



## Wyoming Republican Candidate Profile Questionnaire

Note to All Wyoming State Republican Party Candidates in the 2018 Primary Election,

Thank you for filing as a candidate to represent our State and your Wyoming Republican Party. You have chosen a very difficult path that many would never consider going down. Your Wyoming State Party leadership recognizes the trials and tribulations each of you will encounter as the fight for your spot on the General Election Ballot. To that end, we are here to help both you and your constituency get to know one another as you blaze your path toward victory.

After the 2016 election cycle, your Wyoming State Central Committee (SCC) took for action numerous issues Republican voters raised ranging from a core desire to vote directly for our Republican Presidential Nominee to wanting more opportunities to meet with, and more information on, candidates at all levels of government as voters want insight into how a candidate may govern if elected for office. Historically, one of the most asked questions during election cycles is “Where can I find reliable information about our candidates?”.

Your Wyoming Republican Party recognizes this as a critical issue that must be addressed to get voters to turn out in support our candidates. We are committed to assisting by asking candidates to provide answers to questions, in their own words, which we can post to our state website, so voters have a reliable place to find relevant candidate information.

As a candidate you will receive dozens of surveys, questionnaires, and requests from the press as well as various watchdog entities to provide answers to questions that are typically geared to their organization’s specific bias. Some a candidate will choose to address all of them while others may not be addressed due time constraints or relevancy.

This questionnaire was initiated as a result of the extraordinary number of questions posed by voters to members of the Wyoming State Central Committee over the past year. And although every question here has not been specifically approved by the full SCC, the concept was endorsed by the full SCC in a unanimous voice vote, as a part of developing external and internal party feedback systems.

These questions were gathered from SCC members across several State Committees, from feedback at various County Party Precinct Caucuses and County Conventions, was compiled by our State Party 2018 Committee to Win, and recently approved by our State Party Executive Committee (18 June 2018) as our primary tool to provide our voters with robust, reliable, and relevant candidate vetted information.

If you have questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact your Wyoming Republican Party Chairman, Mr. Frank Eathorne at [chairman@wyoming.gop](mailto:chairman@wyoming.gop).



The questions here reflect current issues you are likely to face during a coming term in office and ask each candidate to provide, in their own words, their thoughts and opinions regarding a significant number of topics and questions. We appreciate your time and effort in responding to our questionnaire.

1) How would you describe the proper role of government?

**The proper role of government is to protect your God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**

2) How would you describe your role as a Republican elected official in our constitutionally defined form of government?

**The governor's role is, first, to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution and the Wyoming Constitution, and second, to execute the duties of governor in the spirit of the republican party platform.**

3) Describe your core values.

**I am judeo-christian. I am pro-life without exception. I believe in a government that supports strengthening the family, upholding and defending our constitution, and our traditional American heritage.**

4) Where do you place yourself on the political, ideological spectrum?

**I am a constitutionalists.**

5) There is a nationwide push that has now come to Wyoming for the creation/expansion of protected classes in the form of additional anti-discrimination laws. Considering that Article 1, Section's 2 and 3 of Wyoming's Constitution respectively state:

“In their inherent right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human race are equal.” and, “Since equality in the enjoyment of natural and civil rights is only made sure through political equality, the laws of this state affecting the political



rights and privileges of its citizens shall be without distinction of race, color, sex, or any circumstance or condition whatsoever other than individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction.”

What, if anything, should Wyoming do in this arena?

**All rights are protected under Wyoming's constitution, so we simply need to enforce the existing constitutional articles. No additional laws are necessary.**

6) What are your thoughts about funding and cultivating Wyoming’s K-12 education?

**We are constitutionally mandated to provide public education. Wyoming should assume complete control, removing federal influence. We must eliminate the Common Core curriculum. We should restructure K-12, so students complete their basic prep by the end of their sophomore year. As Juniors, students can choose a rigorous university track or a robust vocational track with choices ranging from traditional trades to information technology specialties.**

7) Are you familiar with, and do you generally support or oppose, the Wyoming Education Association’s position statements and legislative platform?

**As I've noted above in question #6, we need an innovative and forward looking approach to delivering education.**

8) What is your position on federal management of public lands in Wyoming?

**Under Article I, Section 8; Clause 17, the federal management of land in Wyoming should and will cease. Under my administration, Wyoming will manage all of its lands except for Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Devils Tower parks, and other small national monuments. The lands will be managed as Wyoming multiple use lands. They will be held by an amendment to the Wyoming Constitution keep them complete and in Wyoming hands for as long as Wyoming is a state.**



9) What is your view on the Federal debts/deficits and Wyoming's budget gap between proposed spending and revenue as they impact on our nation and state, and how will you address them as an elected official. What do you think about raising taxes to meet our state's projected budget shortfall?

**There is no need for new taxes and I will veto any tax increase or any new tax.**

**The Wyoming budget gap is easily addressed by first, restructuring our spending. Just one example is ending spending on programs like ENDOW. I will disband the ENDOW Board and zero that line in the budget on January 2019.**

**Second, the \$800 million to \$1 billion revenue from managing all the land presently under federal management will be more than enough to balance our budget.**

10) Do you support or oppose an income tax for Wyoming? Why?

**I very strongly OPPOSE an income tax for Wyoming because an income tax penalizes productivity. It would discourage entrepreneurship in our state and suppress economic growth.**

11) Do you support continued state funding to cities, towns, and counties?

**Yes.**

12) When it comes to the state budget, what are your priorities? For example, Transportation, Education, University of Wyoming, Community Colleges, Agriculture, Department of Health, Game & Fish, etc.?

**My priorities will be Public Health and Safety, and Education as mandated by the Wyoming Constitution. There are serious deficiencies in Mental Health care contributing to crime, and these will be addressed.**

**Transportation and other utilities such as broad band fiber will need to be addressed as well. Fiber has potential for Public /Private partnerships.**



13) In what instance(s) should the federal, state, or local government restrict the right to carry arms?

**There is/are no instances(s) where the government(s) can lawfully restrict the right to carry arms.**

14) For many years now, federal bureaucratic and regulatory actions are often initiated against Wyoming residents for issues related to what have been standard agricultural or energy production practices for decades, but now deemed recently as incompatible with federal policy by administrative edict. How would you as an elected official respond to instances of federal overreach?

**By enforcing Article I; Section 8; Clause 17, and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the Federal Constitution, these agencies will cease operation in Wyoming except on F.E. Warren AirForce Base and in; Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Devils Tower, and a few other small national monuments.**

15) Have you reviewed the 2018 Platform and Resolutions developed at convention by the Wyoming Republican Party?

**Yes, and I have no concerns and I am very pleased with the work done at the convention on these resolutions.**

16) It is the rare Republican who agrees with our Platform 100%. Article 1, Paragraph 3 of the *2018 Bylaws of the Wyoming Republican Party* defines the role of the Republican Party as:

*3. Role*

1. The role of the Wyoming Republican Party is: to recruit citizens to join the Republican Party; to establish the Platform of the Wyoming Republican Party; to achieve the election of Republican candidates who substantially uphold the platform of the Wyoming Republican Party and to conduct the business of the Wyoming Republican Party.

What is your definition of the word “substantially”? Are there planks in the 2018 Platform with which you oppose to a level of non-support in legislation? Will you identify those during your campaign if asked by constituents?



**I fully support the resolutions added to in 2018, which hasn't changed significantly from the 2016 platform, which I was heavily involved in writing. I'll have no problem supporting the 2018 platform in legislation. There are no planks that I oppose.**

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Office Running for: **Governor**

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6/25/18

**NOTE:** Your submission via e-mail (allda@gmail.com) will serve as a signature, or if you chose to send the hard copy back, please sign and return to:

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