

Candidate Vetting Form Submission

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1. How do you define the responsibilities of:

a. Federal government

The responsibilities and limitations of the federal governor are those enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. No less, no more.

b. State government

The responsibilities and limitations of the federal governor are those enumerated in the state constitution. No less, no more.

c. Local government

Most aspects of government should be handled at the local level and no higher.

Please rate the following questions 1-5. (1) being strongly oppose, (5) being strongly support.

2. Budget

a. The best way to reduce the National Debt is to reduce Federal Government spending.

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b. The best area in which to reduce Federal Government spending is to reduce the National Defense budget.

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c. The best area in which to reduce Federal Government spending is to reduce the budget for Entitlement Spending.

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d. The best area in which to reduce Federal Government spending is to reduce the budget across the board.

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3. Energy

a. The Federal Government should assure energy independence from foreign oil by reducing restrictions and controls on the exploration and use of all available domestic sources of energy, such as oil, natural gas and coal.

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b. The Federal Government should assure energy independence from Foreign oil by investing in alternative energy sources like solar, wind and geothermal energy.

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c. The Federal Legislature should repeal the law banning traditional Edison incandescent light bulbs and mandating the use of the use of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

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4. Health Care

a. The Federal Government should oversee and administer health-care insurance, set prices for health services and act as the “single payer” of healthcare expenses.

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b. Congress should repeal or completely de-fund the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) otherwise known as “Obamacare” that mandates all individuals purchase acceptable health insurance.

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5. Education

a. The Federal Government role in Public Education should be reduced and control and funding returned to States and Local School Boards.

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b. Federal spending in education should be increased to help finance the improvement and further standardization of the public education system nationwide.

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6. Environment

a. The Federal Government should insure a better environment and reduce the effects of global warming by imposing tough new controls on the use of carbon-based fuels such as oil, natural gas and coal.

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7. Labor

a. The Federal Government should allow The States to enact laws and regulate Labor without Federal interference as intended by the 10th Amendment.

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b. The Federal Government should guarantee a living wage (above the poverty level) by raising the minimum wage.

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8. Judicial Appointments

a. Judges should be appointed and approved based on their commitment to interpret the U.S. Constitution according to its original written intent rather than as a “Living Document” to be interpreted according to progressive changing “modern” political beliefs.

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9. Foreign Affairs

a. The United States should cut all foreign aid to countries that do not support U.S. interests.

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b. The Federal Government should grant amnesty to and legalize the status of all people who have entered the United States illegally.

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10. Armed Forces

a. The Federal Government should insure that every foreign terrorist caught and held by the US military overseas be given the opportunity of a trial by jury in a United States civilian court.

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b. The Federal Government should re-institute the draft to strengthen National Defense.

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c. The Armed Forces should be used to secure the coasts and borders of the United States to better protect the homeland.

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11. Guns

a. The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution means that individuals have the inalienable right to own and carry firearms for self defense.

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b. The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was written with the intent that when The People of a nation are well armed, it is a final check on government tyranny.

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c. The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was meant to authorize only well regulated militias and not to allow individuals to have and carry firearms.

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12. Taxation

a. A flat tax should be enacted to replace the inequitable graduated progressive income tax.

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b. The 16th Amendment should be repealed and a Federal excise tax should be reinstated on each state according to its population.

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c. A value added tax VAT should be enacted in addition to current taxes to reduce the National Debt.

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13. What does the 9th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution mean to you?

It means that just because the Constitution does not enumerate a right that does not mean that the people do not still retain that right.

14. How would you protect States against Federal encroachment?

1. Replace most of those currently in federal office with men and women who will recognize and respect the limits of their own legitimate authority and jurisdiction.
2. Replace most of those currently in state office with men and women who will fight back against federal usurpation of legitimate state powers and jurisdiction.

15. What would be your top three considerations in evaluating any proposed legislation or considering taking any legislative action?

1. Is it right, ie in accord with the laws of nature and nature's God?
2. Is it constitutional?
3. Is it necessary?

16. If granted the authority, what Government Agency would you dissolve and why?

Start with the U.S. Department of Education. There is no enumerated power in this area for the federal government.

17. If granted the same authority, how would you change our process by which the Federal Government calculates its annual budget or would you?

So-called "mandatory" spending amounts to more than two-thirds of the federal budget. Open that up to cuts, and start cutting, using constitutionality as the first criteria.

18. What are your thoughts on the Supreme Courts ruling regarding " Separation of Church and State"?

The so-called "separation of church and state" is mostly mythological.

Our Constitution forbids official religious tests for public office, and forbids Congress from establishing a state church, or from passage of any legislation concerning religious exercise. That's it.

19. What are your thoughts on the legalization of gay marriage?

It is a bastardization of the language, and a violation of nature.

True marriage, that which is between one man and one woman, must be defended on every front, since the natural family is the primary building block of republican self-government and our economy.

20. What are your thoughts on abortion?

Abortion is illegal. Always has been and always will be. It violates the principled natural law basis of the American republic as found in our national charter, the Declaration of Independence, every single clause of the stated purposes of the U.S. Constitution as found in the document's preamble, the explicit, imperative equal protection requirements of the Fifth and the Fourteenth Amendments, and the equal protection requirements of all of our state constitutions.

All we lack to stop this bloody holocaust are representatives in the three branches of government, at all levels, who will enforce that supreme law as they have sworn an oath to do.

21. The fact is this, it cost a tremendous amount of money to run for the United States Congress or Senate. When a PAC comes to you (and you need campaign contributions for your campaign) are you going to accept these contributions knowing that this PAC or Super-PAC does not adhere to or promote your core beliefs in your heart?

While I certainly would not require total agreement with me to accept support from anyone, I would refuse help from those who stand opposed to the core principles of the republic, such as the equal protection of innocent human life.

22. Do you feel America is headed in a good or bad direction in terms of her heritage and value system? Please elaborate whether positive or negative and then elaborate as to what you feel you could do to alter this direction.

Our country is definitely headed in the wrong direction.

The first step in altering that is for those who say they stand for the principles that form the foundation of America's heritage and value system to quit compromising those principles in the public policies and politicians they are willing to support.

Does the Candidate allow Tea Party Report Card to publish and circulate completed questionnaire?

I agree.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.