



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.



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?

Upholding Wyoming's constitutional mandates is absolute. Wyoming needs sound and mindful decisions on state boards. We must ensure Wyoming's children and grandchildren have a thriving private sector and growing job base filled with opportunity so folks can remain in our wonderful state. Our state government should serve to protect our most basic rights and preserve life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. It also must ensure provision of critical services to citizens – a quality public education, basic infrastructure, and an impartial judicial system. The state government should manage state resources to maximize the benefit to our citizens both in the short and long term.

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

As the State Auditor in our constitutional democracy, my first responsibility would be to honor, uphold and defend our Wyoming and U.S. Constitutions – strictly and without fail. To this absolute principle, I give my full and steadfast focus.

3) Describe your core values.

Daily... my core values are integrity, honesty, hard work, love of my state and my country. I believe in personal responsibility to be a great citizen that upholds our western and American values – protecting the Constitution and making sure government is honest, transparent and for the people. I believe that everything I do, every job I do... large or small... must be done with excellence. And always... ALWAYS... service above self.



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

To my core -- I am a traditional, fiscally conservative and proud Wyoming Republican. Ideologically, I account for every penny, every dime, every dollar of the people's money – and conservatively will do my job as the state's chief accountant with transparency and excellence.

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?

Wyoming should adhere strictly to the Constitution. Period.

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

The Constitution stipulates that every child in Wyoming is entitled to, and should receive, an excellent education. Just as in every aspect of our government, each dollar spent on education should be stretched as far as possible. Our education system should focus on learning that takes place in the classroom. Top-heavy spending in education is not effective.

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



There are over 80 resolutions contained in the WEA platform, so it is difficult to discuss them here in a short format. Overall, I am concerned that the WEA's platform does not base everything in the Constitution – as I absolutely believe it must. I am absolutely supportive of a quality, appropriate education for every Wyoming child.

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

We cannot allow federal land management to ride roughshod over Wyoming. So many of our communities are adjacent to federal lands and we have to be able to be heard. Our economy depends on being able to use federal lands with multiple use and clear public access. I will give voice to the Wyoming perspective of truly open public land access and management.

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?

No income tax – period. It makes zero sense to say an income tax is what is going to “diversify” Wyoming's economy. Spending within our means, as both a nation and a state, is a cornerstone of my political belief. All opportunities to limit spending in our government should be first. The State Auditor oversees processes that impact every other state agency, and therefore is in the best position to identify and improve inefficient practices, which in turn saves money and can cut spending. But you have to be qualified in auditing and accounting to do that well – and I am the only candidate in this race qualified to find the funds that can be cut. As a CPA, my knowledge of accounting principles, business processes, and internal controls will allow me to maximize efficiency in the state's daily operations.

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

I oppose an income tax for Wyoming – period, full stop. Wyoming families have faced declining incomes, job loss, and rising prices in basic services - and adding an additional tax burden is absolutely not the answer. There are still many efficiencies to be realized in state government that would more than outpace funding generated from a state income tax.



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

I support government closest to the people and I want our communities to have effective law enforcement, emergency services and safe roads and essentially “keep the lights on.” People deserve and need safe and secure services for essentials. I support essential funding to cities, towns, and counties because in many communities, that can make the difference in being able to provide basic critical services. However, our current funding model creates instability and unsurety for these entities, and I am supportive of local control that gives cities, towns, and counties more options for creating predictable stable, revenue sources.

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.?

The State Auditor does not set or vote on the budget, but that being said, stabilizing education funding that adheres to the Constitution is important. Beyond that, funding basic critical services is my priority - meaning the provision of roads and other safety infrastructure for the people.

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

As a proud, lifelong Wyoming gun owner, hunter, and supporter of the 2nd amendment, I do not believe the government should restrict law-abiding citizens from carrying guns in any circumstance. I have hunted all my life, with the latest notable hunts being a mountain goat and buffalo I harvested, sectioned and packed out myself.

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?

Wyoming must vigorously fight back against federal overreach. As State Auditor, I will be a strong voice for Wyoming when the federal government tries to do jobs best left to us.



Our agriculture and energy industries have proven, time and again, that they are responsible managers of our land and resources. Wyoming has been proactive in these areas... as we have a vested interest in a brighter economic future.

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

Yes, I have reviewed the 2018 Platform and Resolutions of the Wyoming Republican Party. I want to thank everyone involved for their thorough and diligent work – on behalf of Wyoming families...thank you!

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?

My job will be to represent the people – and in that substantially I will fully represent my party and the people.

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