

5th Congressional District Green Party

Candidate Screening Questionnaire for 2020 Elections

Instructions: For the ease of party members attending the Endorsement Meeting, we have grouped questions by topic. Please be sure to answer all items, including each question after the main topic.

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1. Please tell us about your background and decision to seek public office. Why are you seeking elected office? What background experiences have shaped your decision to stand as a candidate in this election? What are the skills and experiences that qualify you for this position?

I am running for office because I want to have more third-party members to have a voice in local government. Working and dealing with the two party system that we currently have has lead me to many headaches from it and we need a third voice for the people where citizens see the effect of government the most, at the local municipal level. The skills that I posses I learned from working on campaigns for the last several years.

2. Please tell us about your policy goals. Which policy issues would be the focus of your campaign and, if elected, your tenure in office? What strategies will you use to enact policies?

The biggest policy that I plan on focusing on is the Green New Deal and how we can adapt that on the local level. We must act collectively in facing this human-made climate disaster. The strategies that I would use would be working together with other GP elected officials to help get it done.

3. Please tell us about your involvement with the Green Party, including your relation to the four pillars and ten key values. How would your candidacy demonstrate commitment to the Green Party's values? Are there any positions in the platforms of the 5th Congressional District Green Party or the Green Party of Minnesota with which you disagree? If so, please explain.

I became a member about 8 months ago and was elected to serve on the state parties Central Committee where I am still today. Also, I am the chair of the state parties Environmental Committee. My campaign would follow the same grassroots principles that the Green Party stands by. Our campaign will be solely an effort for the people and not by corporations, PAC's or Super PAC's. I strongly believe in the four pillars and the ten key values and my campaign will focus on those.

4. The 5th Congressional District Green Party views elections as important opportunities to build the party by inspiring new people to become involved and by increasing awareness of the party. How do you see your campaign helping to meet these goals? What experience do you have in working with other people to inspire public involvement?

This is exactly partly why I am running for office. My experience is being part of the work that the green party has been a party of for a long time now and have become a visible leader in the community and want to show that I can inspire others to join and help with the party and maybe run for office themselves.

5. If endorsed, how will you promote the Green Party?

If I was endorsed, I would promote the Green Party in every possible way I could from every event that I hold to every speech that I would give. It is essential that we really show that there is a strong third-party option in a place where citizens see the most effect of government change, at the local level. Currently we have the PCR for the state party and will mention that as well of normal fundraising efforts. The big part is working with already elected green party officials to get out the vote efforts for the special election.

6. Please tell us about how you intend to campaign in the constituency from which you are seeking election. What strategies do you already have? What resources will you need for the campaign and how do you hope to mobilize these resources? If endorsed, what are ways that Green Party members can be of greatest assistance to your campaign?

During this unprecedented time, the normal campaign playbook got thrown out the window. Going forward with this campaign, using social media and other digital communication platforms to open a "digital campaign office" and print lots of flyers to have at local business that are essential so people can still learn about the campaign.

7. Have you been endorsed by or are you seeking the endorsement of any other political party for this office and this election?

I will be seeking only the Minnesota Green Party endorsement because I am a member of the Green Party and member of the state Coordinating Committee.

8. The candidate screening process asks us to seek information about "factors about the candidate's background that might be problematic if publicly known." Realizing that many background characteristics come about for a variety of reasons, we want you to share with us any information that would be important to know, along with any explanation that you see appropriate. (Examples could include being party to any ongoing, unresolved legal matters or past legal matters; having been terminated from a job for cause; having been removed from a community or public office for cause; and other items that could potentially be damaging to the Green Party.) These background factors in and of themselves do not automatically disqualify a candidate but are important among other considerations to know during the screening and endorsement process.

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