

MERIDIAN TEA PARTY
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate/Incumbent Name: Eddie D. Harper

Office aspired to/Currently holding: Supervisor District One - Lauderdale County

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Education/Degrees/Certificates held: Lauderdale County Schools + MCC
+ Air National Guard

Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/ Occupational Specialty: E5 - Miss Air National Guard
MP + Aircraft Specialist Years of Service: 8

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: Harper Electric + Harper Properties
owner Years of Service: 15 # Of Employees Managed: 6-10

Own Business Experience: SAME
Years of Service: _____ # Of Employees Managed: _____

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? Lower taxes, Job creation
+ Quality of life (Basic services)

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? Previous Supervisor, Business owner,
manager + experience with budgets.

How would you describe your political views?

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

Please comment: Lower taxes on business owners to help promote
Job Growth

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

honesty, integrity, professionalism + decisiveness

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments: owned two successful businesses, as previous supervisor - ^{helped create + manage} ~~created + managed~~ Laud. Co 54 million dollar budget, + relationship building + communication skills

What is the proper role of government? provide basic services + ensure tax dollars are spent in a way that improves the quality of life + promote job growth

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? yes because ethics are the guidelines you use in the judgements you make

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?

Delinquent customers, worked out a payment plan, I was satisfied with the outcome, ~~no~~^{NO} because of customers situation due to job loss

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

I agree

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?

Control spending + job creation

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

I think Lauderdale County has potential to grow but until the proper leadership is in place to create job growth, it will remain stagnant

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?

Until they are tax paying American citizens they are hurting our community.

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

Assistance to local colleges to ensure an educated workforce

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

I believe the success of a student is dependent on the involvement of the parent/parents

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

N/A

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

yes

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

N/A

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? really not applicable to ~~my~~ ^{the} office I am seeking, but as a parent I agree

No. Why? _____

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

yes because growing Lauderdale County + maintaining infrastructure depends on federal funding.

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

yes / maintains infrastructure, tax breaks and help provide an educated workforce

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

no, not indefinite

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

no

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:

In short I think we need people in office that have a vested interest in the community with a business background & raising a family here I believe I am the best candidate for the job. I promise to be a honest & professional man & to be my own man. I will vote on the issues based on right & wrong not based on "who" is voting which way.

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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