

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 September 15, 2019**, 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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If elected, will you use your stature as an elected official to actively seek to enact meaningful campaign finance reform of the following forms?

Support overturning *Citizens United*?

Yes

Ban contributions in School Board elections from corporations, unions, and other organizations banned from donating directly to state office campaigns? **Yes**

Limit special interest group contributions? **Yes**

Incentivize small-dollar contributions (\$150 or less) from individuals with publicly-funded matching funds? **Yes**

Support public financing of elections? **Yes**

Are there other reforms you would propose? **Not at the moment**

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.)*

No

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)?

No

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

No

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)?

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

Do you support **The Democracy for The People Act**, which passed on the November 2019 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 or less) to candidates who opt not to accept special interest money? **Yes**

Would you work to bring similar reforms to the School Board? **Yes**

Would you support similar reforms for state races (State House/Senate, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer)? **Yes**

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

9/23/19

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.

I would like to see if WE, CleanSlateNow and I can come up with a point of differentiation around the need to distinguish between unions versus community organizations led by marginalized groups; corporate donations versus PACs, that don't fall under the same category of big money influence? This is particularly of interest because for far too long, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOCs) and the working class poor have not been able to influence policy at the local, state and national level. If BIPOCs and working class folk start to make traction and organize to support a grassroots candidate that reflects their values, how can we create language and policy to insure that financial efforts in this case are not only encouraged, but unadulterated, authentic and valuable, as well? Thank you. -Julie

