

Candidate Questionnaire

CleanSlateNow Action is committed to eliminating the corrupting influence of big money in politics. We believe candidates best represent the public interest by choosing to accept contributions only from natural persons. We encourage candidates to reject contributions from political action committees (PACs), special interest groups, and corporations. *We are active at the local, state, and national levels 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 at your earliest convenience** so we can share your responses with voters.

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

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1. If elected, will you use your stature as an elected official to actively support meaningful campaign finance reform in the following areas?

a. Support overturning *Citizens United*? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. Ban contributions in Fort Collins elections from corporations, unions, and other organizations banned from donating directly at the state level and from municipal campaigns in Denver, Lakewood, and Aurora? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Limit special interest group contributions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

d. Incentivize small-dollar contributions (\$100 or less) from individuals with publicly-funded matching funds for qualified candidates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

e. Accept spending caps of \$25,000 for mayoral races and \$15,000 for Council races as part of an opt-in for matching funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there other reforms you would propose?

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

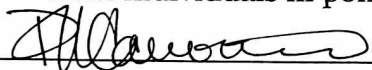
8. Will you accept, or have you already accepted money from unions?

Yes ☒ No

9. Do you support statewide legislation along the lines of Denver's Democracy For The People/Fair Elections Act? The Fair Elections Act **banned corporations from making direct contributions** to Denver municipal candidates, **lowered Denver's relatively high campaign contribution limits** to be on a scale with the limits for state offices, and **established a public financing system for elections**, providing 9-to-1 matching funds for small-dollar donations (\$50 and less) to candidates who opt not to accept special interest money. Do you support similar legislation at the state level? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Would you work to bring these types of reforms to elections for state office if elected? ☒ 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.



Signature

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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.