



## Candidate Questionnaire for Endorsement Request

Our Revolution seeks to empower the next generation of progressive leaders by inspiring and recruiting progressive candidates to run for offices across the entire spectrum of government. From school boards to congressional seats, a new generation of political leaders, dedicated to transform America into a more economically, socially, racially, and environmentally will become involved.

Our Revolution will provide candidates inspired by the "political revolution," with the unparalleled digital tools, organizing knowledge and grassroots support, which was successfully utilized throughout Senator Sanders' campaign.

Please fill out the following questionnaire.

### **Contact information:**

1. Candidate's Full Name: Lisa McCormick
2. Candidate suggested by (if applicable):
3. State: NJ
4. Office sought/District: Governor
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### **Race Information:**

6. Type of election: Primary
7. Date of Primary: June 6 2017 Date of election: Nov 7 2017

### **About the candidate:**

8. Political Party Affiliation (Check 1):
  - Democratic Party
  - Independent/Unaffiliated
  - Green Party
  - Working Families Party
  - Libertarian Party
  - Republican Party
  - Other
9. Does the candidate currently hold or has he/she ever held elected office?  
Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate position:

## About the Campaign's Platform

\*Please give brief explanations\*

Please indicate the candidate's position on the the following issue statements and further explain in the space provided.

### Income and Wealth Inequality

10. Today, we live in the richest country in the history of the world, but that reality means little because much of that wealth is controlled by a tiny handful of individuals. To address that, the wealthy and large corporations must pay their fair share in taxes.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: We must raise taxes on the rich to lower the burden on everyone else & to enable investments in society
11. Huge financial institutions must be broken up so they are no longer too big to fail.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Break up too big to fail banks. Stop investing public funds in too big banks
12. No one who works 40-hours a week should live in poverty. The minimum wage needs to be a livable wage of \$15 an hour.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Wages should rise with inflation & society must address people who are economically obsolete
13. It is critically important to create jobs for disadvantaged young Americans by investing in a youth jobs programs.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Education should be free from age of 3 to college degree to allow maximum earnings
14. Social Security must be expanded so that every American can retire with dignity.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Scrap the cap to raise benefits, lower retirement age & exempt first \$20,000 income from tax

### Trade

15. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a massive trade deal that would affect 792 million people and 40 percent of the world economy. The TPP must be stopped and policies like NAFTA, CAFTA, and PNTR with China that have driven down wages and caused the loss of millions of jobs need to be reversed.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: America needs fair trade, not just free trade. Environment, worker rights, consumer standards among others are worth the cost and should be global

### **Campaign Finance Reform**

16. Citizens United, a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, resulted in enabling the wealthiest people and largest corporations in this country to contribute unlimited amounts of money to campaigns. This decision must be overturned and corruption in politics must end. This means fighting to pass a constitutional amendment making it clear that Congress and the states have the power to regulate money in elections. We must also eliminate super PACs and other outside spending abuses and work to aggressively enforce campaign finance rules.

- a. Agree   
b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

I am limiting donations to \$2500 per person despite state law allowing \$4300

17. In order to protect our democracy, we must fight for a publicly financed, transparent system of campaign financing that amplifies small donations. We must also ensure that all Americans are guaranteed an effective right to vote.

- a. Agree   
b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

I support universal federal voting rights, public funding of campaigns and outlawing bribery in all its forms (known in NJ as pay-to-play)

### **Education**

18. Every American who studies hard in school should be able to go to college regardless of how much money their parents make and without going deeply into debt. For that, we need to work towards making tuition free at public colleges and universities throughout America, stopping the federal government from making a profit on student loans.

- a. Agree   
b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Public education should be free from age of 3 to college degree. We know more & body of knowledge deserves to be taught

### **Healthcare**

19. Healthcare is a human right. Our healthcare system needs to work for all of us. We must guarantee healthcare as a right of citizenship by enacting a Medicare for all single-payer healthcare system, as well as lowering the price for prescription drugs.

- a. Agree   
b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Medicare for all

### **Infrastructure**

20. The U.S.'s infrastructure, from our roads and bridges, to our dams, waterways and electrical grid, have not been properly invested in nor used the advances in technology for maintenance or improvements. America is long overdue to rebuild our crumbling roads, bridges, railways, airports, public transit systems, ports, dams, wastewater plants, and other infrastructure needs.

- a. Agree   
b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

We must tax the rich more to pay for massive investments in America, like we did when the post war economic boom transpired 1945-1979

**Foreign Policy**

21. The U.S. must move away from a policy of unilateral military action, and toward a policy of emphasizing diplomacy, and ensuring the decision to go to war is a last resort.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: USA must pursue peace globally, and stop killing our brothers and sisters.
22. The U.S. defense spending is larger than that of the next seven largest defense budgets. We must firmly reject any increase to defense spending at the cost of cuts to domestic social spending.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: The world should be free, just & peaceful. We are all brothers and sisters

**Environment**

23. The United States must lead the world in tackling climate change, if we are to make certain that this planet is habitable for our children and grandchildren. We must transform our energy system away from polluting fossil fuels, and towards energy efficiency and sustainability.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: We should pursue solar & wind technology on scale with the Manhattan Project (batteries & power grid too)

**Racial Justice**

24. African-Americans and Latinos are twice as likely to be arrested and almost four times as likely to experience the use of force during encounters with the police. They also comprise well over half of all prisoners, even though African-Americans and Latinos make up approximately one quarter of the total US population. We must change this by demilitarizing our police forces, ban for-profit prisons, turn back from the War on Drugs, eliminate mandatory minimums, and increase investment in programs that help individuals recover from substance abuse and mental health problems.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: [lisamccormick.org/marijuana](http://lisamccormick.org/marijuana)

**Immigration**

25. Despite the central role immigrants play in our economy and in our daily lives, undocumented workers are reviled by some for political gain and shunted into the shadows. It is time for this disgraceful situation to end. We must pave the way for a swift legislative path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants and protect programs like DACA and DAPA.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: I support a balance between national security and open borders. We condemn notions that do not allow citizens to leave, we must let them in
26. The inhumane deportation machine must be dismantled by ending deportation programs, closing down private detention centers, offering humane treatment and asylum to victims of violence and minors fleeing from dangerous circumstances.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: above

**Women's Rights**

27. Despite major advances in civil and political rights, our country still has a long way to go in addressing the issue of gender inequality. In order to address this, we must fight for pay equity for women, expand and protect the reproductive rights of women and provide paid family and medical leave.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

prochoice

**LGBT Rights**

28. The United States has made remarkable progress on gay rights in a relatively short amount of time. But there is still much work to be done. In many states, it is still legal to fire someone for being gay. It is legal to deny someone housing for being transgender. That is unacceptable and must change. We must end discrimination in all forms.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

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**Native American**

29. The United States must not just honor Native American treaty rights and tribal sovereignty, it must also move away from a relationship of paternalism and control, and toward one of deference and support. That means supporting tribal sovereignty and tribal jurisdiction, honoring the treaties and federal statutes, improving housing and education, as well as by protecting sacred places and Native American cultures.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Equality is a fundamental value

**Veterans**

30. As a nation, we have a moral obligation to provide the best quality care to those who have put their lives on the line to defend us. Taking care of our veterans is a cost of war. The Department of Veterans Affairs must be fully funding and expanded so that every veteran gets the care that they have earned and deserve. Additionally, claim processing, mental health and dental services, and access to the VA must be improved.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

We owe a debt to service veterans

By typing my name below, I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify this application from consideration.

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Date:

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