

MERIDIAN TEA PARTY
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Office aspired to/Currently holding: TAX ASSESSOR

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Education/Degrees/Certificates held: 14 YEARS

Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/ Occupational Specialty: CHIEF MASTER

SERGEANT, INFORMATION Years of Service: 35+

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: CONSTRUCTION, CEO

Years of Service: 4 # Of Employees Managed: 5

Own Business Experience: SEE ABOVE

Years of Service: _____ # Of Employees Managed: _____

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? FAIRNESS, ACCOUNTABLE, ACCESSIBLE

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? ASSISTANT TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, 35 YEARS MILITARY SERVICE, AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER.

How would you describe your political views?

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

Please comment: I BELIEVE IN PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

What are the most important values and ethics you believe in and demonstrate as a leader? FAIRNESS, ACCOUNTABLE, AND DISCIPLINE.

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments: EXCEEDED ALL MILITARY AUDITS, OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP, AND RECIPIENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI MAGNOLIA MEDAL.

What is the proper role of government? DEFENSE OF OUR NATION AND FREEDOM.

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? YES

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?

LAND BOUNDARY DISPUTE. SATISFACTORY. YES MORE DISCUSSION.

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

I BELIEVE IN THE 2ND AMENDMENT.

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?

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIVE WITHIN OF ITS TAX BASE.

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

WE HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE TO GROW.

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?

IT'S ILLEGAL.

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

YES, BUSINESS ~~GROWTH~~ GROWTH.

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

YES

Do you support the "Charter School" concept of education? NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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? NOT APPLICABLE

No. Why? _____

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

THE GOVERNMENT IS BROKE.

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

YES, CZAR

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

Not APPLICABLE

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.

NO COMMENT

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:

I GREW UP IN MERIDIAN AND HAVE LIVED IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY ALL MY LIFE. AS YOUR TAX ASSESSOR, I WILL BRING CONSERVATIVE VALUES TO THIS POSITION. I WILL WORK WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND WILL BE FAIR, ACCOUNTABILITY TO ALL TAXPAYERS OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY.

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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