8. My first priority is jobs. We must come up with innovative approaches to getting our state back to work. We have the research capacity through the UW system to be a world leader in green technologies, which can produce well-paying, sustainable jobs. I also wish to ensure that we invest in education, from kindergarten through post-graduate, to provide more opportunities for Wisconsinites to secure good jobs, and to become better citizens. I also want to be a steward for our pristine natural resources. We have an obligation to preserve those resources for future generations, not exploit them for short-term benefits. Finally, I want to see responsible governing and put an end to anecdotal, knee-jerk legislating.

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Questions:

1. No, The reason public funding worked was because the Supreme Court election is supposed to be a non partisan position. Putting public funding in place for other offices in the state would create many unintended consequences.
2. We need to limit Government interference in our private sector. We need to reduce the tax burdens for our manufacturing and business partners. Instead of adding legislation that will ultimately increase costs for consumers, we should be providing job creating incentives. A clean energy Wisconsin could add additional burden on the business community that we cannot afford to deal with today.

3. I believe that all three options that you list have pro's & con's. I would be open to look at all options.
4. I know first hand because of family concerns, that our mental health services in Wisconsin needs a major overhaul. I am aware that other states have successfully attacked both of these concerns. We need to model our system with some of the states systems that do work properly. I have a family member that has moved to another state because of their mental health services.
5. I would be open to the concept but would like to know more about the "System" and how it would work.
6. I believe that we should fully fund our infrastructure, our public safety, and our educational system. Everything else should be placed on the table. Zero based budgeting would be a great start to filling our gap. First and foremost, We need to get Wisconsin businesses moving forward once again. If we are able to do that and reign in spending, we can positively address the budget mess.
7. Yes, We should know where the money for campaign advertising is coming from. No, Shareholders will take for of themselves. If they are unhappy with the decisions that are made, they will change the leadership in those corporations or sell their shares of stock.
8. 1.Recreate a pro-business environment in our State 2.Limit Government interference in the private sector 3.Reduce Government spending 4.Offer business job creating incentives 5.Eliminate unfunded mandates that local municipalities cannot afford to comply with. I believe that my small business experience and my experience on the Fond du Lac City Council with help me to accomplish these priorities. Throughout my business career and political career, I have worked with many individuals and groups that I don't always agree with. However, I am willing to listen to all sides of an issue. It will take all of the elected officials, both Republicans and Democrats in this state to accomplish the major task that we have before us.

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Community Involvement: City of Fond du Lac Water Conservation Taskforce, Hwy 151 Stakeholders Corridor Study Committee, Varied athletic coaching, church-related activities

Questions:

1. No, I don't believe tax dollars should directly or indirectly go toward political candidates that a citizen doesn't support. I see it as a violation of free speech and taxation without representation.
2. Wisconsin needs to make sure that its environmental legislation is on par with that of other states. If not, our state is put at a competitive disadvantage. Tax incentives are an acceptable method of encouraging manufacturers to comply with targeted standards.
3. There is no such thing as nonpartisan committees when partisan majorities/minorities can be directly impacted by their decisions. The best solution is for the public to be educated on the consequences of the election cycle at the end of each decade. We must allow the public to make the decisions. I believe the current system gives a strong reflection of the public's views.
4. The state needs to encourage competition between health care providers by demanding transparency in pricing. In addition, rolling back much of the excessive regulation that makes the

administrative cost of doing business in the medical field higher than necessary. Liability limits will keep costs down by disallowing many frivolous and excessive lawsuits against medical providers.

5. I generally do not support public financing of elections for reasons stated in #1. It is a candidate's responsibility to raise funds to finance their own campaign efforts. While certainly a novel idea, tax rebates/credits for small contributions ought not be someone's motivation for contributing to a candidate of their choice. Ultimately it could end up causing even more money to be spent by candidates to win elections, because people who would not normally donate will be more likely to do so to receive the tax rebate/credit. Those donating large amounts (normally wealthy people) for candidates would not likely end their practice just for a small tax benefit.
6. State government needs to start saying "no". Government cannot be the safety net for every situation in life. Not only does spending need to be cut, but transferring of dedicated funds to other budget items also must end, and taxes must be cut. Putting more money into the hands of the job creators has been always historically been a boost to the economy. Raising additional revenue is always an option, but doing so by increasing taxes and fees is the easy way out of a problem of excessive spending.
7. I think all reporting is an excellent idea. I would agree with corporations getting permission from stockholders before advocating for a candidate as long as labor unions are required to do the same.
8. I believe that WI has the work force and "can do" attitude to attract businesses and job creation. The problems to overcome are the burdens of heavy taxation and regulation borne by the business community. I know how to operate on tight budgets in my own personal life and have experienced dealing with budgets from my time on city council. I would like to see education improve. An educator with 21 years of classroom experience, I understand what good education means. The failures of public education (primarily in Milwaukee) are rooted in family breakdowns, poor allocation of resources, and an unwillingness to acknowledge positive change. I believe that integrity and virtue are the most important facet of elected officials.

Wisconsin Assembly District 53

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Questions:

1. not exactly! The bill that was passed for supreme court justices this past session is one I'm sorry I couldn't vote for but wanted to, unfortunately, stuck in the bill at the last hour from the Senate was an amendment that says OUTSIDE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS could spend up to 3 times the amount of money that each candidate had. Where is the fairness or equalness for each candidate to run against one another?? I still favor the voluntary checkoff on your State tax form, not a mandatory system.
2. By not taxing them to death, with super expensive GLOBAL WARMING OR FEDERAL CAP & TRADE BILLS! Each company should be treated fairly when it comes to tax energy incentives.
3. A combination of both, a nonpartisan service agency and independent citizen commission perhaps?
4. Disparities? I support in the Assembly mental and dental services.Are you looking for me to support the Federal health plan that was passed? I am a supporter of Badger Care. If, an individual is willing to work a job, but cannot afford or the employer does not carry health ins. then I say give him or her the coverage, but I can't see paying taxes into this system so somebody that doesn't care to work and wants to live at home and is capable to work but chooses not to and gets free

health care, no! I support tax credits and incentives for employers that want to provide health care.

5. Possibly? we would definitely have to look at that possibility much more.
6. With the shape of the budget, going into the new 2011-2013, we will have to look at both! Whether that means cutting across the board and or; raising fees, sales taxes, or whatever else in raises, we still need to meet education, health ins. needs, transportation in regards to keeping up with our infrastructure and shared revenue payments and the list goes on. This next budget could be the worse ever the state has had to deal with!
7. Yes I support disclaimers. I support INFORMING potential shareholders before they invest into a company! Permission? I don't know.
8. 1}COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSTITUENCY IS A MUST! I HAVE PROVIDED OFFICE HOURS IN EVERY ONE OF MY 21 COMMUNITIES WHICH IS PROBABLY A FIRST! 2}TO GET MY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL[AB104] PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES[THE ASSEMBLY PASSED IT UNANIMOUSLY BUT STOPPED SHORT OF GETTING IT INTO THE SENATE].3}I WILL PUSH AND SUPPORT JOB BILLS. 4}SUBMIT A BILL AGAIN TO STOP RAIDING SEGREGATED FUNDS, SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FUNDS ETC. 5}INTRODUCE A CHANGE INTO THE WAY PEOPLE VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION AND GET MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE! 6}VOTER FRAUD PROTECTION. THERE ARE OTHERS I COULD GO INTO, BUT THESE ARE JUST A FEW. AND BY THE WAY I LOVE WHAT I DO! YES, ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE BETTER IF YOU WANT TO WORK AT IT!

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Community Involvement: A native of Oshkosh, Hintz is a member of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Oshkosh Downtown Rotary, First Congregation Church Oshkosh, PROPEL (organization for young adults) and is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Oshkosh.

Questions:

1. I was the lead author of the Impartial Justice Act and believe that the election of judges is different than legislative offices and needs to remain free of perceived influence. One of the challenges is how to finance public financing of campaigns and how much should be provided. I think providing public financing would provide benefits to the lawmaking process and reduce the negative perception of how decisions in Madison are made. That being said, there are competing needs for

limited state funds, and I think a revenue source would need to be identified that does not take funding away from other programs.

2. By working to make Wisconsin a leading source of clean energy hardware. Businesses such as Tower Tech Systems in Manitowoc are currently selling windmill turbines in Spain, one of the world's largest producers of wind power, so there is a market for clean energy hardware that keeps manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin. In recognition of this burgeoning industry's potential, I have worked with local Oshkosh start-up Renewegy, a manufacturer of wind turbines and towers, to ensure a \$525,000 grant that will help the business create environmentally friendly energy sources and manufacturing jobs in Oshkosh.
3. A nonpartisan commission composed of retired public officials as designated by both parties of the legislature. This will ensure that the district lines are drawn by people without political ambitions, that have the confidence and respect of both sides of the aisle and who are not easily swayed by the lobbying efforts of their colleagues or outside influences. The most important quality of this panel should be independence from the state legislature.
4. I was a supporter of passing Mental Health Parity in Wisconsin to close the gap in insurance coverage to treat mental illness like physical illness. Dental coverage, especially for Medicaid recipients remains a challenge due to the low reimbursement rate. Wisconsin needs to be creative to piloting programs that could raise this rate in certain counties and work to raise coverage. Fortunately, health care in Wisconsin will drastically improve under the federal Patient Protection and Affordability Act signed by the president this March. There will no doubt be obstacles to synergizing Wisconsin's health care effort with those of the federal government's, but the result should be better access to treatment across the state.
5. yes. States like Maine and Arizona have instituted public matching funds programs and the results have not only been popular with voters, but have provided voters with voices who would have otherwise not been heard during the legislative process. The bottom line is that matching funds programs expand citizen involvement in government and help mitigate the influence of the third party influence groups that are principally responsible for our corrosive politics today. While I genuinely believe in encouraging citizen involvement in government on all levels, I do not believe political contributions, regardless of size, should be tax deductible. Political contributions are fundamentally different from charitable donations.
6. As expected, the economy has put a strain on government resources while simultaneously hindering revenue. In fact, According to the Center for Budget Policy and Priorities, the current economic climate has caused the steepest decline in receipts on record. As the economy begins to turnaround, we will begin to experience less demand on state government and more incoming revenue. This will help cut the current deficit, but not likely eliminate it entirely. In order to address the budget gap we will need explore a variety of solutions and use them in a combination to ease the negative effects of either draconically slashing state services or imposing burdensome taxes across the board.
7. Corporations should be as accountable for any political advertising as candidates for office. Voters deserve to know who is trying to earn their vote or persuade them. Shareholder permission and/or notification is a much more complicated issue. If corporations are required to be transparent in their election spending, then there shouldn't be any need to directly inform shareholders of such expenses since it will already be public. However, if corporations begin establishing subsidiaries that act as shell companies through which to conduct politics, then shareholder notification may be required to work towards the goal of transparency. Good government requires that we have either transparency or notification.
8. Jobs, jobs, jobs. Recently we witnessed signs of an economic recovery, but there is still much that needs to be done. During my last term in office we worked with private businesses in Oshkosh to encourage growth and to use the tools of government to help them negotiate the tough economic times. I fought for creating \$35 million in performance-based incentives for Oshkosh Corporation and worked to ensure a \$70 million retention and jobs expansion package for Mercury Marine. As a result the Fox Valley has been able to retain vital manufacturing jobs that have left other parts of the state. I pushed to secure \$32 million of Federal Recovery Funding to create hundreds of construction jobs, currently refurbishing Oshkosh's infrastructure.

Jonathan Robert Krause

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 55

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Community Involvement: Church Elder, Usher, Volunteer Park Clean up day. Father of 4 children ages 9 to 15

Questions:

1. A combination of public and private financing might be feasible.
2. Jobs can be created by limiting spending, and giving incentives to business that relocate and grow right here in Wisconsin. Tax breaks to clean energy companies that locate here. Encourage energy independence with tax credits to businesses who convert to renewable energy systems.
3. With the age of technology it should be possible with the age of computer, to accurately draw the district lines with a nonpartisan citizen judge commission to do a fair drawing of the district lines.
4. Ist we need to address cost over runs from defensive medicine, improve dramatically increase wellness and prevention programs to reduce costs. In addition advertising for insurance over state lines would be beneficial as well. These are examples that would free up scarce healthcare dollars that could be used for more efficient distribution to programs such as mental and dental programs.

5. I believe that candidates should only receive contributions from the state in which they live. I challenge my opposition to return monies that have been received from out of state donors. We are assembly members in the State of Wisconsin. I would support tax rebates or credits for contributions that come from Wisconsin.
6. There are three issues that the people have on their minds and that is JOBS,JOBS,JOBS 1. I am the only candidate that is proposing a constitutional amendment that will be a hard cap up the state budget of 2% per year. The people I talk to on the street are sick of candidates that speak of limited government low taxes but do not offer solutions only empty words. 2. Cutting the state income tax to create 250,000 jobs as has been done. 3. Cut the legislatures pay 10% until the budget is balanced. Who runs a company like the state does and gets job security. Together we can RECLAIM WISCONSIN to the shining star of the midwest it once was!
7. I support full transparency (registration,reporting, disclaimers) in elections. The Supreme Court has ruled campaign donations are a form of freedom of speech. Shareholders should be advised what donations are being made on their behalf.
8. For jobs to be created in Wisconsin we need to provide an atmosphere for it by 3 things: 1. Cut the state income tax to spur economic growth for business. 2. Amend the state constitution limiting spending to 2%. Wisconsin has been reported to be one of the 8 states in the U.S. to be in fiscal crisis from our budget, following California. 3. Hold legislatures accountable by cutting their pay 10% like everyone else until the fiscal house is in order. If not now when? It is time to RECLAIM WISCONSIN. Together we will make Wisconsin the shining state of the midwest it once was.

Wisconsin Assembly District 57

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: advocate for environment, arts& decreasing poverty

Questions:

1. I helped create & pass Impartial Justice, Supreme Court Public Funding in WI. Public Financing of all campaigns is important, though the source of funding & impact on the state budget needs to be considered carefully
2. Promotion of energy conservation & renewable energy in WI manufacturing will save companies money, allowing for re-investment in the company. Renewable energy efforts will help to create

jobs through the development & manufacture of equipment needed in these efforts. We did pass several initiatives that provide for incentives to begin this process. There is much more I would like us to do in the renewable energy & energy conservation areas.

3. I believe the drawing of legislative districts should be done by a nonpartisan commission. I do not have the make up of this commission determined.
4. We passed the Mental Health Parity Act this session, improving access to Mental health care. We need to consider ways to improve Dental care making it part of overall health care. Adjustment to the Medicaid Reimbursement rate may assist with this. I have not studied other financial methods to support Dental Care yet.
5. This method has been used in Arizona. I would like information about its effects & success. I am interested in similar methods for WI though the cost to taxpayers needs consideration also.
6. In my first session we made a good start in closing the budget gap through across the board spending cuts. We also closed a corporate tax loophole which asks corporations to pay their fair share & lessens the burden on the middle class. Spending cuts will be part of the next budget, but they cannot close the entire budget gap. Responsible tax reforms may need to be considered.
7. I do support disclosure of who is paying for the ad on political ads. I am undecided about shareholder permission at this time as I have not studied the issue.
8. Providing incentives for jobs retention & creation is a priority. WE did this in the past session through local supply chain buying requirements, support of local Economic Development Corporations with matching grants for revolving loan funds & support for microloans. We supported the agricultural & dairy businesses with modernization grants. I believe we will need to continue these efforts, making sure that we promote medium & small business success in WI. Education & a fair funding system for education is a priority. I am studying Superintendent Evers proposal for adjusting the funding for K-12 Schools. Crafting an energy policy that supports energy conservation & efficiency & increases the use of renewable energy in WI is a Priority.

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Questions: Refused to respond.

Wisconsin Assembly District 58

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Questions:

1. I do not believe the government should be helping to finance candidates campaigns. The state should be spending that money on critical services.
2. Wisconsin manufactures must decide that, not the state government. I believe the state should get its finances in order and then simplify the tax code so it does not favor anybody. Then the free market will determine if Wisconsin has a viable manufacturing industry.
3. The State Legislature is responsible and should continue to be responsible for that. We do not need more government bureaucracy created.
4. I do not believe the state should be involved with this rather if individual people want this type of coverage then they should seek out a private corporation that provides this coverage.
5. I do not support this since I believe the money should be spent in other critical government areas such as roads and education.
6. We need to reform the state pension system and convert it to a defined contribution plan and then we must start simplifying government operations and remove the government from the economy so businesses and people make decisions instead of the government making decisions for them. I believe that if you raise taxes any further people will simply leave Wisconsin for other states. So we need to get spending down and then lower taxes which will create a much better economy.

7. I do not support additional government intrusion and requirements that make it harder to do things like support a candidate or run for office.
8. I want to reform the state pension system and convert it to a defined contribution plan. We also need to segregate the Transportation Fund from the general fund so the legislature cannot raid it to fund government shortfalls. I believe I am right for the job since I am a government outsider who has a realistic point of view in terms of what is sustainable and affordable and what isn't without burdening future generations of Wisconsinites.

Pat Strachota

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 59

Daniel R. LeMahieu

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 60

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Questions:

1. No
2. Deregulate the private sector.
3. All three.
4. Come up with the best plan you can. Then try it out. If it is a boondoggle you will lose people and business to the states that do it better. If it is a good plan, you will draw people and business from the states that do it worse.
5. No to both. That's too much socialism for me.
6. We do not need or can we afford to raise taxes. Consider raising taxes when we have full employment. Cut spending. Lot's of it. From all points of expenditure. It is very likely that in doing the above, revenue to the state government will increase. This often happens when an overtaxed

economy gets tax relief. The reduction in tax oppression lead to increased economic activity, which leads to increased revenues to the government through the taxing process.

7. I support full disclosure of campaign donations. The key is to get ALL campaign groups included, even the PAC's and other organization not currently covered under law. It is not who it is coming from that is the problem. It is letting the voter know who it is coming from so that the voter knows who the special interests are that are buying the legislator's vote.
8. 1. Balance the budget by cutting government spending (see above). 2. Continue to cut government spending (across the board) until Wisconsin maintains a growth structure commensurate with the rest of the nation (and we do not continue to lose representation in the U.S. Congress). 3. Still continue to cut government spending until full employment is achieved. 4. School Vouchers. 5. Concealed Carry. 6. Eliminate the state income tax. Do what seven other states have done successfully. 7. Eliminate raids on the Department of Transportation Funds. 8. County Board election of the State Senate Members. (Each of Wisconsin's 72 county board elects one representative of the State Senate.)

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Experience: Bob Turner represents the 61st Assembly District in the Wisconsin State Legislature, where he has served for more than 20 years. Turner also served for nearly three decades on the Racine City Council, as well as numerous local boards and committees.

Questions:

1. Last session, I co-sponsored the Impartial Justice Act and have always been supportive of the concept of expanding campaign finance measures. However, we need to look at the fiscal implications on state government, given the challenges we are likely to face in next year's budget.
2. Last session, the legislature passed multiple initiatives to open access and make it easier for businesses to upgrade facilities or start operations that deal in clean energy. Because of the strong economic component that manufacturing plays in Wisconsin, and in particular Racine, I will continue to be an advocate to ensure we are merging our clean/renewable energy industry with our great manufacturing industry already in place.
3. Under the current law, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to redistrict. I am interested in looking into other approaches in the future.
4. Last session I supported mental health parity legislation to address some of these issues. Expanding these services is important to me, especially in some of the state's rural areas. For example, in the last session I supported funding for Marshfield Clinic, which supported the construction of a rural dental access facility. I will continue to work moving forward on these issues.
5. As with any proposal, the impact on state taxpayers would need to be examined. However, I am always willing to look into more options that help keep out of state resources from influencing our local elections.
6. Last session, my fellow colleagues and I inherited a historic budget deficit. We responsibly protected important priorities like education, public safety and health care while cutting spending across the board. We also helped to lower the tax burden on middle-class families by ensuring

corporations pay their fair share of taxes. I am willing to look into all options in the future, but will continue to protect important priorities.

7. I believe that it is important for voters to know who is behind political ads. There has been a recent court decision that impacts campaign finance laws in Wisconsin and a GAB emergency rule regarding this issue and I look forward to continue looking into this.
8. The number one issue right now is jobs and the economy in general. In Racine specifically, we have been hit hard with a high unemployment rate. My number one priority is to work on bringing jobs back and stabilizing our economy, and I believe my broad experience at the local and state level will help me to accomplish that.

Wisconsin Assembly District 62

Anthony Decubellis

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Questions: No response

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Questions:

1. Yes.
2. I was the lead author of the Green to Gold fund (AB904) that established a \$100 million revolving loan fund to allow manufacturers to retrofit their businesses to be more energy efficient, freeing up capital to allow them to retain or create jobs, and creating work for firms to retrofit businesses. We need to find ways to incentivize the private sector to invest in this work, which could be a \$15 billion opportunity in the commercial sector alone. I introduced the Wisconsin Sustainable Jobs Act (AB755) to attempt to do so. I will attempt to pass this legislation again if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected on Election Day.
3. Moving to an independent citizen commission similar to Iowa's would be a step in the right direction.
4. I have learned in the last few years that health insurance does not mean the same thing as health care, and it certainly doesn't ensure better health outcomes. I have seen this first hand in Racine as we have struggled to reduce our infant mortality rate and expand access to dental care, particularly for juveniles. Creating funding mechanisms and investing in infrastructure so that health care exists in these areas continues to be the challenge. But these are areas I have committed considerable time and effort in the Racine community to make sure health care is a reality in Racine and across the state.
5. Yes. Yes. Minnesota went the rebate route, and it seems to work well for them.
6. Answering this question in 750 characters is a bit ridiculous, since there is no simple answer. I don't believe running the state like it is in the midst of a going out of business sale is the right way to grow our economy, educate our children, and provide access to affordable health care. I believe that we should invest in the public structures that will raise wages and give our citizens to opportunity to succeed in the 21st century global economy. Raising the wages of our workers could also address this challenge and should be considered when we are deciding the size and function of

government. The state budget would have less of a gap if wages weren't declining and unemployment wasn't so high in this state.

7. Yes. I have co-sponsored legislation on disclosure in the past and would do so again.
8. My goal is to leave Racine and the state in better shape than I found it. As a new father, I feel like I owe my children the same shot at the American Dream I have enjoyed. That means creating and sustaining family supporting jobs, education that allows our citizens to compete in a global economy, and investing in public structures that will allow southeast Wisconsin to work together regionally on issues ranging from water to transportation. Ultimately, what will determine the value of my qualifications will be decided by the results from the voters in the 62nd Assembly District on Election Day. I hope I can again earn their votes.

Chris Wright

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 63

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Questions:

1. Absolutely not.
2. It's no big secret that the more green restrictions placed on manufacturing operations, means less productivity, less profit, and less jobs (or lower wages). It needs to be the responsibility of manufacturing operations to make every effort to work as clean as possible yet keep employees working. It is the responsibility of the communities the manufacturers reside in, to lay down guidelines, enforce the determined guidelines and pursue legal action if the business disregards the actions.
3. A nonpartisan legislative service agency would fit this best. I don't think the public has enough trust in our Legislators and an independent citizen commission is susceptible to corruption. By enacting a nonpartisan legislative service agency, we can present any questionable actions and if needed hold the individuals accountable.

4. We simply don't have the money to fund the spending gaps. The only way to cover the disparities is to clean up inefficiencies in the current system. If this does not cover the disparities; we need to decide if individual coverage quality must suffer in order to serve everyone or if quality remains high and individuals are left without.
5. Absolutely not.
6. We must cut our state spending. I refuse to support ANY tax increases during my time in office.
7. I do not support GAB 1.28
8. I will vote no on any bill that will increase the size, cost, reach and power of the Government.

Wisconsin Assembly District 65

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Wisconsin Assembly District 66

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Community Involvement: *Member, Salem (WI) School Board *Member, Governing Board-The University Center of Lake County (IL) *Board Member, The Shalom Center of Kenosha County (Homeless Center and Food Bank) *Past President and Board Member, The Southeast Wisconsin LGBT Center

Questions:

1. Yes. I support the creation of such an act for all state-wide elective offices, as in Governor, State Legislature, etc.
2. Businesses in Wisconsin can be given tax incentives, rebates, tax-credits, and other reasonable ways to help our businesses to compete in our global economy and to tie this into those businesses to be more energy efficient. I will introduce legislation to keep businesses in Wisconsin AND to "court" out-of-state companies to relocate to Wisconsin. Another issue that needs to be addressed is to make Wisconsin more "business tax" friendly.
3. I would like Wisconsin to pursue a plan whereby we would create a non-partisan "Reapportionment Bureau." Its plans would be subject to approval by a majority of the Assembly and Senate without amendment. In the event that a plan cannot get a majority of the Assembly and Senate after being returned to the Bureau twice for revision, it can be amended. This proposal would provide for public input which would at the start of the process when stakeholders can alert the redistricting

body to their various concerns including communities of interest that should be considered in preparing a plan.

4. Dental and mental health services, historically, have not been provided, at the same level as general medical services. As reported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (July 2010), there are profound and consequential dental health and mental health disparities within the population. Disparities for various dental conditions may relate to income, age, sex, race, or ethnicity, or medical status. As a member of the State Assembly, I will introduce (sponsor) major legislation that will address these deficiencies by increasing access to these medical services by more Wisconsin citizens.
5. No. I am not in favor of providing tax rebates or credits for individual contributions to political campaigns. (However, Canada has limited tax credits for individual political contributions. I would need to conduct some substantive research to determine if such a program is beneficial.)
6. According to the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the projected deficit for 2011-13 is the second largest in the last seven biennia. To meet current commitments, maintain a required statutory balance, and balance the budget, the LFB stated, the general fund would need to generate \$1.232 billion for 2011-12 and \$1.279 billion in 2012-13, for a total of \$2.511 billion. With all of that in mind, we need to reduce spending. We should conduct a legitimate audit of all agencies within State government, and make cuts where there is waste or duplication. I am not in favor of raising taxes in this current economic climate. I also believe we should change how we fund public education by changing the funding formula.
7. Yes. I support more transparency in the corporate election spending process in Wisconsin. As a continuation of my support of full transparency, I would want corporations in Wisconsin to seek proxy votes from their shareholders in order to seek approval for spending. This also opens the door for some groups to ask that union members give their approval for political spending. As a member of two teachers' unions (WEAC and the AFT), I know that would create many long and heated debates.
8. 1) Bringing Jobs to Wisconsin: I strongly supported the Wisconsin C.O.R.E. Jobs Act (SB 409), which was signed into law in May of 2010. This Act aims to improve Wisconsin's competitive position by encouraging small business formation, improving workers education and training, and further improving the investment climate in the state. I will work to successfully implement this Jobs act to bring new businesses to Wisconsin and to keep the jobs we already have. *I have studied this area and am prepared to implement it. 2) We need to change how we fund our public schools, by reducing the emphasis on property taxes. *As a public school educator for 30 years, I will bring a wealth of experience to this issue.

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 67

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Community Involvement: I have been very active in the community. I was a 4H leader for several years, I teach Hunter Education, Boating Safety Education, Atv Safety Education, Snowmobile Safety Education and Trapper Education. I am a life member of the Wisconsin Conservation Warden Association and the NRA. I am a member of the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance and serve as it's Vice President. I belong to the Chippewa County Professional Police Officers Organization. I spear-head a portable fish hatchery project involving Bloomer High School Field Conservation Class, the public and the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance. I work with many of the local lake associations on matters of conservation.

Questions:

1. Yes, I would support a similar type structure. I do think we have to be careful when using public funds. We must remain impartial and have a sufficient checks and balance system in place to insure the integrity of the system.
2. I will support legislation that helps small business by removing unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. I will also support legislation that rewards small businesses for job creation. I will also support legislation that removes road blocks that prohibit research and development by businesses so they can use their capital to make new discoveries and create efficiencies. I will support tax relief for small businesses so their capital can be freed up for growth and expansion. I will also support legislation that provides information and technology to assist small businesses with advancements in technologies and updates that make them competitive in this global economy.
3. I believe all three should have a roll. These districts are unique in many ways. We need an independent citizen commission to insure the individuality of these areas are reflected in the district. A nonpartisan legislative agency to insure that the democratic process is followed that both reflects the individual nature of the district and the representation of the citizens who live within them. The legislature to insure the requirements of the law are fulfilled and to monitor that the legislative intent of the other two factions are kept intact.
4. Wisconsin can make great advancements in this area by opening up our borders so people can buy health insurance across State Lines. This will promote competition by these companies and some data shows it may reduce premiums by as much as 30%. Tort reform can also bring about lower premiums and reduced cost to providers by eliminating unneeded test and law suits. Some reports have indicated that this could reduce premiums by another 30%. By getting cost down more people will be able to afford the insurance of their choice. With the above fixes the vast majority of people will be able to afford their own insurance. I have been very impressed with the work of the free clinics their efficiencies and processes must be explored.
5. While I firmly believe there needs to be campaign reform, I'm not sure the above questions have targeted the areas that will fix it. At present without a very thorough review I would not support the above proposals.
6. There are many facets to our States economy. The first thing that must be done is to determine our base line cost of government. We must make cuts to programs and services that are not working. We must also promote growth by getting unnecessary road blocks out of the way of small business so they can expand. We can create revenue through GDP. We must also promote fiscal responsibility that rewards administrators for not artificially growing their departments. The spend it or lose it process currently practiced must end immediately. Administrators must be rewarded for fiscal responsibility where a standard of service is provided at the best price. Spending cuts, promote growth and efficient service may be all that's required.
7. Yes, I support all three. I also support notification and permission of share holders. The shareholder is the one who has the money in the corporation. They have a right to know how that money is being spent whether it be an investment in a commodity or a political activity. They also have a right to direct how those funds are used.
8. My priority is to get our economy growing and to produce jobs. We have proven models to follow that will effect this change. All we need is the discipline and leadership to follow the models and make the hard decisions. Through my education and experience I have developed those qualities.

As a law enforcement officer I had to make quick life and death decisions. I have done this and have been recognized by two different Governors, the Attorney General and the Wisconsin Senate for these decisions. I have had leadership training and have experience leading people onto common goals. My work in creating the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance is an example. The CVORA as it is called, has 38 different organizations as members.

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Questions:

1. In general I support expanding public finance measures, however, due to our current fiscal situation all details of any proposal needs to be carefully examined before any decision is made.
2. Manufacturing has been an important force to the Wisconsin economy and I do believe there is potential to expand on our current manufacturing infrastructure through the creation of clean energy jobs. I will be an advocate to bring our manufacturing industry and renewable energy together so Wisconsin can remain competitive in the emerging clean energy economy.
3. Although current law provides redistricting authority to the Legislature, I would certainly be willing to examine the pros and cons of any other alternative to the current system.
4. Expanding dental health access is an important issue, especially to some of the state's more rural areas. I look forward to working on this issue further in Madison.
5. I would definitely be in favor of both public matching funds and the tax credit for contributions that would help limit the influence out of state interest groups can have on our state and local elections. The cost to Wisconsin taxpayers must be taken into consideration to make a responsible decision.
6. I believe that all options must be thoroughly studied so the best decisions can be made. It is necessary to reconsider how services are provided and to institute objective measures of effectiveness and prioritize what we have to provide.
7. I believe the voters should know who is paying for political ads they see and view. The Wisconsin Government Accountability Board has passed an emergency rule to address this issue and they need to have a permanent rule in place for future elections. I look forward to learning more about this issue and addressing it in the future.
8. My priorities are to fight for economic development in the Chippewa Valley and help Wisconsin's economy get back on track. I want to increase accountability at every level of government and work to ensure rural schools receive their fair share of funding. I also want to be an advocate for veterans' right to quality benefits and access to service. I served my country and dedicated my working career in public service. I have demonstrated a history of getting things done and I have a strong working knowledge of how government systems work. With my background and experience, I believe I am the right person to represent the people of the 67th Assembly District in Madison

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Family Volunteer for National Guard unit

Questions:

1. No
2. I will support and endorse legislation that will allow development of clean energy sources while at the same time continue to use fossil fuels and nuclear power to remain relevant in a global economy.
3. Independent citizen commission
4. The federal government took 2000 pages to address health care and still doesn't have it right. It would be difficult to address this very important issue in 750 characters and get it right. One person is not going to resolve this issue. It is too important.
5. No, No
6. Through spending cuts alone, the state budget gap can be resolved.
7. Yes, Yes
8. Balance the budget, create jobs, support business and agriculture.

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Creator and Member of Chippewa County Clerks' Association; Legislative Chair, District Chair and Treasurer of Wisconsin County Clerks Association; Previous Executive Board Member-Chippewa County Humane Association; Past Kiwanis Member; American Red Cross Volunteer; AWANA Helper; Book Report Listener Jim Falls Elementary; Fundraiser for Arthritis Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, American Cancer Society; 2002 - Chair of the Chippewa County Republican Party

Questions:

1. Yes, Judges are to be impartial and interpret the law as it was intended, and that is why Act 89 makes perfect sense. There are a number of things that could be done to curb spending and special interests in legislative elections to level the playing field for the less wealthy to run for office. The current system has made running for office nearly out of the reach for average, everyday citizens. Independent Expenditure Committees have really upped the ante. Set straight dollar amounts for each office and they can fundraise from whomever they choose, but once the candidate has hit that limit, that is all they can spend.
2. First and foremost, it concerns me that Wisconsin is losing manufacturers at a record pace. I don't think additional financial burden is going to help that. Wisconsin manufacturers must be a part of the process and lead the way. Those manufacturers must see the cost/benefit analysis to their business. The clean energy initiatives that are the least costly and provide payback should be considered first...and all others phased in over time.
3. At the County level we use a non-partisan committee appointed by the County Board. There is given consideration for incumbency (by law), however I believe they do a pretty good job of drawing the lines fairly. I think an independent citizen commission could work. I would suggest that they be made up of 6 County Clerks (3 from each party) and 3 local clerks (non-partisan). The Clerks have worked with voting districts and school districts in creating ward boundaries. They understand the ramifications of ballot styles and the additional elections costs by splitting up jurisdictions needlessly.
4. I work in a County that provides mental health services. I work in a County where there is a dental clinic specifically for low income people and their charges are prorated. Since the counties are an arm of the state, these services should be available in all counties. There are waiting lists for non-emergencies, but that's ok; I sometimes didn't have the money to get to the dentist every six months either, so I went every two years. Our Public Health Department teaches school aged children good oral health; brushing and flossing. Adding more tax burden is only going to hurt our economy. Medicaid is already 38% of all General Purpose Revenue; K-12 42%. My question would be...where will the extra cost come from?
5. Yes, too much money is filtered in from outside the districts and outside the State of Wisconsin! Assembly candidates are almost as local as you can get and yet big money comes from all over the

country. You have to play the game, and seek outside money to combat special interests that some candidates bring in. That's just not right.

6. This is going to be a long range solution; nothing that will happen in one budget cycle. I am encouraged that my leadership in Madison is currently working on a 10 year plan to get Wisconsin back on track. The State of Wisconsin is in such bad shape, that all things are on the table, but tax increases; Our economy is in too bad of shape to add any more tax burden. However, we should take a good look at our current tax structure; who pays taxes and who doesn't? For example: you can get a haircut, peticure, manicure piercing and a tatoo and there is no sales tax. According to DOR, if it has something to do with the body...there is no sales tax. Why is that? I see most of this a luxury, not a necessity, such as clothing.
7. Corporations cannot donate to a candidate directly. If a corporation or union sponsors a so called independent advertisement yes, I firmly believe they should get the permissions. All the names of the donor shareholders or union membership should be listed and reported to the Governmental Accountability Board on the financial disclosure!
8. 1st) Economic development/job creation and tax structure (Revenue) 2nd) Begin the process of balancing the budget through a 10 year plan (Cuts) 3rd) Evaluate current program funding and where efficiencies and waste can be addressed (Downsizing) I received my bachelors degree from UWEC in 5 years at age 42 with three children in school and sports, at the same time waitressing 3 nights a week. I know what hard work is all about. One of my childresn is out of work, another will be shortly. I am helping them pay their car insurance, food and shelter while they go back to school to work their way out of this situation. We need to be there for our family and friends when they fall on hard times. That's what it is all about.

Kristen Dexter

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 69

Scott Suder

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Wisconsin Assembly District 70

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Questions:

1. This past session I voted for the Impartial Justice Act. However, before we consider expanding this to all other state offices we must first consider the economic climate and the fiscal impact on next year's state budget.
2. Manufacturing in Wisconsin is a very important economic driver. This past session we passed a number of initiatives to make it easier for business to upgrade and invest in their facilities with the emerging green technology. I will continue to work for measures that connect Wisconsin's manufacturing with the new renewable industries. One initiative I helped to pass will allow a Central Wisconsin company to expand and create 500 jobs in the renewable energies arena.
3. Current law states the legislature is responsible for redistricting. I would be interested in examining the positive and negatives of other viable approaches to ensure fair and equitable representative government.
4. Last session I was proud to support mental health parity legislation to address some of those disparities. In addition, I supported funding a rural dental access facility, but there is still more to be done. This summer I requested a special committee on health care access, with both members from the public and the legislature to study potential solutions to the shortage of health care providers, especially in rural areas and the adequacy of funding for public health. This committee will also study Wisconsin's capacity for training family practice physicians and nurses.
5. When it comes to elections all options should be considered in an effort to minimize the influence of out of state groups. Again, we must first consider the cost to state taxpayers with any proposal.
6. We inherited a historic budget deficit last session and had to make responsible decisions, including cutting spending across the board while still protecting priorities like public safety, health care and education. All options should be on the table, but I will continue to protect our priorities.
7. I firmly believe voters should know who is paying for political ads. Just recently the Government Accountability Board passed an emergency rule stating that people or groups who run independent ads are required to disclose what the intent of the ad is and where the money is coming from. This will help voters make an informed decision on election day.
8. My experience representing the 70th District has allowed me to work in a bi-partisan to address the concerns of my district. I will continue to work for incentives to allow companies to invest in new technologies, expand their operations, and increase efficiencies in the marketplace. Top priorities for my district include job creation and retention and improving our local economies, while protecting priorities like, education, infrastructure and healthcare. Last legislative session I authored both expansion of the Dairy Modernization Tax Credit and the Food Processing Tax Credit which allows those involved in dairy and food processing to modernize and expand their operations.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 71

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Experience: I was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in a special election in 2003. I assumed the Chairmanship of the Jobs, Economy and Small Business Committee in the Assembly this past session, and I am the vice-chairman of the Insurance Committee. I serve on the Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife and Agriculture Committees. I have recently been asked to serve on the Special Committee on Strategic Job Creation. This past session my committee helped oversee over 51 economic development initiatives. Outside of the legislature, I have a small law practice where I concentrate on business and general law matters. Before my service in the legislature, I worked as a special prosecutor, a mayoral assistant and as a assistant city attorney.

Community Involvement: I volunteer my time with the Portage County Teen Leadership Program where I have been a job shadow for many teens in our community. I serve on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources Advisory Board and on the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. I am a member of the Newman University Parish. I am involved in the Izaak Walton League and I enjoy skiing, biking and running.

Questions:

1. I co-sponsored last session's Impartial Justice Act, and I sponsored many previous campaign finance reform bills that had at their core the premise that third-party campaign donations should be transparent so people know who is funding an ad or a candidate. The Impartial Justice Act was the most sweeping campaign finance reform in decades, and it was accomplished by a new democratic majority after languishing for years under republican control. I will continue to be open to new campaign finance reforms that are supported by my constituents and that are fiscally workable.
2. Wisconsin relies heavily on manufacturing to employ its citizens and drive the economy. I understand that meeting the public's demand for a "clean energy economy" should be done knowing that manufacturers deal with a global economy and must remain competitive to keep people employed at their Wisconsin locations. I co-chaired Wisconsin's Partnership for a Stronger Economy due to my belief that business and those that govern should not be at odds, especially in these difficult times. The partnership focused on timely and targeted job incentives for manufacturers, like the Green to Gold fund that provides cash incentives to retro-fit plants to save money and reduce Co2 emissions. I co-authored the CORE Jobs Act to help businesses grow.
3. I have not been involved in redistricting after a census, but the current law sets-out a process whereby the elected representatives of the people must reflect our US Constitution's demand for equal distribution of citizens within legislative districts. I am willingly to review this area of the law to best reflect 71st District residents' opinion.
4. The State can address the issue of lack of coverage for specific healthcare needs by mandating insurance coverage as was needed for cochlear implants for children, coverage for mental health illnesses and treatment of uncovered dental needs. I believe policy that promotes a public/private relationship will best reduce disparities in coverage for specific healthcare needs as is being done between the Marshfield Clinic, dentists and the State to train dentists who want to work in rural

and dentist-lacking areas. I also support incentives for teaching institutions to increase the supply of providers in these under-served areas.

5. I believe the public's actions and desires would accept the legislature looking into this proposal or similar ideas that try to minimize out-of-state money in local elections. I would be interested in knowing how the League proposes to fund the "public matching funds" part of the proposal. The fiscal effect of the bill would need to be disclosed to the public so that their expectation of the policy goals could be weighted against the actual fiscal effects of the bill as part of the entire State budget.
6. I believe the people of Wisconsin have an opportunity to thoroughly review the spending priorities of our great State so that our government lives within the people's means and reflects the level of services they desire. Ultimately, the number one solution to a healthy budget is to have a thriving economy, as we know, 49 State budgets are in the red due to the worst economic recession since the great depression. I will continue to work on new economic proposals like the CORE Jobs Act that took our existing public University System and refocused it for job creation.
7. The issue of campaign finance and spending in political races was not helped by the US Supreme Courts ruling that further made corporations almost like the average human donor. Personally, I don't believe corporations are individuals, but the Court has spoken and Wisconsin's Government Accountability Board has implemented an emergency rule to require more disclosure when corporations directly try to influence elections. Voters should know who is paying for political advertising and who is funding campaigns. I believe shareholders should know when and how corporate boards are authorizing corporate funds in elections. As a stockholder, I want to know how my investment is affected by a board of directors' decision to engage in elections.
8. My priorities for the next term of office are those of the 71st District residents. I will, again, focus on the economy and helping businesses create jobs. This past session, I helped oversee over 51 economic development initiatives with the help of business owners and chambers. I will focus on the number one employer in the District – the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point. My meetings with the Chancellor, student government and faculty help me focus my efforts to keep UWSP strong. My efforts this past session have led to a new and public-sought nursing degree at UWSP. I will continue to focus on our k-12 schools and our natural resources. I will work on invasive species and school funding.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 72

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Questions:

1. I do feel that campaign finance reform is needed. There are legislative races in Wisconsin that end up generating \$1 million in expense. This is ABSURD. All individuals should have equal opportunities to run for public office.
2. The best way to maintain competitiveness is to ensure that the business climate remains suitable for manufacturers. Lower payroll taxes, less property taxes, minimal corporate taxes (by ending combined reporting) ALL contribute to success of ALL business in WI. All clean energy initiatives have to have a market to sustain them, NOT government subsidies, or they too will fail. Free market solutions will drive our economy to prosperity.
3. I believe that the people who choose their representatives should also be able to contribute to the shaping and makeup of the district in which they live. For example Nekoosa faces many of the same issues as Wisconsin Rapids and Nekoosa residents would like to be represented by a manufacturing minded representative, BUT they are NOW lumped into a largely RURAL district.
4. Wisconsin must do a better job of ensuring dental and mental health providers of it's commitment to fairly pay for services rendered. The lack of market based rates of payment drive mental and dental health providers from the Wisconsin health care system.
5. I don't believe that a matching system is needed. I do feel that contributions to campaigns should be tax deductible. This gives more incentive to those who choose to give and will lessen the burden of needing a match system or complete public funding.
6. I KNOW that we need to cut spending AND raise revenue. I differ from others how to raise that revenue though. We can RAISE revenue when we LOWER taxes. We have to take the chains off of the economy, high tax rates stifle spending of all kinds.
7. I do not support the requirements for corporate election spending on campaigns, and neither does the Supreme Court of the United States. Freedom of speech does play into this, I DO believe that shareholder input should be received before corporations can exercise this freedom of speech. Otherwise corporations would be no different from unions that support candidates WITHOUT member support
8. As you will see from my campaign website, www.krugforwisconsin.us 1) JOBS, JOBS, JOBS- I have worked for the past 10 years to put people in Wisconsin back to work and I promise 5000 new jobs for this district in the next 4 years. 2) Less government spending-As a business owner I KNOW what it takes to tighten the belt and make the TOUGH choices needed to get back into the black and will do the same for Wisconsin. I PROMISE to never pass a TAX INCREASE and to NEVER collect "per diem" money for traveling to do the people's work. NO ONE ELSE will do that. 3) Restoring family values-as a father of five I want to leave a legacy of love for my kids and grandkids. Life is precious and undeniable, abortion must be stopped at all costs,

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Questions:

1. I am in favor of public financing, although the language in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act may not transfer to other state offices. The current public funding grant that is available to Senate and Assembly candidates is fair, to the extent that a candidate belongs to a political party. An

independent candidate may have a tough time to prove the 'viability' clause in the law. I do think that there would be a more level playing field if candidates were limited on individual and PAC contributions. The current public funding system does not guarantee a set amount like in the 2009 Impartial Justice Act. I understand this to be because the fund is created by the dollar check off on the state tax returns. The fund could change year to year.

2. Unfortunately, Wisconsin was a proud manufacturing state. In the fall of 2009, for the first time in our state's history, there were more people employed by a government than in manufacturing. In the central part of the state, there are many paper mills that people rely on for employment. Many of these mills are old and are struggling to compete with foreign made paper products. We also have several coal-fired power plants in this state that offer many jobs. Tough clean energy regulation may handcuff these employers therefore, sending more jobs out of state and out of the country. The production of wind turbines may be a great opportunity for our state's workforce, but we need to create awareness about the benefits of wind power.
3. Currently, politicians redraw the jurisdictional boundaries. I feel that this is wrong. If I were in charge of designing a new method, I would create an independent commission to redraw the boundaries. This commission would be made up from citizens, around the state, who are unbiased to the boundary lines. The commission would be chosen from university professors, business leaders and average citizens that make up our great communities. This would ensure that there isn't any political influence to Gerrymander the jurisdictional lines.
4. Our elected officials need to realize that health care reform is necessary. All too often, insurance lobbyists force legislation that may not be beneficial to society. Although I am not a big advocate of regulation, of any kind, the state should require insurance companies to offer coverage to many more people. I fully understand that insurance is not a public service and these companies who provide insurance are profit driven, I think that they would benefit by allowing more access to individuals. Awareness needs to be created about mental and dental health though, before the voting population will buy into stiffer regulation. This is an issue that the voters will decide in November.
5. I do like this concept. Too often candidates, especially incumbents, receive contributions from out side of the district. Because of this, the constituents' ideas and values, of that official, may not be fully represented. A tax incentive would definitely spur individual contributions, but typically, the only people who donate to campaigns are members of political parties. Unless more citizens become involved in their future, this proposed mechanism may not work.
6. During this economic downturn, it will be near impossible to raise taxes. Unemployment rates are near double the status quo and people on fixed incomes do not have any more to give. Spending cuts are going to have to be relied on heavily, but I think that our leaders can do a better job at managing our tax payers' money. Politicians are given many perks and they need to realize that fiscal responsibility starts at home. I have made a pledge that I will never take the tax-free, \$88 a day per Diem that the politicians claim. Some legislators receive in excess of \$20,000 of this tax-free money. I feel that it is a shame when a politician votes to raise taxes while they are continuing to spend and receive extreme benefits.
7. I do support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. I believe in absolute transparency at every level. Although everyone has the right to free speech, we should know where the message is coming from. I am not in favor of requiring permission from shareholders. I think that the market can dictate its own response through the ability of shareholders buying and selling of that corporation's stock.
8. This campaign is about the working class people of central Wisconsin. Over the last decade, the Wisconsin Rapids area has been hit hard by job loss. The paper mill in Rapids has changed hands twice since 1999 and shortly after each buyout, thousands of jobs were terminated. Port Edwards isn't without strife either. Several years ago, their largest employer, a paper mill, closed its doors for good; 501 jobs that will never come back. Adams County, which is almost completely covered by this Assembly district, perennially ranks on the bottom in almost every economic indicator. I want to put central Wisconsin back on the map and prove that labor still has value in the state. I am a journeyman iron worker and was born and raised in Rapids

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Community Involvement: Ambassador with the Heart of Wisconsin Business Alliance, Volunteer with South Wood County Youth Hockey Association, Volunteer with Wisconsin Rapids Jr. High School, Vice Chairman of Wood County Republican Party.

Questions:

1. No. I favor a repeal of the 2009 Impartial Justice Act.
2. The United States as well as Wisconsin are way behind countries such as China in the clean energy race. One thing we must do to keep Wisconsin competitive is to make sure we do not pass any legislation that would put a carbon tax on our businesses or utilities. Americans know we need to move steadily away from our dependence on foreign oil. We know we need to become a greener state and nation, so I believe we need to encourage the transformation to renewable energy such as wind, solar, and geo-thermal, etc... Instead of putting our businesses at a competitive disadvantage by imposing more taxes I would like to see additional tax breaks for businesses willing to make the move to powering their operations with green energy voluntarily.
3. I believe that all sources are open to corruption. However, a nonpartisan legislative service agency with an equal number of Democrats and Republicans would probably be the least corrupt.
4. I believe health care should be private and not in the hands of the government. As soon as Obama's health care bill was passed, it immediately hurt Wisconsinites as our insurance premiums went up. When you require people to purchase anything, including insurance, than you create a monopoly for the companies selling that product. They are then able to charge whatever they want as you are required by law to buy it. I support a repeal of Obama's health care bill.
5. Yes, up to a maximum of \$7500 matching funds. I would also support a tax deduction, not a rebate or credit, for people who donate up to \$500 towards a political candidate.
6. By creating a positive business environment with low corporate and personal income taxes we can boost our economy and cut our deficit dramatically. New businesses accomplish this in several ways. They create taxable income for a realtor and/or developer. They create jobs for construction workers to build or remodel facilities. Third they create permanent tax paying jobs for the new employees. The company pays taxes, although lower than what they would be today, this is all profit for the state because they currently receive nothing as there is no new businesses to create the jobs or pay the taxes. Finally, you cut the state budget by getting people who do not pay taxes but collect welfare and unemployment off the expense rolls.
7. Yes
8. Cut Corporate taxes from the current rate of 39% down to 10% which will bring new businesses into our state as well as free up money for current businesses to expand and create more tax paying jobs. Cut Personal Income Taxes allowing people more money in their weekly paychecks to spend on necessities and paying off personal debt. Cut property taxes, Wisconsin has one of the highest property tax rates in the nation. We have to be able to bring this more in line with other states. How is it that a \$400,000 home in Colorado has a property tax bill of \$1,800 and a \$200,000 home in Wisconsin has a property tax bill of \$4,400. Something stinks in our government and I will work hard to find and fix it.

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 73

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Community Involvement: Newsletter editor and President "Friends of the Superior Library," Superior Optimist Club; Port Cities Woman of the Year Luncheon Advisory Board; Community Theater; Douglas County Historical Society; Duluth-Superior Symphony Chorus member; Community Theater; Very Special Arts

Questions:

1. I want fair elections for all candidates as well as those for Supreme Court elections. However, I would need more information about the costs for this.
2. Provide incentives, e.g. tax breaks, for those who comply with clean energy policies
3. A nonpartisan independent citizen commission should be responsible, as long as nonpartisanship is the top priority.
4. I don't have enough information to answer this one. Actually, Wisconsin is number 2 on the list of number of people with health insurance coverage.
5. Yes, to the public matching funds, which would encourage more financial support from people within your district, which makes more sense than having most of your money come from people outside your district. However, who would pay for the matching funds? Certainly the taxpayers would not appreciate another new tax. There should not be a tax rebate for people making the donations, as they should only be making them because they want to support that particular candidate, and not for any other reason.
6. I would stop all new spending across the board. Then, we need to eliminate "pork projects" that are attached to the budget and perhaps ban them altogether. Our state has actually had to borrow \$3.58 billion to pay for its increased spending and "pork" for this last budget. That is not fiscally responsible
7. Yes, corporations should have disclaimers for all of their election spending. No, I don't think they need to get permission from shareholders (They might lose some business, however!)
8. My priorities are: a) job creation - businesses create jobs, so provide a more business-friendly climate (fewer regulations, more incentives); b) curbing borrowing and spending; c) limiting the size of government (government should not grow beyond the taxpayers' ability to pay); c) School

funding reform - I am on the Superior School Board and have seen what an antiquated method of funding we use in this state; d) respect for our environment - I have been a recycler since the 1970's.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 74

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Community Involvement: Ashland City Council; numerous committee appointments and Board memberships, including Ashland and Bayfield Library Boards, Ashland Housing Authority Board, Bayfield Harbor Commission, Apostle Islands Community Fund.

Questions:

1. I do support public financing of state office elections, but acknowledge the serious budget challenges facing Wisconsin in the coming biennium that may inhibit prompt reform.
2. Wisconsin's strong manufacturing tradition will need incentives to re-tool, upgrade and start-up operations in today's clean energy environment. I will be a strong advocate for programs that assist particularly small businesses to be competitive and responsible.
3. While the Legislature is currently responsible for redistricting, I am ready to learn about other models.
4. I am in support of the expansion of health clinics into the rural communities, and am inspired by the great success of The Lakes Community Health Clinic in Iron River and Ashland. We must work towards mental health parity in the upcoming legislative session.
5. I would support a system that minimizes the influence of out-of-state groups, and encourages the affordable participation by local citizens, and am ready to consider all options to these ends.
6. Fair, responsible budget cuts need to be matched by the fair, efficient collection of revenues.
7. Voters should be able to clearly understand who is paying for campaign and issue ads, and I am anxious to consider all proposals toward this end.
8. I want the people of the 74th Assembly to be confident about the future, not in fear of it. Through my work in housing and economic development, I have assisted families in attaining affordable housing, small businesses to expand, and communities to access resources to improve infrastructure. We must confront the issue of education: provide strong schools to all children, and fund these schools fairly. I believe hard work, one-on-one, within our communities must be matched by responsible legislative action, and I have the experience to do both. The challenges facing our state and the 74th Assembly District are complex, and will require careful study, dogged determination, and creativity. I am ready.

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Questions:

1. At this point I am not positive about this, but I know some type of campaign finance reform is necessary.
2. I will listen to all concerned and make informed decisions. Clean energy is very important but is taken out of context many times, and used freely now a days from dish soap to ziploc bags.
3. An independent citizen commission, depending on how they are chosen, no political influences at all should be involved. It should be fairly completed.
4. The state has a huge problem with at least a 2.5 billion dollar deficit, that is the first and foremost issue before us, it has to be addressed, with this in mind as I stated above I would listen to all involved and make an informed decision.
5. I am not sure what I would support here, I know that campaign finance and the way a candidate raises funds needs reform. This is my 3rd attempt at this seat and the hardest part of campaigning is raising funds, when you allow for the economy at this time it is very difficult, much easier for incumbents. Seems to be very unfair, no balance, I believe way too much money is spent on 'campaigning'. Should there be tax rebates for donations I am not sure, I am not against looking at this at some point.
6. I am not about raising taxes in face of the economy we are in at this time I believe cuts are inevitable, the hardest part of the elected officials position is having to face deficits, non of this will be easy, our schools need funding reform, our communities need to have services available. Many unfunded state mandates effect all of us and we need to look at EVERYTHING in the budget. A sure way to raise revenue is to become business friendly, Wisconsin is rated the 3rd worst state in the US due to taxes and policies on small businesses, not many will open businesses in a state with that record, so policy changes and taxes (fees) all need to be looked at. Also regulation reform.
7. I believe that a disclaimer should be on all political information.
8. I will work to bring jobs to the northland, (and Wisconsin as a whole), we need life sustaining jobs so families will stay in the area send their kids to the local schools which will help with revenue increasing in the area (and state). Our current policies of higher taxes, unsustainable spending and debt are driving jobs out of the state. We need to rebuild the economy by lowering taxes, reduce spending, and streamlining regulation for businesses. I will fight to make Wisconsin business friendly again!

Gene Louma

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 75

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Experience: I was born and raised in the 75th Assembly District. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a Master's degree in Education. A decade ago I worked as a Research Assistant in the Wisconsin State Assembly. I then returned to my hometown where I taught high school math and worked with student athletes as a varsity coach in baseball and cross country. My current job provided me with training in mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution where I have been an advocate for children and increased educational opportunities.

Community Involvement: I have a strong focus on children and our youth. As a young adult I was active in many aspects of my community. It was for that reason I returned to my hometown to teach and give back to the community I was raised in. I have worked to give the youth in my hometown the same opportunities for success in life that I had.

Questions:

1. I believe we need to take a serious look at our current structure and work to ensure our elections are fair, clean, and free of influence from special interest groups. I support the concept of public finance. However, we will need to look closely at the fiscal impact of any measures considering the challenges we may face to balance the next state budget.
2. We need to work to ensure manufacturing jobs remain in Wisconsin and remain competitive. I believe there is a great opportunity for our state to create clean energy jobs and become a world leader in this area. We need to continue to support upgrades for industry and make it easier for them to develop clean energy technology. I will work to promote a long range strategy in this area and connect our strong manufacturing industry to the emerging industry of clean energy.
3. We need to look at all ideas in this arena and I support putting all options on the table. Currently the Legislature is charged with this task. However, I believe we should take a serious look at the benefits and pitfalls with each system and will support changes that will give the public confidence in our system.
4. Rural areas of Wisconsin have an increased need for improved dental health services. We need to support access to these services especially in areas of high demand. The mental health parity law passed last session should help improve access for some in this area but there will continue to be room for improvement.

5. We need to do whatever we can to ensure that our elections are fair, clean and free of influence from special interests. The cost to taxpayers will need to be considered but I will look at all options that can help us get to this end goal.
6. Our focus needs to be to create jobs and getting people back to work. That will raise revenue and allow us to cut spending at the same time to minimize the budget gap. We also need to look carefully at all aspects of the budget, eliminate any wasteful spending and ensure that our tax dollars are used wisely and as investments in the future.
7. I support transparency in election spending. I understand the Government Accountability Board is working on this issue and has created an emergency rule to deal with this. I look forward to working on this issue further and supporting additional restrictions on special interest influence in our elections.
8. My focus will be on creating jobs, creating a new way to fund our schools, and creating a long range strategy for economic growth. I have spent my entire campaign listening to average citizens, and asking small business owners what the state can do to help them expand their business. My experience in negotiation and advocacy will help me to ensure working families will be well represented. My strong background in education will help me to understand the complexities of school finance and my classroom experience will allow me to ensure the funding sources are directed to areas that will help the children in our schools. We need to create both short term goals to meet the immediate need and long term strategies for sustained economic growth

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: See above

Questions:

1. No. This is a complicated problem and needs much more work to come up with a reasonable solution that will be accepted by all.
2. By getting the government off the backs of our manufacturers
3. no response -
4. no response -
5. no response -
6. no response -
7. no response -
8. no response -

Wisconsin Assembly District 76

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Community Involvement: Downtown neighborhood assoc., numerous city committee and task force appointments, advocacy for domestic violence victims, environmental work.

Questions:

1. I was extremely proud to co-sponsor the Impartial Justice Act. We must act to establish a system of public financing, phasing it in over time if necessary due to the fiscal impact on the budget. We simply can't afford NOT to. For too long, big-money special interests have had undue influence over the legislative process. We saw this last session on bills relating to payday lending, clean energy, and telecomm deregulation. This costs us all money that we could save if more legislators would make decisions based on good public policy, not pressure from industries that line the pockets of politicians to serve their own bottom lines.
2. We must and are working with businesses in partnership to help phase in clean energy technology. This session we created a revolving loan fund of \$100 million to help businesses with low-interest loans. In addition, we also used \$55 million in federal stimulus money for this purpose. Independent analysis of the Clean Energy Jobs bill, which I supported, indicated Wisconsin would have created 15,000 jobs in the energy technology sector, saved consumers over \$1.4 billion on their energy bills, and over time reduced the \$16 billion a year Wisconsin spends to purchase fossil fuels from other states and nations. Unfortunately, this bill was eventually killed by moneyed special interests.
3. I am hesitant to take power away from an elected body that represents citizens and give it to an entity that does not answer to the public. However, I am concerned that the redistricting process has become so partisan that I am willing to look at changes to the current process that might involve some oversight by the Governmental Accountability Board or another independent entity.
4. I fought for years for the mental health parity bill that we finally passed this session. We have world class schools of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, and dentistry in Wisconsin. We need public/private partnerships to provide incentives for medical personnel to work in under-served areas. These could include education grants and loans for providers and development of satellite and/or mobile service providers. Ultimately, it is more cost-effective for all of us to provide preventative treatment, rather than eventually fund the deep-end costs of serious disease. Everyone, no matter where they live, deserves good health care.
5. I will look at all public financing options. This proposal, however, wouldn't provide a dependable or equal foundation for everyone. It can be hard for first-time candidates, who are relatively unknown, to raise money from would-be constituents. They depend on friends, relatives, co-workers, no matter where they live, to give them their start. Small-dollar donations from outside a candidate's district aren't the problem. It's the thousands of dollars in PAC and conduit money that some candidates rake in from people and companies outside their districts. We already have a check-off box on state tax forms so that people can direct a small amount of money to the state's election fund, but few do. Better publicity on this might help.
6. We need to do both. Last session, the Budget Repair bill included one of my initiatives to close a tax loophole. Wal-Mart, for example, was paying rent to itself and then taking a tax deduction on the rent as a business expense through a scheme called REIT. This is no longer allowed. I have co-sponsored other bills to close tax-loopholes and review tax exemptions granted to certain businesses when other, similar businesses are taxed. When cuts have to be made, we must

maintain our priorities of funding education, public safety, health care, and services to the elderly, disabled, and poor.

7. Yes to both.
8. I will continue my efforts on behalf of domestic violence victims, women's reproductive health, and our U.W. System, which is doing incredible work creating new jobs in the biotech sector. I will continue to protect consumers through my work to regulate the use of credit scores when insurance companies set premiums for autos and homes. I want to establish WI as a leader in addressing the potential environmental and health consequences of nanotechnology, while helping that exciting new area of research and development grow. Another special cause of mine is saving lives and reducing the tax burden that comes from drunk driving by generating revenue from those who over-consume alcohol. For specific experience, see "Experience," above.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 77

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Community Involvement: Community Service History: Elm Lawn Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, President Friends of Pheasant Branch Girls Scouts of America, Troop Leader Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack Leader

Questions:

1. Yes, I do support a system of public financing along the lines of the 2009 Impartial Justice Act. The amount of special interest money being spent in our judicial elections is detrimental to our courts, and while I support expanding this to other elections for state office, I do believe that we need to be conscious of the fiscal impact that that expansion could have on our state.
2. It is imperative that Wisconsin remains competitive in this economy and I believe that we have a great opportunity to create clean energy jobs in our manufacturing industry. It is important to continue to support Wisconsin's manufacturing tradition, and I would support incentives and initiatives for businesses to become cleaner, more prosperous, and sustainable.
3. I support the current law that gives the responsibility of redistricting to the state legislature. While I support the current law, I also believe that there should be input on the issue of redistricting from an independent citizen commission and a non partisan legislative service agency, so that all perspectives and expertise on the issue are considered.
4. Wisconsin has a great track record of providing health insurance and health care services state wide, but there are disparities that need to be addressed if we are going to continue to be a leader in the healthcare industry. I believe that we begin addressing this issue by setting up satellite clinics in the rural communities that lack these vital health services. I also believe that we need to

create incentives for doctors and dentists that provide these services to low income patients and patients on medicaid.

5. Yes, I support measures that attempt to minimize the influence of corporate dollars and out of state dollars on our local elections. In regards to a tax rebate or credit, I believe that the cost to state taxpayers should be carefully considered.
6. The continuing state budget gap needs to be approached with great responsibility. First and foremost we need to protect our priorities like education, protecting the environment and providing healthcare and services, but also know that we will face cuts across all areas. We need to continue to close corporate tax loopholes and hire more people in the Department of Revenue to collect the \$1 billion in unpaid state taxes so we can lessen the burden on our middle class families.
7. Yes, I support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. I believe that voters deserve to know who is paying for political ads, and I also believe that shareholders should have to give permission and be notified of any election spending by corporations. That being said, I disagree with the Supreme Court ruling that allows for corporate spending in elections.
8. My priorities are to fix the way we fund our public school system, work with existing efforts to overturn the discriminatory ban on equal marriage rights, and ensure WI is an environmental leader. We need to close corporate loopholes and collect unpaid taxes to provide proper resources and education to tomorrow's leaders. That includes funding the UW System and WI Tech Colleges. We need clean energy jobs and we need legislation to reduce our CO2 emissions. It is imperative that we remove the discrimination in our constitution put in place by the 2006 ban on equal marriage. My experience as a mother, a school board member who saw first hand the effects of budget cuts and as a County Supervisor qualify me to effectively address these issues.

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Experience: • Founder of an award-winning environmental and energy firm, Better Environmental Solutions, promoting practical solutions that save lives, helped create 1000 jobs, and reduce pollution. • Dane County Board Supervisor for 12 years serving on the Public Protection and Judiciary, Personnel and Finance, and Transportation Committees, Lakes and Watersheds Commission, Transportation Planning Board. • MATC part time teacher, UW lecturer and student in the UW Certified Public Manager Program • Environmental Policy Advisor to President Clinton and Vice President Gore • Served 17 years as an environmental educator and advocate for the Sierra Club. • Energy Conservation Advocate, VISTA Volunteer in the Carter Administration • Former union leader

Community Involvement: • Married 17 years to Mary Kay, who runs a lifecoach business, Spa for Your Soul. Our son Tyler is a sophomore and enjoys football, rugby, and band, and Lea is a 6th grader and enjoys singing and acting. Our dog Penny likes to chase our cats, Panther and Clara, who are not amused. • Former PTO president and school volunteer • Madison and Middleton School sports supporter and team photographer • Former president, Madison Nordic Ski Club • Red Cross blood donor • Church school teacher, reader and usher • Girl scout parent volunteer • MS Society fundraiser • Food Pantry volunteer • Awards: FEMA Dist. Public Service Award for helping flood victims, ARC Elected Official for helping those with disabilities, Clean Water Champion Award.

Questions:

1. Yes. Having watched independent interest groups attack good people in current and recent elections, I support extending the Impartial Justice Act public financing measures to other elections beyond the Supreme Court. Elected officials should be beholden to the citizens and taxpayers for their funding, rather than special interest groups. I limit those contributions to my campaign. Expanding public financing will save taxpayer money if elected officials are looking out for our interests, not special interests. We need to look at creative ways to pay for this as other states have with transfer fees. I will work with Wisconsin Common Cause and the Democracy Campaign and others to make progress in this area.
2. As an energy efficiency and environmental consultant, I work with manufacturers and employers every day to make them more efficient and competitive. Wisconsin leads the nation in manufacturing but we need to do more to create jobs. In the Legislature, I will focus on creating jobs, increasing efficiency, and reducing air pollution. My Relight Wisconsin Plan implements the Energy Center of Wisconsin study showing that more renewable energy and efficiency can create 7,000 jobs, save \$900 million, and reduce air pollution by 2.6 billion pounds. The PSC should implement this plan immediately. We should also expand the WI Manufacturing Ext. Partnership, create a revolving Clean Energy Loan Fund, and expand job training.
3. Having watched the 2000 redistricting process on the County Board, I support impartial redistricting and will push Tom Barrett and Spencer Black's Redistricting Reform Plan. This would have the non-partisan Government Accountability Board redraw the new district lines and have the Legislature approve it. This would help take politics out of redistricting as much as possible.
4. As a child, I made housecalls with my father, a family doctor, which taught me a lot about helping others. To address health disparities, I sponsored the county Health Insurance for All resolution, a unified health department, and distributed Free Medicine books my father wrote to seniors and the poor. My Healthy Wisconsin Plan will:
 - Protect Badger Care and Senior Care
 - Implement the Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act
 - Create Healthcare Exchanges to improve service
 - Advocate for higher Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements
 - Expand Access Community Health Centers for low-income families
 - Promote embryonic stem cell and other research
 - Expand public health
5. Our elections today border on auctions, with many races going to the candidate who takes the most special interest money. I support public financing for elections paid for by a number of different sources like Senators Erpenbach and Ellis' bi-partisan bill to establish a Public Integrity Fund paid for by a tax credit on donations. In my 12 years on the county board and in this Assembly race, I limit special interest contributions and run my races on as many small contributions as possible. You can help me do this by going to www.Brett4us.org and click on donate to send a small contribution to help pay for yard signs and fliers.
6. To fill the \$2.5 billion budget gap requires creative solutions and working together. Chairing the County Personnel and Finance Committee for the last four years taught me how to balance a \$490 million budget in tough times, increase and maintain services, keep jobs, and minimized property tax increases. To address the budget, I'll work to:
 - Increase efficiency and reduce waste
 - Maximize federal support
 - Implement the Relight Wisconsin Plan to save \$900 million
 - Eliminate state employee furloughs, and avoid layoffs like we did in Dane County.
 - Explore more progressive ways to increase income like closing corporate tax loopholes and recovering sales tax revenue from the Internet
7. Yes. This is crucial to me as someone who has recently been the brunt of special interest personal and political attacks. The public has a right to know who is paying for these political attack ads. I support full disclosure and enforcement of current campaign finance laws. These laws should be strengthened so that shareholders have the right to vote on how their earnings are spent on political campaigns. We also need to change the political purpose definition of ads to ensure that all corporate money spent in campaigns is reported regardless of intent. For more on campaign finance reform, see the Wisconsin Common Cause at www.commoncause.org/wi and the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, www.wisdc.org.
8. My priorities are creating jobs, better schools, cleaner lakes and energy. My qualifications:
 - The proven progressive in the race, I worked with Rep. Spencer Black to pass many statewide reforms like banning phosphorus lawn fertilizer and the Exxon mine.
 - Being a lifelong environmental educator and classroom science teacher give me experience to create and fund better schools.
 - Twelve years on the Dane County Board creating jobs, improving family services, protecting our land and lakes.
 - Created 110 jobs on the Madison Development Corporation board.
 - Own an

award-winning small business, Better Environmental Solutions, to create practical solutions. I would appreciate your vote on September 14th. Thank you.

John Imes



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Community Involvement: John has been active in many public-private partnerships over the years. His recent engagements include the Green Jobs in the New Europe delegation, a Germany-Wisconsin exchange program exploring energy, transportation, manufacturing and higher education keys for healthy green jobs growth. John was also recently appointed by Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz as Commissioner to the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. Other involvements include work with the Governor's Global Warming Task Force and Consortium on Biobased Industries, Green Tier Advisors Committee and Wisconsin Agricultural Stewardship Initiative. John also completed the Civitas 10-part series of forums focused on government finance, public education and government services.

Questions:

1. John Imes will support legislation to reduce the influence of campaign dollars on public policy in Wisconsin by imposing limits on campaign spending and providing enhanced public financing to candidates who agree to limit their campaign spending. John is the only candidate running in the 77th Assembly primary to refuse special interest campaign contributions. "Wisconsin's proud tradition of clean government is sullied by the influence of special interest campaign contributions. Spencer Black worked tirelessly to reclaim that legacy through efforts to toughen ethics and elections regulations. By refusing to take money from political action groups, I want to continue Spencer's legacy of clean government and work to restore the public trust".
2. Wisconsin is well positioned for success in a high-end, high-wage manufacturing and clean energy economy. We have the research and development capabilities of the UW System, a superior work ethic, good infrastructure and a great quality of life. However, our can't-do politics is getting in the way when it comes to leading in the 21st century economy. John Imes will work effectively with colleagues and the new governor to support regional opportunities in emerging clean tech industries and efficient manufacturing and will support efforts to strengthen and expand the number of high-quality jobs and target workforce development strategies to build skills training and opportunities for increasingly diverse and underemployed workers.
3. John Imes will support using a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission to redraw the legislative districts with input from the legislature.
4. John Imes will work to ensure that the recently passed federal health care reform law is implemented at the state level to lessen disparities in access. Despite recently passed mental health parity legislation and improved insurance coverage, we need to pull together leaders in sectors such as mental health and dental services and work as partners to develop innovative delivery methods. Reimbursement rates for providers need to be adequate so providers are not discouraged from serving those covered by our public health insurance programs, such as BadgerCare. The Department of Health Services has initiated an effort to find significant savings without making across-the-board cuts to providers and without cutting services for individuals.

5. See 1. above and yes, John Imes will support providing enhanced public financing to candidates who agree to limit their campaign spending. Moreover, John will support providing a tax rebate or other credit for small contributors who live within a candidate's district.
6. John Imes will support improved efficiencies in government spending including efficiency reviews, audits, financial benchmarking, and other quality management approaches to find cost-savings to improve our state's fiscal situation and protect vital services and state workers. We need to close any corporate loopholes and invest in the Department of Revenue's efforts to collect any taxes owed. "I think people in the trenches, in state government, know where the savings are... We can't continue to put the onus on front-line workers."
7. Yes, particularly in light of the Citizens United - U.S. Supreme Court decision, John Imes will support greater transparency in corporate campaign spending including reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements. In addition, John supports legislation by Representative Spencer Black that would require a majority of a corporation's shareholders approve of political advertising or other campaign spending before the money is spent.
8. In a career of non-profit and business leadership, John Imes has worked effectively with stakeholders to find pragmatic solutions to issues confronting our state. And now he's running for the Assembly to bring our state together again to build a stronger, high wage economy and provide the world-class quality of life Wisconsinites deserve at a price we can afford to pay. John's priorities for the next term include: Clean Energy Jobs Act, Comprehensive School Funding Reform, and High-Performance Government strategies to finding cost-savings to improve our state's fiscal situation; and efforts to strengthen and expand the number of high-quality jobs in industries and small businesses that help define regions throughout the state.

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City/Town: Madison, Wisconsin. A Madison original, Manski grew up on Madison's west side, attending Randall Elementary, Van Hise Middle, and Madison West High schools, and earning degrees in Law and in Community & Environmental Sociology from the UW-Madison.

Experience: Ben Manski is a public interest attorney and internationally recognized advocate for democracy. Says Frances Moore Lappé, author of Diet for a Small Planet, of Ben, "Ben inspires me! His clear-headed analysis, his strong grasp of history, his compelling vision and on-the-ground strategy for bringing democracy to life: Who wouldn't be inspired?" MANSKI'S WORK EXPERIENCE: Exec. Director, Liberty Tree Foundation; Assoc. Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies; Attorney, Manski Law, LLC; CVO, PosiPair.com; Instructor, Sociology, MATC; Organizing Director, Progressive Dane; National Director, Campus Greens; Member Owner, Union Cab; Organizer, Democracy Unlimited; Mining Organizer, WI's Environmental Decade (Clean WI); Field Director, Greenpeace.

Community Involvement: SERVICE: Executive Committee, MovetoAmend.org; Individual Rights & Responsibilities Board, State Bar of WI; Law Related Education Committee, State Bar of WI; Co-Chair, Green Party of the United States; President Press Connection Foundation; National Coordinator, Safeguard the Guard; National Coordinator, No More Stolen Elections!; Co-Founder, United for Peace and Justice; Co-Chair, UW-Madison Shared Governance Committee; Associated Students of Madison Council; National Coordinator, Democracy Teach-Ins; Director, Community Action Center (Social Justice Center); PCUN Farmworker Organizing Committee; Abortion Rights Coalition; MMSD Student Affairs Committee. CURRENT MEMBER: AFT 6100; Congregation Shaarei Shamayim; National Lawyers Guild.

Questions:

1. Yes. I have made it my life's work to build a democracy movement for the U.S.A., and I will work to achieve full public financing of elections. In 2004, I established the Liberty Tree Foundation, a Madison-based non-profit that is among the nation's leading pro-democracy groups. In 2001, I co-convened "Democracy Summer" in Florida. That was a multiracial institute for youth committed to public financing of elections and other reforms. I was later a drafter of the "Voter Bill of Rights." And in 2004, I organized the "No Stolen Elections!" campaign, later known as the Ohio presidential recount. Today, corporate financing of elections sets the limits of social progress. We must remove those limits through public financing of elections.
2. Costs from the old energy sources will continue to increase. As they do, Wisconsin must apply a regimen of regulation and incentives to move our manufacturing ahead of the curve, leading to a clean energy future based on wind, solar, and biomass, not on coal or nuclear sources that are finite and poison our air, land, and waters -- and children. I have a personal stake in the green economy. On Earth Day, 2010, Sarah and I launched the award-winning website, PosiPair.com, to deliver complete transparency to the green economy and to reward genuinely responsible businesses. Last year, I organized the Future Cities 2009 conference. And for 20 years I was an organizer with Greenpeace, Clean Wisconsin, and the Greens. See <http://VoteManski.com>
3. My colleague, Mike McCabe of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, gets it right when he says, "Voters should choose their elected representatives, and not the other way around." Politician-drawn legislative districts have added still more "incumbent protection" to a system already heavily weighted in favor of officeholders. The legislative service agency model has worked well in Iowa, and independent citizen commissions have worked well in other states. I am open-minded about the means of reform, but I am committed to reforming our redistricting system before the redistricting scheduled to happen after the 2010 census. As your representative, I pledge that I will not vote for any redistricting plan that has been drawn by politicians.
4. We should be proud of our efforts to extend access to health care through the BadgerCare program. But BadgerCare is now in trouble, suspending new adult enrollments, denying vital services, and harming health professionals due to the budget crisis. My budget plan, outlined in Question 6, will help resist the pressure for further cuts in health services. But patches on our current for-profit system aren't enough. On health policy, Wisconsin must lead the way, as it has done on so many other progressive reforms. As your representative, I will work to pass a statewide single-payer program modeled on Senator Mark Miller's Health Security Act. I refuse to accept a system in which people suffer or even die for lack of the ability to pay.
5. I support these reforms designed to strengthen local control over local representatives, and will work to adopt them as steps toward full public financing of elections. If we the people don't invest in our democracy, major corporations will. They want favors in return for their campaign donations -- favors that cost the public much, much more in the long run. I grew up on the west side, and went to Randall, Van Hise, and Madison West High schools, and to the UW here. My values were formed in Madison's progressive 77th Assembly District. I am a candidate because I believe it essential that those progressive values -- not narrow corporate interests -- are represented in the state legislature.
6. As detailed on my website, I propose to: 1) Increase enforcement and remove loopholes to close the "tax gap" between taxes owed and taxes paid, now over a billion dollars a year; 2) Increase revenue by more than a billion dollars a year by raising the top tax rate and making our taxes fairer; 3) Raise hundreds of millions of dollars in new revenue through the legalization, regulation and taxation of marijuana, as Californians are now considering; 4) Phase in a major cut in our prison population, saving hundreds of millions of dollars a year; (5) Enact "Green Scissors" cuts to environmentally damaging subsidies recommended by the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, League of Conservation Voters and Taxpayers for Common Sense.
7. I support these initiatives. But we must also address the underlying problem, which is the offensive idea that corporations have a constitutional right to buy elections. On January 21, in Citizens United v. FEC, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that corporations are "disadvantaged persons," entitled to protection by the federal courts. Justice Stevens was correct in his dissent, writing that: "Corporations ... are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established." I co-founded MovetoAmend.org, the national movement to overrule the Supreme Court. As your representative, I will sponsor legislation joining Wisconsin with other states in redeeming our democracy from corporate influence.

8. The economic and ecological crises we face both stem from a deeper democracy crisis. The domination of our government by a few major corporations and their lobbyists is our greatest obstacle to winning progressive reform. Small business, workers, retirees, children, and nature cannot compete with big corporate money. That is why we must apply solutions like public financing, abolition of corporate personhood, and proportional representation, among others. In my responses to these questions, I've given you a taste of my roots, experience, and commitment to building a democracy movement. Please join me with your vote. Let's make history on election day. I invite you to learn more about me, and share your ideas, at <http://VoteManski.com>

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Community Involvement: (National Guard - 6 years) (Habitat for Humanity - 2 years) (Here's Life Inner City - 1 summer)

Questions:

1. I believe we need to focus on balancing the State budget and paying off public debts. If voters want this type of financing to be required we will need to make cuts elsewhere in the budget to cover this cost.
2. I will ensure that the state government does not subsidize oil, natural gas, or other fossil fuels. I will work to eliminate government interventions that distort the market towards fossil fuels, and let the consumers decide which form of energy has better merit.
3. The Wisconsin Constitution currently gives the duty of redrawing the district lines to the state legislature. While this process has become corrupted, and given one party advantage over the other party, we the people of Wisconsin have allowed our politicians to act in such a way. I have not yet made decision as to which of three options above would be best. I do believe that since it will take an amendment to our State Constitution to change this process, the current system in our State Constitution must be followed until an amendment has been ratified.
4. Wisconsin has a responsibility to fund the services for which our State Constitution authorizes, first and foremost. Once these services are fully financed and paid for, Wisconsin must repay all of its debts. If there is still a surplus after such obligations have been paid for then Wisconsin has a duty to return the money to citizens and encourage the citizens to take care of the poor and disadvantaged through donations and charities.
5. I believe we need to focus on balancing the State budget and paying off public debts. If voters want this type of financing to be required we will need to make cuts elsewhere in the budget to cover this cost.
6. We should meet our obligations under our State Constitution first, and pay off public debts next. The people of Wisconsin already pay a significant amount of their earnings in taxes. The businesses of Wisconsin are struggling due to the high cost business in Wisconsin. Wisconsin must cut spending and offer incentives for new business to start up in Wisconsin. Revenue can only be raised if there are sufficient revenues in the private sector to pay for the cost public services. In short, in order for Wisconsin to raise revenue, we must attract new jobs in the private sector.

7. I believe that registration, reporting, and advertising disclaimer requirements on for corporate election spending would unfairly applied unless mass media, unions, and other forms of media were all included in such regulation. This would undoubtedly be an intrusion on first amendment rights. For a better explanation of this please refer Campaign for Liberty's website at <http://www.campaignforliberty.com/blog.php?view=34280>. Shareholders have the option of selling stock, electing a new board, or altering company bylaws in order to prevent their money from being spent on elections. If citizens choose to give up or restrict their first amendment rights I encourage them to do so through amending the U.S. Constitution.
8. 1.Balance the state budget - As private businessman one of my responsibilities in my company is to review our company expenditures on safety related items. I have identified duplication spending on business publications and reduced our publications to 2 reliable sources. I have discovered ineffective programs and redeveloped them to ensure they produced the desired effect. I have also discovered new and more efficient ways to meet the statutory and regulatory requirements. 2.Alter the regulatory environment to help encourage business start-ups - As a private businessman I understand what kind of environment best fosters growth. 3.Freeze and if possible decrease taxes on individuals and businesses. 4.Go 2 website for more details please.

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Community Involvement: Activist for better government since 1978 Volunteer at 'Madison Children's Museum'

Questions:

1. no
2. reduce excessive taxes and regulations to; 1.attract new firms and branches, 2. attract entrepreneurs to start new businesses
3. an 'independent citizen commission', based on existing county and other borders, and without regard to party registration of residents. count only legal residents
4. make licensing optional; bring price competition to health care; allow multi-state insurance plans; ie, get the gov't out of health!! private charity for the truly needy (by churches, etc) Idea; Make the primary in June. The Sep primary favors incumbents (they made the law!!!) by forcing challengers to fight each other until Sep., then just 45 days for the survivor to fight th incumbent. A scandal. see my home page
 - a. no public matching funds, b. no rebate; The mark of a quality candidate (serious, good character, hard worker) is the ability to raise money.
5. cut spending; 1. no subsidies to business, culture, PBS, etc 2. reduce govt employee headcount and benefits, especially to unionized govt employees (pensions, health, etc)
6. yes and yes
7. I am a proven success in the results-oriented business world. I say the gov'ts only job is to protect our rights from violation, or threat, by others. If you are not violating, or threatening, someone else's rights, what you do is none of their business. The goal is more peace, prosperity, ethics and justice for all (no favorites). Gov't has no role in 'managing' the economy, starting business, running our lives, etc. They make it worse with their interference. We should enact our States Rights by nullifying unconstitutional federal laws (see my home page). End the wars for oil and

empire in Iraq and Afghan! My books (see them on my personal site www.forward-usa.org), and campaign site (www.redick-77.com) tell the whole story. Please join me

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Experience: As stated in more detail at wadeforassembly.org, I have practiced law in Madison since 1987, served for 11 years as an attorney for the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (including 3 years as a Senior Executive in the Enforcement Division), taught courses in American Government and Corporation Law, and worked on the staff of the Wisconsin State Senate. I earned an M.A. in American History, did additional graduate work under Stanley Kutler at the UW-Madison, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School. I have also written an article on the Governor's partial veto power in the March 2008 edition of the Wisconsin Lawyer magazine, and authored a number of guest columns for the Wisconsin State Journal and the Capital Times

Community Involvement: I have served as a Director of The Madison Institute for about 10 years, and for 2 years as a Director of the League of Women Voters of Dane County. Since 2003, I have also served as a member of the Finance Committee of the Village of Shorewood Hills, which is responsible for preparing Village budgets and making recommendations to the Village Board with respect to other financial matters. I also served as Chair of a Village committee that was established to help minimize the environmental impacts of the UW Co-Generation plant, and wrote the committee report, which was sent to the Governor, the Public Service Commission and others. The report is posted at wadeforassembly.org as an example of how I would deal with environmental issues.

Questions:

1. I support a system of public financing for all state elections similar to the system that the Impartial Justice Act has created for elections to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This Act requires that candidates may qualify for public financing by collecting a threshold amount of contributions in small amounts, and provides for supplemental public funding if an opponent of a qualifying candidate does not accept public financing, and spends more than the original grant of public funds to a candidate who qualified. I believe such an approach could reduce the influence of money and special interests, encourage more candidates to run, stimulate debate on public policy issues, and give voters a wider range of choices when they vote.
2. I would give a high priority to helping Wisconsin manufacturing remain competitive as we move toward a clean energy economy, and away from fossil fuels like coal and oil. In this context, I would consider support for incentives and other measures that would encourage the development and production of renewable sources of energy within the State, in order to reduce the cost of renewable energy, create markets for Wisconsin companies that manufacture products that can contribute to the production of renewable energy, and keep some of the billions of dollars that we now pay for coal and oil inside the state of Wisconsin, where it can be spent on Wisconsin products, or invested in Wisconsin businesses.
3. The current system for redrawing legislative districts has created increasingly partisan districts that protect incumbents, discourage credible opponents, and lead to dysfunctional partisanship in the Legislature. Accordingly, I would consider support for reforms to have district lines drawn by a nonpartisan legislative service agency, by an independent citizen commission, or initially by the Legislature, with the nonpartisan Government Accountability Board empowered to determine whether the proposal meets defined criteria, and to implement a different plan if the Legislature's

proposal does not. I would want any reform plan to include safeguards to assure that partisans are not able to subvert the ideal of nonpartisan redistricting.

4. I support the goal of equal access to health insurance coverage. If elected, I would seek the best available information and advice with respect to the specific steps that may be needed to eliminate disparities in access to health care services from those who provide, and those who receive, such services. At the present time, I do not have any specific proposals that address this issue.
5. I would consider providing candidates with public matching funds for small contributions that they receive from people who live within their district. However, I would want to learn more about the reasons for and against this proposal before making a final decision. I would also consider a tax rebate or tax credit for individuals who make such donations, but I would lean toward opposition, because the tax laws are already too complicated, and I am not persuaded that either option would have a significant impact in encouraging individuals to give more.
6. I believe we need to strike a balance that preserves funding for the University of Wisconsin and public education, because education and research is the best prescription for creating more jobs. For example, academic research and development is already a \$1.1 billion industry that provides more than 38,000 jobs. See wadeforassembly.org. While closing the budget gap will require the State to adjust its priorities, develop smarter and more efficient ways to provide public services, and find some additional revenues, we also need to preserve funding for basic public services, such as environmental protection, law enforcement, consumer and child protection, regulation and licensing, and the maintenance of our roads and bridges.
7. In *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that corporations are "persons," who have the same freedom of speech as an individual, and therefore may spend unlimited amounts of money to influence the outcome of elections. In response, I support a constitutional amendment to make clear that corporations are not entitled to the First Amendment rights of individual citizens. I support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. In addition, I support legislation that would require corporations to notify their shareholders about plans to engage in election spending, and to obtain the permission of their shareholders to engage in election spending.
8. My legislative priorities include the environment; support for the University of Wisconsin, PK-12 education and public employees; and a constitutional amendment to prevent governors from using the partial veto power to create new laws without legislative approval. I could more effectively address those issues, because I have the broadest experience of any candidate, including service at the federal, state, and local levels of government, and more than 30 years of work as a lawyer. I have been endorsed as the best choice by Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Attorney Ed Garvey, former Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Elizabeth Burmaster. Please visit wadeforassembly.org to learn more.

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Community Involvement: Alderman City of Middleton 1998 - 2003 Mayor City of Middleton 2003 2007

Questions:

1. I wouldn't oppose it, but I question its potential success with public contributions declining. Also, a publicly funded candidate can not compete with one using unlimited private donations. I believe the solution is to take both the incentive and opportunity for big money contributors (especially PACs) to buy candidates in the state legislature. Terms for the Legislature should be extended to four years with a two term limit. The legislature should also return to being part-time. This would discourage career elected officials and reduce their focus on raising campaign funds each year they are in office. With the current two year terms, representatives are barely sworn into office before they start raising funds for their next campaign.
2. By providing tax incentives to businesses who comply for a limited number of years allowing them to recover a portion of their investment. The tax incentives could be in a variety of forms including waiving any sales tax on equipment purchased to meet the clean energy goals, a greater tax deduction for expenses incurred or many other options that defer collection of additional taxes and not direct payments from the state.
3. An independent citizens commission. The legislature (incumbents) has too great a self benefit from the process and "legislative service agencies" are too vulnerable to legislative influences both directly and indirectly. Let the "people" do it. They can't do any worse than what has been done in the past.
4. There are several things that can be done. 1. Offer incentives to medical students to practice in underserved areas for a period of years (4 to 6) in return for Medical School tuition and/or other educational expenses. 2. Utilize more 4th year medical students to work for extended periods (2 to 6 months) providing basic medical services and screening in underserved areas. 3. Add more medical students from underserved areas. 4. Make a binding commitment to serve in an underserved area for a period of years (2-4) a condition for acceptance to Medical School. 5. Work with urban medical centers to establish satellite staffing at local facilities in underserved areas using doctors from the urban area to staff shifts.
5. Yes if accompanied by major campaign reform that would balance the playing field for all candidates. See my answer to Q1
6. Ideally the best solution is to generate more income through an improved state economy. We need to focus on creating jobs especially in the private sector and especially among small and locally owned businesses. We can do a better job of allocating current revenues and cutting some spending. We need to examine major budget items especially those that have significantly increased in the past 10 and 20 years such as our prison budget. Do we really want to spend more on prisons than education? We need to look for redundancy and obsolescence in government. We need to control major cost items such as travel, vehicles and energy. We need to return to a part-time legislature. That will be a significant savings.
7. Yes and yes. All campaign advertising should identify who paid for it and if a committee or PAC paid for it, the names of the individuals who contributed to that organization for public information and review. As far as corporations are concerned, they should not be allowed to spend unlimited funds for any public election. This problem needs to be corrected. Citizens will never be able to raise enough money to compete with large and often multi-national corporations in political elections. The Supreme Court ruling opened the door for substantial foreign influence in our elections by non-citizens who otherwise would not be eligible to vote. Stockholders should be required to approve all corporate political funding.
8. I believe that we need to develop a sustainable long-term balanced budget. It will result in balanced taxes, a healthier business climate, a healthier educational system and more jobs. Since 2000 the state has used deceptive and illegal methods to roll deficits over year to year resulting in an actual debt of \$2.7 billion in 2009 (Wis.Taxpayer Alliance). We need to pay off the current debt of \$2.7 billion and grow the state economy by promoting a healthy business climate that attracts new businesses and encourages expansion among established businesses. We can not continue to grow state debt and expect positive consequences. 1. A balanced budget without projected debt or increased tax rates 2. Job growth and growth of our economy

Wisconsin Assembly District 78

Mark Pocan



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City/Town: Madison

Experience: Elected to State Legislature Since 1998, Previously served on Dane County Board 1991-1996

Questions:

1. I have been the lead sponsor in the State Assembly of the Clean Elections bill, providing for 100% public financing of campaigns for state offices. I continue to support this type of campaign financing.
2. Over 98 percent of the dollars spent on energy in Wisconsin leaves our state. We need to continue the work started this session that invests in creating jobs in companies that create green jobs, as well as create a substantial standard for renewable energy in our state. When we build wind mills and solar in our state, those are good paying jobs that help the economy right here in Wisconsin.
3. I have co-sponsored legislation that would create an independent citizen commission to draw legislative lines. I feel this is the best way to have fairness be the dominant factor in redistricting.
4. This was a good session for expanding access to health care, and hopefully next session we can do more. This session we passed legislation that provided for mental health parity in insurance coverage. We also expanded Badgercare so that every child in Wisconsin has access to healthcare, and 98 percent of the people in our state can have access to some sort of health care plan. I supported all of these measures.
5. Part of the Clean Elections bill I authored would have provided public funds for campaigns, with the qualifier being collecting a number of very small (\$5) contributions for a campaign. As for a tax rebate or credit for donations, I would have to take a closer look at that. I do think that might be a partial measure, far less significant than public financing of campaigns, however.
6. This session we faced a historic deficit due to the national economy. While we did find substantial cuts were necessary to get through this crisis, we also provided for tax fairness by closing corporate tax loopholes and raising taxes only on the top 1 percent of taxpayers. In the next budget we will still face tough decisions. I would guess that a balance of cuts and revenue will again occur, until a time that the economy resumes at the level it was prior to the national economic crisis.
7. Yes and yes.
8. My goal has been to be a strong voice for progressive values. This session we enacted a variety of good, progressive measures including creating a domestic partnership, helping create green jobs, enacting public funding for supreme court elections, banning fundraising during the state budget, passing stronger drunk driving legislation, getting smarter on tackling crime and prison spending, fighting deeper cuts to education and much, much more. I hope to continue to be a strong voice for progressive values similar to this past session, with more of an emphasis on civil rights, addressing the crisis in educational funding, working for a cleaner Wisconsin, and more.

Wisconsin Assembly District 79

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Questions:

1. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau said that this act when fully implemented could cost \$3.5 million per Supreme Court Election. That cost is out of balance with the voters today. At this point, full disclosure of the amounts and sources of all donations would be a less expensive option that voters could support.
2. We must develop opportunities for growth and expansion and encourage new companies to come to our state. I would oppose policies that could destroy jobs or make the state less competitive. Wisconsin must reduce taxes or add tax incentives to attract and keep manufacturing jobs in our state.
3. Legislative districts should provide choices for voters. We may want to look at a non partisan board to help with redrawing district lines.
4. A free market solution to bring down the cost of health care such as transparency, portability and competition among insurers. Wellness incentives should be implemented to help address the underlying problems driving up the cost of health care. Individuals should not be subject to government health care mandates.
5. Maybe I would be open to the idea, but I need more data on the tax rebate or credit for donations.
6. State Government needs to prioritize all spending. We also need to review laws that are redundant and those that are obsolete.
7. Yes, I support full disclosure of all campaign spending including corporations and labor unions. Requiring corporations to get permission from shareholders could be difficult logistically, given that mutual funds can also own shares.
8. My priorities include creation of new jobs, government spending cuts, and a strong educational system. I would work with all elected officials to balance the budget. During my term as Mayor of Fitchburg, I dealt with balancing a budget, spending cuts, and also brought new jobs to the city. In addition, I was instrumental in helping bring a new library to Fitchburg.

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Experience: Elected in 2002 now serving as Chair of Education; member of Corrections and the Courts; Children and Families; Consumer Protection; Homeland Security and State Affairs; Aging and Long Term Care; Rural Affairs; Education Reform; Medicaid Reform; Rural Affairs; and Small Business. Also served on Special Committee on School Safety and now appointed to serve on Special Committee on Infant Mortality and Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families.

Community Involvement: Long an advocate for public education, serving on numerous task forces and committees within the school district while leading a variety of district PTA's; church secretary, Sunday School teacher, Bible School Director, Youth Committee; Girl Scout leader; employed by Wisconsin Association of Families and Children; Madison Community Foundation and Foundation for Madison's Public Schools.

Questions:

1. I firmly support the idea of public financing of elections particularly in view of the recent expansion of special interest money being spent on campaigns. Among other advantages, public financing would allow spending caps to be implemented which would level the playing field for all candidates and end the media circus we now endure. Individual voters should have the most powerful voices in determining who will represent them in public office and this is not possible when special interests and corporations are allowed to spend extravagant amounts of money on campaigns that they believe will further their particular agenda. Elected officials would come to their positions primarily concerned with the interests of the constituents in mind.
2. We can become more than just competitive, we can take the lead on clean energy development and energy efficient technologies. We can create public and private partnerships that support the creation of clean energy jobs and training in innovative ways such as retooling closed production plants to become clean energy manufacturing facilities. We can offer incentives, grants, and

rebates for jobs, services, and goods that support clean energy. Our colleges, universities and tech schools must be encouraged to support these goals. Clean and renewable energy is also about conservation and efficient use of the energy we use and we can add incentives to those who are thoughtful users of energy in such ways as rebates for energy efficient cars.

3. I'm not convinced that any single one of the entities listed should be entrusted with redistricting in and of itself. Having talked with a variety of experts on the subject I've come to recognize that some combination of all three might better be the right mix of non partisanship and expertise. This is an area where few have expertise and understanding of the process and I've discovered enough pluses and minuses in each of the choices to become inclined to not single out one particular method over the others. My biggest concern is that whatever method is chosen, it be one which is as fair as possible, and, to the extent possible, takes recognized community and geographic boundaries into consideration.
4. Believing that health care should be a right and not a privilege, I also believe that access to quality health care is equally important. In order to provide better access to health care services we could encourage health care providers and support staff to live and work in those areas less served through the use of such incentives as school loan forgiveness or assistance, access to internet services, availability of education services and training, and the development of purchasing pools for medical supplies and equipment for their facilities.
5. I would support a variety of methods which would limit the influence of special interests in campaign funding. Candidates will best serve their constituencies when political campaigns are funded by those whom they represent instead of those with the deepest pockets . Matching public funds for small contributions from constituents would be a reasonable basis to support that idea. Tax rebates or tax credits would support those who wish to financially support candidates with whom they share ideals and platforms. Candidates would also have a better grasp of their constituents' expectations as to they are to be represented.
6. As we have had to do in the past, we must first continue to look to spending cuts while maintaining the essential services such as schools, police and fire protections, snow removal, garbage pickup, transportation infrastructure, etc. We could consider raising fees where possible although I'm less inclined to do that. By creating more revenue producing jobs and lessening the need for public support services we can address the budget gap through more positive means. Having faced this situation during several previous budgets we have proven that we can meet the challenge.
7. Yes, I support registration, reporting and advertising disclaimer requirements for corporate election spending. I also agree that corporations need to inform shareholders of the intention to engage in election spending.
8. My priority has been, and will continue to be, providing a quality education for all of our youth. We must give special attention to school funding reform and to students whose needs are difficult to meet - those in poverty, English language learners, those requiring special education services, etc. I will continue my priority to work toward the creation of jobs that can provide adequate wages to support families, protecting our environment, development of a clean, renewable energy economy and addressing the many issues that are particular to women and girls.

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Experience: candidate in 2008 w/o primary

Questions:

1. Nevermind the finances. Change the law to allow cross party votes in the primary. Allow only the top two candidates to advance regardless of party affiliation. Eliminate same day registration. Enroll photo identification at the polls. Allow a major party to exempt two candidates from obtaining signatures.
2. Wisconsin will not remain competitive, businesses will move to the next state. Do away with clean energy. Let the states next to us do it first. Let China do it first.
3. Yawn. Seriously, the map is a mess. I am not an incumbent, so it would not matter to me. I live on the edge of three districts.

4. The government cannot make things fair, not without red tape nightmares that are not enforceable. The private sector will fix it without the government messing things up. The prices inflate when government sticks its dirty fingers into the process.
5. No, just force newspapers to publish a candidates response in their own words. Have the state sponsor a web site for all candidates. This online survey costs me nothing, is your site worth my time?
6. Cut spending. There is too much money in government anyway. People are over paid. Government is inefficient and runs out of other people's money.
7. Corporations hire lobbyist, what is the point. How about permission from union members?
8. I will vote for a balanced budget with a rainy day fund, or a positive balance month to month. I will vote for cuts in spending, first and especially in education. Let the teachers go if they do not want a cut in pay, and hold them accountable to student performance. The rest of the cuts in spending may be across the board. I do not intend to ever vote for legislation in the dark of night. As a truck driver, we are required to take ten hours off duty. Redraw the district maps.

Wisconsin Assembly District 80

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Questions: No response

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Experience: I have a Degree in Finance from MATC, worked for over 20 years doing small business accounting for Ringhand Meats and other small businesses in Evansville. I worked part time for 3 years as Executive Director of the Friends of the Evansville Community/Senior Center, currently known as Creekside Place, a non-profit group proposing to build a Community & Senior Center in Evansville, raising over \$1.2 Million for the project. This project just received a CDBG Grant from the Department of Commerce for \$500,000.00 and will break ground by September 2010.

Community Involvement: I have served on Evansville City Council from 1998-2002 & 2008 to present, as Mayor of Evansville from 2002-2006. I have served on many committees including Finance, Water & Light, Planning, Economic Development, Public Works, Park & Recreation Board, Public Safety and Fire District. I have served on the Stoughton Hospital Board of Directors for 5 years, currently as Vice Chair; Rock County Literacy Connection for 2 years, currently Vice President; Business Agent for Brooklyn Sportsman's Club for 20 years; Evansville Chamber of Commerce Member for 15 years; Evansville Energy Initiative; Oregon Transportation Committee; Evansville Schools Vision and Facility Committee and others.

Questions:

1. I would favor public financing of campaigns but we need to consider the impact on our current budget short fall.
2. I have been involved in renewable energy projects in my home town of Evansville for several years and believe there is great potential for clean energy jobs. One example, we installed a wind turbine this summer at our Waste Water Treatment Plant, maintenance will be necessary, creating jobs in that field. We need to provide educational/vocational training for these new technology jobs.
3. I believe a nonpartisan group or independent group would draw unbiased district lines.
4. We are on the right track with Badger Care and Badger Care Plus, but we need to expand these services to include dental care which is a major issue with a lot of our residents. New dental programs are being created and I would support expanding them in the state. Insurance for mental health care has been greatly reduced, we need to reinstate funds for this service.

5. Matching funds might encourage more local giving but we still need to watch the budget.
6. We need to do both, spending cuts have been taking place for a long time, and revenue has been decreasing. We need to stop the loss of funds through tax loop holes and uncollected taxes that are due.
7. I support open and transparent reporting on where funds are coming from for election campaign spending. I support requiring notification of shareholders.
8. Job retention & creation, promote renewable energy and clean air, health care for the majority of our residents.

Wisconsin Assembly District 81

Kelda Helen Roys

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 82

William L. Gamble



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Community Involvement: Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Boy Scouts Disabled American Veterans 128th/440th Community Council

Questions:

1. No. The ability to run for office is a personal choice and the best candidates are self starters who will work hard to earn the funds it requires to mount an effective campaign.
2. We have to enable entrepreneurs retain the ability to recapitalize their businesses. Whenever we legislate changes that alter the business climate, we need to ensure those changes can be capitalized into the business. First and foremost, this means we don't hamstring productivity with excessive regulation and taxation. If we want real technological advancement, then we need to ensure our legislative actions are not punitive actions that will discourage entrepreneurship, stunt job growth or drive jobs out of our local communities.
3. We need an impartial system to draw legislative districts and that responsibility must be codified in law. The legislative districts have been treated as spoils of war by the party in power over the years and that is a dis-service to the people being represented. This obviously rules out the legislature as the source of redistricting lines.
4. Wisconsin and the USA have the greatest health care system on this planet. No one gets turned away from an Emergency Room and denied emergency care. With Medicare, Medicaid and

BadgerCare, practically anyone who needs care can get exceptional care. While the big complaints are that the cost of care is skyrocketing; it is doing so in response to the amount of care we get the government to legislate the insurers to provide for us. The greatest advances in medicine over the last 50 years came from our medical system. If we are going to keep from rationing care or limiting services, our health care system must remain in the private sector.

5. Wisconsin currently has a system to provide public funds if a candidate pledges to run the campaign according to the state's plan. I would rather see individuals able to get a tax rebate of sorts as a way to encourage all citizens to participate in the elections process.
6. The state must do everything required to stop the excessive spending which created the budget gaps. Most importantly, it must encourage private sector growth which produces local jobs and local tax revenue. When the citizens are on hard times, so is the government. The state's tax revenue is completely dependent on a healthy economy and needs to be encouraging job growth. The more tax money the government removes from the economy, the harder it becomes for citizens to earn it, businesses to provide it and ultimately for the government to collect tax revenue. Cutting spending combined with stimulating private sector growth is the only answer.
7. Everyone who advertises for or against a candidate should put a disclaimer on all advertisements.
8. The state has one responsibility to the people and that is do impartial justice to all citizens. I will work for all citizens in the 82nd Assembly District with the highest level of professionalism just as when I was an airline pilot and as an officer in the US Air Force. This means doing what is right and in accordance with the founding documents of this state and country. The state must be conduit that encourages entrepreneurship, maintains the infrastructure and ensures the elderly and disabled have a safety net to take care of them.

Jeff Stone

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 83

Scott L. Gunderson

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Questions: No response

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City/Town: Muskego

Experience: No prior elected office; Member, Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Muskego since May 2008; Member, Census Committee for the Village of Hales Corners since June 2009; Past president, Cardinal Stritch University student government.

Community Involvement: Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce (Ambassador), Hales Corners Chamber of Commerce (Board member), Muskego Kiwanis Club (President), Marketing/Promotion

Study Group of the Muskego Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, Muskego Moose Lodge 1057.

Questions:

1. Yes. I am committed to meaningful, bipartisan campaign finance reform.
2. Expanded tax incentives for manufacturers wishing to expand in, or relocate to, the state. Similarly, expanded tax incentives for manufacturers who demonstrate a commitment to operating cleaner and leaner.
3. Either a nonpartisan legislative service agency or an independent citizen commission.
4. There is no one-size-fits-all solution to reigning in out-of-control healthcare costs and improving quality and accessibility. That's why the state needs to be open to a wide array of ideas, including tax credits, health savings accounts, electronic health records, legislation mandating the disclosure of quality-control statistics and prices by healthcare providers, increased tax incentives for businesses wishing to implement or expand on a health/wellness program for their employees, and allowing the pooling of resources by small businesses to strengthen their abilities to negotiate better prices for coverage. The state also needs to continue looking for ways in which it can strengthen the BadgerCare program and expand access to it.
5. Yes to both questions. Again, I am committed to meaningful, bipartisan campaign finance reform.
6. State government needs to continue looking for ways it can be more cost efficient. That's a given. However, I do not believe that spending cuts alone will close the budget gap. We need to raise revenue from somewhere, and I am a big advocate for taking a good, hard look at the possibility of placing a greater emphasis on the role of the state sales tax, provided that property owners are given significant relief.
7. Yes to both questions. Doing so will provide for greater accountability, hence strengthening our democracy.
8. Priorities are job creation, education reform, mass transit, and expanding broadband access. Due to space limitations here, I'll just address broadband and transit. As a small business owner, and, having grown up in the "Internet Age", I've witnessed firsthand the many doors that have been opened because of Internet access. It provides countless opportunities to learn, network, and do business. That's why I'm committed to expanding broadband across the state, particularly to rural and poorer areas. Transit: What better way to strengthen our state's economic output than to provide a means to bring in outside shoppers to a town; to expand the available labor pool; to connect business professionals with one another; to foster tourism?

Wisconsin Assembly District 84

Perry Grutza

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

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Experience: Self employed for 35 years

Community Involvement: Jaycees, Rotary, Peace Lutheran Church

Questions:

1. No
2. Do not pass Cap and Trade or Green Jobs Bill.
3. The Legislature
4. Allow residents to purchase insurance across state lines. This will result in better mental and dental services.
5. No and No
6. We need to freeze/cut spending and set priorities that are within the budget of taxes collected. Above all we should not raise taxes.
7. I do support disclaimers. I do not support requiring corporations to notify shareholders of their election spending. Unions are not required to get permission from their members.
8. To bring common sense fiscal responsibility to address the 2.5 billion dollar deficit the State of Wisconsin is facing. To make sure government is accountable to the taxpayers of this state. Reduce property taxes and business taxes. Create a friendly business climate so businesses will choose to come here, instead of leaving. Repeal Combined Reporting. For the Senior Citizens, who worked hard and contributed to their communities, I would freeze their property taxes the day they retired so they could stay in their homes for as long as they wanted to. My qualifications to address these issues comes from being in business for 35 years and listening to the concerns of over 26,000 residents over the last 8 years. Speaking to them, one on one.

Larry Don Vanpool

Party: D

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 85

Charles R. Eno

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, AMVETS Riders, Veterans for Peace, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, YMCA, Campaign for Liberty, Gun Owners of Wisconsin, First Universalist Unitarian Church

Questions:

1. We advocate election law reforms that make it easier for the people to nominate and finance the election of the candidates of their choice. We are skeptical of laws passed by the major parties regarding financing of partisan races.
2. Wisconsin must have plentiful and inexpensive sources of energy to maintain the industries we have and compete for new industry interested in taking advantage our work force. Any options which are more costly or involve more red tape are unacceptable.
3. The Government Accountability Board seems like a logical choice for redrawing legislative districts.
4. Not sure how to address the problem yet, but if there is a need for government sponsored health care, the government involved should be our state government, where we have some influence, not Washington.
5. Not sure. I am suspicious of the Legislature drafting laws affecting how they can be reelected more easily.
6. Even if spending for all state programs was absolutely frozen for two years and we had normal revenue growth, the budget gap would still be \$778 million. Our constitution requires the budget be balanced. The budget dilemma has no easy answers. Economic growth won't do it, even if robust. A spending freeze and cuts to agency operations budgets won't get it done. Increasing taxes on high earners or other selected groups won't solve the budget gap. And, there will be no more federal stimulus funds in the future because Washington is awash with red ink. There must be a fundamental evaluation of how much Wisconsin citizens can afford to spend for government services and a thorough review of the state's system of financing services.
7. Corporate elections spending could be more transparent. Corporations notifying shareholders and offering a political action rebate would be similar to what some unions do.
8. Wisconsin citizens must insist that our government officials follow our state constitution and make use of provisions in the national Constitution, especially the 9th and 10th amendments, to protect ourselves and future generations. I would use my constitutional priorities to correct budgetary mismanagement, update our state gun laws to conform to our constitution, safeguard our Wisconsin Guard by reasserting control and protecting it from Pentagon abuse, and defend our state sovereignty according to the Bill of Rights. My specific qualifications to effectively address these issues are as a concerned, educated and informed citizen of Wisconsin. I offer my services to citizens of the 85th District to send a message to Madison.

Donna J. Seidel



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Questions:

1. Last session, Assembly Democrats made significant changes to our state's campaign finance laws by passing the Impartial Justice Act and banning fundraising during the budget process. I would like to see the application of the Impartial Justice Act expanded, but I have concerns about the practicality of doing so, particularly given our current budget constraints. The Fiscal Bureau estimated that the Impartial Justice Act could cost as much as \$3.5 million per Supreme Court

race, and the optional nature of the funding source could present additional challenges in a down economy.

2. Wisconsin's economy has added nearly 30,000 jobs in 2010, with approximately a third of those jobs coming from the manufacturing sector. Manufacturing remains a critical sector of our economy, and last session Assembly Democrats took critical steps to ensure that our manufacturing industry would be prepared for the jobs of tomorrow by passing "Green to Gold" and creating powerful grant programs for other manufacturing facility upgrades.
3. As you know, the Legislature will be responsible for redistricting next session. While we must honor current law at this time, I am open to hearing alternative plans for redistricting moving forward. It is my understanding that each approach has its advantages and disadvantages. I am particularly interested in the plan recently advanced by Tom Barrett and would like to review it more closely.
4. Last session, Assembly Democrats took historic steps in expanding access to mental health coverage, going beyond what was done at the federal level. Expanding access to dental coverage will continue to be a critical issue, particularly in the rural areas of our state. Assembly Democrats took an important first step in this regard last session by passing Senate Bill 656, providing \$10 million in bonding authority to Marshfield Clinic to aid in the construction of a rural dental access facility.
5. Over the course of the past four years, we have witnessed an explosion in the number of large, out of state campaign contributions in Wisconsin state legislative races. I would certainly support a matching fund system for small contributions in theory, but I would have to analyze the fiscal effect of a particular proposal before I could agree to support it. I am not familiar enough with the tax credit program to agree to lend my support at this point, but it is certainly something I would be interested in learning more about. All options for minimizing the influence that large, out of state donors have on local elections should be explored.
6. Last session, Assembly Democrats addressed a record budget deficit by making historic, across the board spending cuts. These deep cuts protected the vast majority of Wisconsinites from tax increases. In addition, Assembly Democrats avoided a sales tax increase and held the line on property tax increases. We will face additional challenges next session but Assembly Democrats will continue to stand up for working families. Our tax rankings are at their lowest level in nearly 50 years and I will continue to work on that trend.
7. Yes. As we all know, the Citizen's United decision had a profound impact on long-standing Wisconsin campaign finance laws. I believe that voters should have the ability to determine who is financing a political ad. Fortunately, the GAB recently passed an emergency rule on this topic, and it is my understanding that it will be pursuing a permanent rule as well. Although legislation was proposed last session to address this issue, it did not pass. I look forward to working on this issue next session.
8. For the past year and a half my top priority has been getting our economy back on track and that will not change. Assembly Democrats have made great strides in this regard, and over the course of the past seven months we have added over 30,000 jobs to our economy and our unemployment rate has continued to drop. I have worked to foster meaningful relationships with workers, job creators and educators across the state and I will continue to seek their advice regarding our economy.

Wisconsin Assembly District 86

Frederick Melms

Party: I

Questions: It is this candidate's policy not to respond to questionnaires.

Jerry J. Petrowski

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Wausau School District School Board. PTA President Stettin School. Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader. Coached various youth sports teams (40 at last count), Recipient of the United Ways "Champion of Youth" and Wausau School District "Friend of the Wausau School District". Past Vice President of Saint Andrew Church Council, served on church council for 4 years. Currently serve as Chairman of the Youth Ministry. Volunteer of the Month (May 2010) at the Woodson YMCA Wausau, Co-chair of the Wausau East/West graduation party. Previous chair of the Wausau West Soccer Booster Club. Previous member of Marshfield Clinic Retention and Recruitment Committee Executive Committee for the 2010/2011 State Nordic Ski meet

Questions:

1. I support increased public financing in all state elections, although in our current financial condition any increase would be very difficult.
2. We need to partner with industry that is committed to keeping jobs in Wisconsin. That partnership can be through legislative incentives to help industry convert to cleaner energy. We have opportunities to create new industry and jobs in the clean energy field.
3. Currently the legislature redistricts and it is always contentious and costly. I would be interested in exploring different methods to make redistricting more economical and efficient.
4. The state can address this in many different ways. One way is to work with dentists and physicians to forgive loans if they practice in an under-served area. This is an area that we need to continue to search for new ideas to move forward.
5. We need to evaluate our current election finance system. Any rebates or tax credits would have to be examined through the current financial condition of our state.
6. We have to collect what is legally owed in our state and keep closing loopholes. There was some excellent work done in the last session cutting spending and a lot more of that work will have to be done this session. I have priorities that need to be protected, education, safety, health-care and job creating incentives. All options have to be left open to deal with our budget shortfall.
7. I think it is very important to know who is financing our elections. I support requirements that increase transparency. I will have to examine the idea of corporations getting permission from shareholders to engage in election spending before firming up my decision.
8. Top priority is to get people back to work. We need to partner with businesses that are committed to staying here in Wisconsin. Paying particular attention to industries that will be expanding in the years to come. In order to create an environment for private industry to grow we need a creative, innovative approach, not the status quo. I have the ability to think creatively and bring fresh new ideas to the table. We need to promote creativity and bring that to our manufacturing floors. That can be done through incentives for businesses (short term) and long term through quality life long education (long term).

Wisconsin Assembly District 87

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Questions:

1. Yes and get out private money
2. Make our state to be the first in the nation to implement infrastructure for CNG stations through tax incentives.Help new business's to open that retrofit vehicles to operate on natural gas,help new buisness's to open that install home station's.Since I was a young man I worked on farm's that fueled thier tractor's with L.P. and I personally knew of a store owner that sold 100 pound cylinder's that fueled his truck with L.P.Times right to do this many automaker's will follow suit when these primary step's are followed through.
3. I feel the only government entity that would perform this redistricting without any influence would be the Government Accountablity Board.
4. Work with Hospitals,clinics Doctors,Dentists and insurance companies to come up with a viable plan to be able help those more unfortunate.Not the plan that the federal government didn't read just squabble over a year when the citizen's of this country didn't want.
5. I feel with modern technology and with parcipitation from local media we could get the candidates message out.Money spent on campaign's is getting obcene and special intrerest group's and the current two major partys are setting adgenda for our state. Citizen's and buisness's voices are not being heard.If the state want's to have real campaign reform I would vote for fund's being payed to the media for coverage for all candidates.
6. Tax's aren't the answer,all buisness's from small to large have reduced operating cost's by reducing workforce and other aspect's of buissines expenses.By eliminating the same job's performed by more than one agency could do a lot to balance the budget.
7. Yes and Yes
8. Jobs, not outsourcing them.Trim state jobs that are redundant with county and DNR jobs.Not balance the budget with stimulas money when that money has to be payed back by the taxpayers that are struggling themselves.Hard choices have to be made,just the DNR alone buying property that we cannot afford.My qualifications would have to be that being a constuction foreman working with other trades on large sites takes an awful lot of comprizing to get the job done on time and under budget.I have worked on Dairy Farms,on the Factory floor and logging puts me in a pefect position to understand our state and citizens and their needs.

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Experience: I grew up helping run our family dairy farm. We sold our cows but restarted the farm 5 years ago. We have since been increasingly involved in local issues that affect the livelihood of family farms, local businesses, our schools, and our rural communities. After my final season of college basketball, I was a teacher's assistant while finishing my master's degree in Political Science. During this time, I organized for a nonprofit org called 9to5. I began to work with local, state, and even federal legislatures on policies for working families.

Community Involvement: I was an assistant basketball coach in Medford this past year. Member of the WI Farmers Union, Wildlife Restoration Ass., Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Medford Library, Ice Age Trail Alliance, and a former AFT and AFSCME member.

Questions:

1. Yes. While I support the concept of expanding public finance measures, the fiscal impact on state government needs to be taken into consideration, especially in light of state budget challenges we are likely to face next year.
2. Wisconsin needs to work with manufacturing and engineers in order to pivot our industries toward clean energy products and services. Wisconsin should lead the way in areas that relate most directly to the kinds of renewable fuels and products that make the most sense for the resources we have here, namely forest products and manufacturing.
3. Right now, the law indicates the legislature redistricts. I would like to look at the possible pluses and minuses to an alternative.
4. Some work has been done on this, but there are still major gaps. Satellite offices in rural areas to expanding dental and mental health services is an important issue. We have to make health deserts a priority when taking the next steps to ensuring all people have coverage.
5. We need to look at every option in an effort to minimize the influence of out of state groups and individuals on our local elections. The cost to state taxpayers needs to be considered with any proposal.
6. We need to go into the next state budget with priorities of education, health care, and public safety. All options have to be on the table in order to balance the state budget next year.
7. Yes. Disclosure is an important part of transparency in campaigns. The Government Accountability Board passed an emergency rule on this issue and we need to make sure that is followed. Voters deserve to know I look forward to looking into this issue further in the future.
8. 1. Investing in rural industries in order to create sustainable jobs in the Northwoods. 2. Working to ensure the school funding formula is stabilized and rural districts get their fair share of the state funding. 3. Protecting family and small scale farms. 4. Ensuring our drinking and groundwater is clean and protected for the next generations. Growing up on a family dairy farm in Northcentral WI is the base for many of my legislative priorities. After we sold our cows, our farm restarted and now feed over 160 families fresh produce and meat. My mother and many family members are teachers and I have been active in statewide education efforts both in central WI and while I was in Milwaukee.

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 88

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Experience: Political - None; Business - Nearly 30 years

Community Involvement: Local church activities

Questions:

1. No, I do not believe that taxpayers should, or can afford, to finance political campaigns.
2. The best way to ensure that Wisconsin manufacturers remain competitive is for the state to have stable finances, which as reported by the Pew Research Foundation, is trending in the wrong direction. This would include balancing the budget, reduce debt and stop reckless spending. It is also important to maintain a positive business environment. The Tax Foundation and Forbes magazine indicate that Wisconsin is one of the worst states to conduct business. CEO magazine recently indicated that Wisconsin has dropped fourteen places in the last five years regarding "friendliness" toward business. By stabilizing its finances and adopting policies that promote business growth, Wisconsin is more likely to attract business & remain competitive
3. The legislature. I prefer to have matters of such importance directly tied to actions of elected officials. Citizens Commissions, etc., are less directly accountable to the electorate. I would however, be open to reviewing other methods and understanding the pros/cons of alternatives.
4. The best way to solve most of the state's problems is by growing our economy. Our legislators can improve access to quality healthcare by providing an environment where entrepreneurs can create jobs that sustain families and strengthen communities.
5. No, I do not believe that taxpayers should, or can afford, to finance political campaigns.
6. State government is simply spending more than the taxpayer's can afford. For example, in the last budget bill, spending was increased by 10% when the CPI for the same two-year period was less than 2%. Raising taxes will drive both business and individuals out of Wisconsin, just the opposite of what is needed to attract investment and drive economic growth. As stated in question #2 above, Wisconsin needs to stabilize its finances and adopt tax and regulatory policies that attract and promote economic growth.
7. Yes, disclosures are important to assist an attentive electorate, provided they do not infringe upon free speech rights. I would like a company to disclose in its regular filings the amounts and candidates supported. If not subject to SEC filings, annual disclosure to shareholders is sufficient notice of management's political activities.
8. My priority would be to stabilize Wisconsin's finances by aligning its spending with the state's taxpayers ability to pay. Concomitantly, it must adopt policies that promote business development that leads to revenue growth. This is accomplished by reversing the trend identified by CEO Magazine, Forbes and the Tax Foundation indicating that Wisconsin has adopted anti business and anti investment philosophies through its tax and regulatory policies. I have worked in the private

sector nearly 30 years balancing budgets, making investment tradeoffs, hiring people, and building businesses. I am able to discern smart long term investing from reckless spending.

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Community Involvement: I have been and active member of St Bernard Parish in Green Bay serving on Parish council and volunteer in the school. I also serve on the Parish Joshua core team.

Questions:

1. I was proud to co-author last session's Impartial Justice Act. I support the concept of expanding public finance measures. The fiscal impact on state government needs to be taken into consideration. We will face state budget challenges next year, but we could still start implementing it gradually
2. The manufacturing industry is important to Wisconsin's economy and I believe there is great potential for clean energy jobs to be created in that sector. I helped pass initiatives to make it easier for businesses to upgrade facilities or start up operations to embrace this developing industry. I will continue to work at connecting Wisconsin's strong manufacturing tradition and infrastructure to create even more jobs in this emerging renewable energy industries. What some manufacturing concerns fail to recognize or admit is that energy costs will increase in the next decade. If these costs are not spent on clean energy they will be spent on things like cost of coal and transportation fuel itself. When we reach that point we will
3. Redistricting is currently done by the legislature as written in state law. I would have to consider the pros and cons of each approach to find out the best way to ensure that districts remain competitive.
4. I was proud to co-author mental health parity legislation last session that addressed some of those disparities. It is important to expand dental health services to help children and adults all over the state.
5. Such efforts would have to be considered as part of a greater solution that will limit out of state influence on our elections and fixing our campaign financing in general.
6. Last year we inherited a historic budget deficit and my colleagues and I made responsible decisions by cutting spending across the board while still protecting our priorities. We forced big corporations to pay their fair share of taxes, lessening the burden on middle class families. As we work at closing this continuing budget gap we must prioritize by ensuring the education our children, providing health care for those that have been frozen out of the health care industry, and providing infrastructure needed for business, industry and recreation, and fulfilling our legal responsibilities to protect the people of Wisconsin. All other options should be on the table as we address this continuing problem.
7. I believe voters should know who is paying for political ads. With the recent decision by the courts, the Government Accountability Board has already passed an emergency rule on this issue and should be pursuing a permanent rule as well. I look forward to looking into this issue further in the future.

8. My priority is to pursue a realistic energy policy for the state of Wisconsin that can be altered and adapted to needs in the future. By revisiting renewable energy requirements again we can find a way to use clean green energy not only to power our state but creating jobs and helping the state economy. I will continue to work hard at creating jobs in Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin, and help to ensure that we continue to protect everyone as we work to improve the economy and make tough budget decisions.

Wisconsin Assembly District 89

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Experience: 25 years of marketing experience, small business owner since 2007.

Community Involvement: Former member of the Board of Directors for the Marinette Area Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Tourism Committee for the Chamber.

Questions:

1. The concept is good, but with the challenges to the state budget, the impact will have to be considered.
2. It gives us opportunities for growth. With our manufacturing heritage and infrastructure, we can take advantage of this exciting era. I will be active in pursuing growth in a green economy.
3. The legislature is currently responsible for redistricting, but I will always listen objectively to the pros and cons of an issue.
4. Last session, the legislature passed legislation to address some of those disparities. I support this action, and will work to do more.
5. That might help minimize out of state contributions to local elections, which is important. The cost to state taxpayers needs to be considered with any proposal.
6. All options should be considered.
7. Yes!
8. Jobs is the key word in my district, as in the rest of the country. In this highly competitive environment, every resource is vital in bringing and retaining new industries and the families that come with them. Public education has always been Wisconsin's calling card. I intend to make it my priority to ensure that the public education system in Wisconsin will make us the destination of choice for new business.

Wisconsin Assembly District 90

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: League of Women Voters; Howard-Suamico Historical Society, Member District Nurses; Former Cub Scout Den Leader; Chair of multiple craft shows at local church and high school; soccer mom to 3 sons.

Questions:

1. The 2009 Impartial Justice Act inacted for the Supreme Court elections was the first step in a multi-step plan needed to attain this for all races in Wisconsin. I support the concept of expanding public financing of other state offices but am uncertain of what the cost to the state will be. At present, the budgetary shortfall needs to be addressed before more spending on new projects begin.
2. The manufacturing industry is important economic factor in Wisconsin. With that said, I support the growing of jobs in that sector of our economy. I was glad to see the legislature pass several initiatives to make it easier for businesses to upgrade facilities or start operations that will drive this developing industry. Our past strong manufacturing tradition and the new emerging renewable energy industries are a good fit which can produce family supporting jobs.
3. Under current law, the legislature is responsible for redistricting. As a legislator I would be interested in investigating other methodologies to redraw legislative districts.
4. A mental health parity bill was passed in the legislature last session. Expanding dental health services is needed in rural and urban areas. With the downturn in the economy, increase in unemployment more children are going without dental care. Lack of dental care is detrimental to the child because of pain, missed days of school, poor school attendance leads to falling behind in school. It can begin a cycle of hopelessness that can continue into adulthood. Initiating a program to bring the dentist to the children could be a cost effective proposal.

5. The legislature should consider every option in an effort to decrease the impact out of state entities have on our elections. The monetary impact on the citizens of Wisconsin needs to be considered when changes are instituted.
6. The spending has to be cut even more than last session. We can not legislate if we do not have a methodology to pay for compliance with the law. For example, The legislature should refrain from enacting legislation to form new boards who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Regulation and Licensure (DRL) with out appropriating monies to ensure that the DRL has adequate staff to accomplish their ultimate goal of protecting the citizens of Wisconsin. In looking at all options when it comes to reducing the deficit, we must protect priorities like education, health care and public safety.
7. The recent court decision will greatly impact campaign finance laws in Wisconsin. I believe Wisconsin voters should know who is paying for political ads. They need to identify that the ad is sent by an outside interest and is for or against the candidate. I would look forward to looking into this issue further in the next session.
8. JOBS: Investing in new renewable energy sources that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil while creating new clean energy jobs. JOBS: Retro-fitting the vacant automobile industry buildings in southern Wisconsin into factories that manufacture equipment and other items for the wind, geothermal, solar and other new technologies that will help WI workers gain family supporting jobs. JOBS: I would put more emphasize on teaching the TRADES in the technical colleges in WI.

Wisconsin Assembly District 91

Chris Danou

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Questions: No response

Bill Ingram

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 92

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 93

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Party: D

Questions: No response

Warren Petryk

Party: R

Questions: No response

Jeffrey E. Smith

Party: D-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response

Isaac Weix

Party: R

Questions: No response

Wisconsin Assembly District 94

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Questions: No response

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Questions: No response

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Community Involvement: Very iinvolved in community.

Questions:

1. That may have unexpected consequences that directly effect our taxes more information is needed.
2. Progress and competition directly effect the clean energy resources issues.
3. Independent service commission selected be computer lotery of eligable voters.
4. Big problem requiring study and assesment of the resorsesavaivable .Butnow with the federal goverments unfunded mandates for socialized medison we do not have to worry?
5. No

6. History has proven that the private sector by being encouraged to produce usable goods which creat jobs and generate taxes is the way thru this mess however the current attitude is that our benevolent government is much smarter than the public.
7. yes and no. I the atmosphere for businesses to back the candidates that have thier best interest at heart. the public investors invest but have no first hand expeiriance int the management of the companies.
8. I promise to save wisconsin job and cut taxes while raising the quality of government services and preformance to new highs- And read every bill and work with the citizens of La Crosse and the of town Shelby (my constituances) Like henry Ford once said I can have others in my employ take care the details. to if I had the time would have someone review this document for spelling and word ussage but right now I'm pressed for time to get this in. Ibelieve this to be very important.

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Questions:

1. I was a co-author of Act 89, The Wisconsin Impartial Justice Act and voted for it. I am cognizant of the fiscal impact of expanding public financing, and am supportive of the concept, but recognize the economic climate we are in and the pending deficit. I also supported eliminating fundraising during the budget. The Assembly banned members from fundraising during the state budget process through an Assembly policy change.
2. As I listen to the residents and business owners in La Crosse, people are still very concerned about the struggling economy. We have taken the first steps toward growing our economy, but there is still more to do. The Assembly passed more than 50 initiatives related to jobs, access to capital, tax credits and incentives, worker retraining, streamlined wind regulations, and passed the Green to Gold Fund so manufactures have access to grants for energy saving measures. I support incentives for manufacturers to transition to using renewable energy and green building techniques, as well as reviewing rules and regulations that may hinder investment opportunities.
3. Currently the Legislature is reponsible, however, it has become costly and bitter. I think an independent citizen commission, like many other state use is a good start, with input from the legislature, and review from the Government Accountability Board. California, Arizona and Iowa have all looked outside of the Legislature to draw the district lines. It needs to be more transparent, and less costly to taxpayers.
4. I supported Mental Health Parity. The state will need to be sure there are qualified professionals in all regions of the state urban, rural and underserved. Reimbursement rates need to be increased in the mental health treatment area. There is a need for access and specialization for services for young people and veterans. Improve pathway to certification for professionals, work on stigma, work with law enforcement and corrections and improve fragmented system of care. Access to dental care has been a core issue for me for many years, I worked to introduce in 2 budgets a pilot

program for 3 counties to collect data using the 75th percentile to reimburse providers. I authored the temporary charity licence for Missions of Mercy to take place.

5. I would need more information on this proposal, but am concerned about the influence of out of state interests, and the lack of transparency in financial disclosures.
6. The last budget saw spending cuts of \$3.2 billion, 6% agency cuts, furloughs of state employees, we protected the middle class from tax increases and protected priorities such as education, healthcare and our public safety. As we look ahead to the next budget it is too early for hard and fast recommendations, but continued belt tightening will be expected.
7. I was troubled by the recent court decision, and it will certainly have an impact on our elections in Wisconsin. I believe in transparency in our elections for who is funding campaigns and political advertisements. Now nameless faceless groups will be able to spend money either for or against a campaign, and the public won't know who is behind it. As a candidate, I fear losing control of my campaign to an unknown entity.. The Legislature needs to address this issue in the next legislative session.
8. Continue to work on a strong jobs and economic development agenda, working to make available tools to private sector for research and development, investment incentives, growth opportunities, green energy savings. We need to address how best to fund our 4K-12 public education system, current system is not sustainable for many districts in the state. Work on state readiness on the implementation of the federal health care reform bill, currently serve on the Legislative Council Study Committee looking into this matter.

Wisconsin Assembly District 96

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Experience: I grew up on a 160-acre farm outside of La Crosse and graduated from St. Olaf College in 1979 and the University of Maine Law School in 1996. Before starting a law practice in 2000, I gained valuable experience in business, working in the computer industry as an international representative. Currently, I am an attorney practicing primarily as a Guardian ad Litem for children who have been abused or neglected and also represent families and individuals going through bankruptcy.

Community Involvement: Vernon County Bar Association, Christ Episcopal Church, UW Choral Union, and the La Crosse District Pipes & Drums.

Questions:

1. I was pleased to see the state legislature take up the issue of public finance for WI Supreme Court elections this past session. While I do believe that we should continue to discuss campaign finance as a whole, I do understand the budget constraints that Wisconsin is facing and supporting our infrastructure, education system and life-saving programs must be a priority.
2. Over the past decade, the state of Wisconsin has seen a decline in manufacturing jobs. It is important that we move forward with clean energy job creation while retaining the traditional manufacturing jobs still in the state. The clean energy job sector has great potential and we need to create a business climate that will foster in this developing industry.

3. Redistricting is a complex and interesting issue and if elected, I look forward to examining possible changes to this process.
4. In my work as a Guardian ad Litem and a bankruptcy attorney, I work with many families who do not have access to health insurance and I have seen the impact that it has on families, both health-related and financially. I often work with families where a parent has a mental health and/or substance or alcohol use problem. These issues not only affect the individual but also the whole family and the community. I was happy to see passage of the Mental Health Parity bill this past session and believe that it will have a positive impact on not only families but also workplaces across the state. As a legislator, I will work to improve health care access in Wisconsin and will pay special attention to expanding access to the rural areas in our state
5. It is undeniable that money has a large influence over elections. I believe that every option should be on the table as we work to improve how local elections are funded. As with any proposal, we must always consider the effect on our taxpayers and the state's budget constraints.
6. I am running for office because I want to work hard for the people of my district. As a legislator, I will work tirelessly to closely examine how state tax dollars are being spent and I will work to cut waste while preserving services that are vital to Wisconsin families, businesses and our education system.
7. Last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding corporate election spending has a significant impact on Wisconsin campaign finance laws. The implication that voters and shareholders would not know who is paying for political advertisements is troubling and something that needs to be addressed on the state level.
8. My top priority will be to protect and create jobs in the 96th district. The communities across this district are far ahead of other areas in our state and nation in terms of environmental preservation and sustainable energy production. If elected, I will fight for legislation that will allow businesses in the district to strive and grow, creating and preserving jobs in our region. I look forward to working with my Assembly colleagues on the state budget. I pledge to work to cut waste in government programs while protecting education funding so that our local school districts are not faced with more state cuts. I will be a strong voice for the rural school districts in our state and will stand up for the Coulee region.

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Wisconsin Assembly District 97

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Experience: I have been a Registered Nurse for the last 36 years that includes patient care to management and education of staff. I have served in government at the nonpartisan level in the position of Village Board Trustee. I possess excellent critical thinking skills, problem solving skills. I listens to the people I represents. I seek out and listen to input from credible experts when making decisions. I understand the importance of team work.

Community Involvement: • Former Village Board Trustee • Former Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician • Board Member Waukesha County Democratic Party

Questions:

1. I have not reviewed the Impartial Justice ACT and will need to do so in order to accurately answer your question as it specifically relates to the Impartial Justice ACT. What I can tell you is that I believe all elected offices should have access to public financing. I believe we need to keep elections fair and honest. I believe all candidates should have access to funding.
2. Research the problem, involve credible experts and create legislation that promotes clean energy. One good example of a program that promotes clean energy and passed the legislature with my opponent voting now was Green to Gold. <http://apolloalliance.org/made-in-america/signature-stories-made-in-america/green-to-gold-fund-would-green-wisconsin-manufacturing/>
3. I believe Mayor Barrett has the right idea. The GAB is the best organization. http://host.madison.com/ct/news/opinion/column/article_c8bd130c-8c9e-5858-a87b-cb701dfb1c68.html
4. I have been a health care provider for 36 years. No one should be without health care. I am a member of WNA and support my professional organizations plan.
5. Yes
6. The best way to address the state budget gap is to put people to work. Working people are able to contribute to the tax base. In addition we need to provide access to education so that the people of Wisconsin have the skills to acquire the jobs that provide good quality of life. If we still have a budget gap after that we need to review what we are spending, why we are spending it and what the consequences are if we eliminate funding for a program.
7. Accountability is the guiding principle here. Like any other product we consume it needs to have a label so we can make educated decisions.
8. It is very simple and complex all at the same time. We need to put people back to work, give them access to good education, protect our environment for the future, and provide access to health care that allows people to keep their current health care providers. All of these things will create a healthy economy and promote dignity and wellbeing for all.

Bill Kramer

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Wisconsin Assembly District 98

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Experience: Past Chairman of Waukesha Dems

Questions:

1. Yes.
2. I will vote for Clean Energy Jobs legislation. This is a long term investment that will make Wisconsin very competitive within the decade. The fact that money will not be leaving the state to buy energy will keep money in the state. More money will be available to be spent locally.
3. I would support a redistricting strategy similar to Iowa where districts are determined in a non political setting.
4. I think that the expansion of Badgercare can begin to move into the dental area right away. The administration of covered and no covered medical should begin to address those procedures that work the best for mental conditions and allow those that have the most benefit. The problem is so many experimental programs that are not producing results. Those should meet standardized criteria before they are paid for.
5. All small contributions matched (\$100 or less). No tax rebate or credit.
6. It will definitely be a combination of targeted tax increases and spending cuts. We have a structural problem that has no easy answer. It is something that must be faced head on for the benefit of future generations.
7. yes. yes.
8. I believe that Clean Energy Jobs is a way for Wisconsin to get people back to work and to set up our energy usage for future generations. I believe education is one of the most important functions of government and I want to work to giving every student education up to the level of their ability. I see myself as a problem solver in my current job with a strategic vision for the future.

Wisconsin Assembly District 99

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Questions:

1. ?
2. - no response -
3. Independent Citizen Commission
4. - no response -
5. Public Matching NO! Tax rebate NO! Credit for individuals NO!
6. I believe that through spending cuts and repealing of State mandates the budget gap can be reduced.
7. YES! YES!
8. Budget Reasonable Representation Local Control

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Questions:

1. Financing for less well off candidates in elections is probably something that is needed. However, my experience in this election tells me several things. First, the formulas that we have in place needs much improvement. The workers at the G.A.B. are extremely skeptical concerning the current plan for public funds. Second, I wonder how effective gross overspending is. The virtues of hard work, meeting the voters and grasping the issues retain immense value.
2. One thing: Eventually everyone will have to have a clean energy economy. If we are ahead of the game that should not necessarily work against us. What is the advantage of bringing businesses that are uninterested in the environment? A clean energy economy should attract the very best new businesses of the future.
3. Definitely a non-partisan group. But I would like people that know the state also.
4. Barack Obama when the Health Care Reform Act passed candidly and wisely said that this is an ongoing issue. Health care has many disparities in it. Off-the-charts premiums are especially something I would like to do something about. Including mental and dental health in coverages is also important. These are things that we just have to sit down and correct.
5. These are interesting ideas. I suspect the wrong people would benefit from making a campaign contribution tax deductible. My small contributors would hardly benefit at all. What's more I find them quite happy to contribute to my campaign.
6. One thing I think is that a balanced budget needs to be something that more people want to achieve. We need to focus on economic matters and not get so bogged down with thorny issues. Too many people think that deficit spending is a good idea. A balanced budget is as effective in stimulating the economy as deficit spending or gimmicky tax cuts. I wonder how far a vigilant attitude would go in cutting our deficit. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel has had article after article about extreme laxness in knowing where public funds are going.
7. These both sound like good ideas. Campaign ads from special interest groups are deceptive. They appear like candidates' ads. Yes. I think that it should be much more transparent what the motives and interests are in corporate campaign spending.
8. My main priority is to get the economy stable and productive again. I would like a balanced budget. I have no special qualifications for this other than being a responsible and honest citizen and a taxpayer.

Don Pridemore

Party: R-INCUMBENT

Questions: No response