



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**
 - c. Limit special interest group contributions? **Yes** **No**
 - 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?

My campaign fully endorses moving to publically funded elections COUPLED

with small-dollar contribution matching for individuals. This is one of three major tenets in my platform. Please read ElectPeterSmith.org/issues to learn more.

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

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

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

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.

PETER L SMITH

Signature

02/01/2018

Date

My campaign is the strongest supporter of CleanStateNow's initiatives in the District 32 senate race. One of my opponents has fundraised 90% out of state funds through lawyers and company executives to the sum of over \$100,000. My other opponent uses his family establishment Democratic Party ties to forgo PAC and special interest regulations by accepting personal donations from PACs like Latino's lead and other 501c3s.

I am the ONLY major candidate in this race to have accepted campaign spending to prove a point that there is too much money in our elections. Advocating for publically funded elections with a matching program for small donors is one of the three main tenets of my campaign and I am the only person educating the voters about the need for campaign finance reform. I also, after careful studying, pledge now to sponsor any legislation that fits the parameters of any of the solutions on CleanSlate's Money and Issues page.

You will not achieve the goal of campaign finance reform if you endorse candidates that happily accept donations from all walks of life and who are a member of the donor elite and Harvard Ivy League donor class. Join me. Fight with me on this issue. Bestowing your endorsement upon me will guarantee a fierce ally in the Colorado state legislature that will be all ears when you need one, and an ally that is willing to go to the floor with the controversial reforms that my opponents will not.

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