

Candidate Questionnaire

CleanSlateNow Action is committed to eliminating the corrupting influence of special interest money in politics. We believe candidates best represent the public interest by choosing to accept contributions only from individuals. We encourage candidates to reject contributions from political action committees, special interest groups, and corporations. *We are active in Denver, throughout Colorado, and across the country.*

The questions below are meant to provide information to voters about the kind of campaign contributions you are taking in your pursuit of public office and the kind of legislation you would support and propose if you take office. Your answers will also help us when considering if we will endorse a candidate in your race. Though we publicize the names of candidates who do not take PAC and special interest group money, no question is meant to serve as a litmus test. We seek to inform, educate, and engage you, other candidates, elected officials, and the public about issues surrounding campaign finance reform, and we hope the information you provide will help voters make up their own minds about the candidates. **Please complete and return the questionnaire by February 15, 2018**, if possible, or as soon as you can to be of use to voters.

Thank you for your participation, and good luck in your campaign!

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1. If elected, will you actively seek to enact meaningful campaign finance reform of the following forms?

a. Support overturning *Citizens United*? Yes No

b. Ban contributions in local elections from corporations, unions, and other organizations banned from donating to state office campaigns? Yes No ⁺¹ see

c. Limit special interest group contributions? Yes No Attached

d. Incentivize small-dollar contributions (\$150 or less) from individuals with matching funds? Yes No

e. Enact public financing of elections? Yes No

Are there other reforms you would propose?

It makes sense to limit how much campaigns, or groups supporting a campaign, can spend. This would be a good work-around for Citizens United that could be legally enacted by the states.

2. Will you accept, or have you accepted contributions from special interest groups or organizations, including political committees, political action committees, or small donor committees? (This does not include political party contributions.)

Yes No #2 see attached

3. Will you accept, or have you accepted contributions from Leadership PACs (a committee an elected official uses to donate to other candidates and elected officials, separate from their candidate committee)?

Yes No

4. Will you establish, or have you established your own Leadership PAC?

Yes No

5. Will you accept, or have you already accepted contributions from large corporations (i.e., offices in more than one locality, or based out of your state with a regional or national focus)?

Yes No

6. Will you accept, or have you already accepted contributions from small corporations (presence in only one locality, i.e., "Mom-and-Pop Shop")?

Yes No #3 see attached

7. Will you accept, or have you already accepted money from lobbyists?

Yes No

8. Will you accept, or have you already accepted money from unions?

Yes No #4 see attached

9. Do you support **The Democracy for The People Initiative**, which is on the November 2018 ballot and requires the **disclosure of dark money** in Denver elections, **the banning of corporations from making direct contributions** to Denver municipal candidates, the **lowering of Denver's relatively high campaign contribution limits** to be on a scale with the limits for state offices, and the **establishment of a public financing system for elections**, providing matching funds for small-dollar donations (\$50 and less) to candidates who opt not to accept special interest money? Yes No

May we list you as an endorser? Yes No

Would you work to bring a similar reform to your community? Yes No

10. Please use as much additional space as you'd like to share any thoughts about campaign finance reform and the role of special interest money vs. contributions from individuals in political campaigns.

Melissa J. Martin
Signature

2-15-2018
Date

Completed questionnaires may be scanned and emailed to Owen@CleanSlateNowAction.org or mailed to CleanSlateNow Action at P.O. Box 100093, Denver, Colorado 80250.

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1. I would allow contributions from small corporations, “mom-and-pop shops” that do good work on behalf of the community. I would also allow contributions from unions such as the SEIU that are fighting for the rights of workers and supporting advocates in the legislature.
2. There are progressive, pro-reform political committees supporting my campaign.
3. Again, there are some small corporations that I would accept contributions from.
4. Again, there are some unions that I would accept support from.