



## North Shore AFL-CIO Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Party affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Office you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the incumbent? \_\_\_\_\_ Previous elected office, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Education – High school: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate/Law school: \_\_\_\_\_

List any union membership, or union office held (include dates): \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*\*Please thoroughly explain each answer to the questions below\*\*\****

### **Privatization, Collective Bargaining, and Public Employees:**

- 1) Do you believe that state, county, municipal, school board, charter school and court employees have the right to organize and bargain collectively?

*Comments:*

- 2) Do you oppose the privatization or contracting out of public services?

*Comments:*

- 3) Are there any circumstances under which you believe public services should be privatized?

*If yes, please explain:*

- 4) In 2011, the North Shore AFL-CIO strongly opposed Senate Bill 5, an unjust and politically motivated attack on working families and the organizations that represent public-sector workers. Would you actively oppose future legislation with similar provisions as Senate Bill 5?

*Comments:*

### **“Right to Work”**

- 5) Ohio law already guarantees that no person can be forced to join a union; however, all workers in unionized workplaces are required to pay what is known as a “fair share” fee for the collectively bargained contract terms and representation they enjoy. Legislation and ballot initiatives have been introduced to allow non-members to stop paying their fair share fee. This measure is known as “Right to Work.” Do you support or oppose “Right to Work?”

*Comments:*

- 6) Would you work to defeat it?

*Comments:*

### **Wages**

- 7) Do you support raising the state and/or federal minimum wage?

*Comments:*

- 8) Would you actively support legislation and/or ballot initiatives to raise Ohio's minimum wage?

*Comments:*

### **Public Education**

- 9) Public Schools are funded primarily by property taxes. Tuition vouchers use public tax dollars for private schools, which drains much-needed funds from public school students. Do you support or oppose tuition vouchers for private schools?

*Comments:*

- 10) Similarly, charter schools also take tax money out of the public school system. The charter school system in Ohio provides few mechanisms to ensure accountability and transparency for taxpayers and students. The North Shore AFL-CIO believes that failing charter schools should be closed, and that tax dollars should not be used to fund for-profit schools. Do you agree or disagree?

*Comments:*

### **Project Labor Agreements and Prevailing Wage**

- 11) When governmental entities contract for building projects, state law requires that the workers be paid the prevailing level of pay in that area for performing the work. Do you support this law, and will you oppose any attempts to erode it?

*Comments:*

- 12) Both public and private entities often enter into Project Labor Agreements with the Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council to ensure that construction projects are completed on time and built with skilled labor. If elected, would you support or oppose Project Labor Agreements for publicly-funded construction projects?

*Comments:*

## Supporting Union Workers

- 13) Elected officials in Northeast Ohio have often helped workers organize and have fought for workers' rights by writing official letters, attending rallies, passing resolutions, and engaging in various other public demonstrations of support. Will you commit to taking similar actions if elected?

*Please list any past participation in such events or any ways you have helped workers organize:*

- 14) Do you pledge to hold your campaign events at unionized facilities whenever possible?

*Comments:*

- 15) Do you plan to have your campaign literature and other printed items produced and printed by union printers?

*Comments:*

- 16) Please list the make and model of any vehicles you own or lease:

*Comments:*

- 17) The North Shore AFL-CIO adopted a "Workers Bill of Rights" in 2002. Would you be willing to sign this document? If so, please sign and return with this questionnaire.

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**Candidate signature**

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**Date**