

**MERIDIAN TEA PARTY
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Candidate/Incumbent Name: _____

Office aspired to/Currently holding: _____

Campaign Point of Contact/Title: _____

Campaign Address: _____

Campaign Phone – and – Fax: _____

Campaign email address: _____ Website Address: _____

Education/Degrees/Certificates held: _____

Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/ Occupational Specialty: _____

_____ Years of Service: _____

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: _____

_____ Years of Service: _____ # Of Employees Managed: _____

Own Business Experience: _____

_____ Years of Service: _____ # Of Employees Managed: _____

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? _____

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? _____

How would you describe your political views?

Very Conservative - Conservative - Moderate - Liberal - Very Liberal - Socialist - Other

Please comment: _____

What are the most important values and ethics you believe in and demonstrate as a leader? _____

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments: _____

What is the proper role of government? _____

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? _____

Leaders often deal with conflict. Describe a recent significant conflict you have had to handle, what was the outcome? Are you satisfied with the outcome? Could you have handled it better? How?

What is your position with regard to the statement '*... to the people's right to keep and bear arms?*'

America's federal deficit has reached an all-time high, being measured in numbers never before expressed to the people. If elected/re-elected, what can you do to reverse this trend locally?

How do you feel about the economic outlook of Meridian, Lauderdale County and/or Mississippi?

The Mississippi Legislature recently tried to pass legislation dealing with illegal immigration (SB2197). What is your opinion about this law and similar laws and/or how should Mississippi be approaching this issue? How do you believe illegal immigration does/will affect this area and specifically your office should you win?

Are there any tax measures you would advocate to assist in job creation?

Do you believe children would get a better education if parents had the right to choose their children's school?

Do you support the "Charter School" concept of education? _____

Should teachers be required to pass standards examinations pertaining to the discipline they teach?

What are your views of the current school curriculum, textbooks and educational results in our area and what changes, if any, would you advocate?

It has been suggested that the Department of Education (and the office of the Secretary of Education) is an unnecessary extravagance. Should this government agency be abolished and bring control of education back to a state or local level?

Yes. Why? _____

No. Why? _____

Are you in favor of seeking funds from the Federal Government for projects in Lauderdale County?

Does Government at any level create jobs? If so, describe examples:

Do you favor indefinite extension of unemployment benefits for out-of-work people in Mississippi and how should those benefits be funded?

Should Mississippi's public sector employees be unionized or be able to collectively bargain?

Comments on any of the above topics you may wish to address further. Thank you for your input.

Use this space to explain or describe any issues or beliefs that pertain to the office for which you are running or personal information that you feel is important for voters to know about you or your campaign:

Thank you for completing this survey!

Meridian Tea Party members are grateful for your responses to our questions and in exchange for returning the completed survey to us, we will extend an invitation for you to participate in our Local Candidates Forum we plan to hold at The Temple Ballroom on a date to be announced.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the address below.

Respectfully,

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