

Committee For County Progress
Questionnaire
Jackson County Sheriff

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Jackson County Democratic elected committeeman
Member of Jackson County redistricting committee
Actively participated in electoral process when asked

Previous Elective Office Sought State Representative 55th District (2), Jackson County
Democratic Committee, Jackson County Legislature 5th
District

Anticipated Budget Approximately \$85,000.00

1. What policies would you set for your deputies to assist undocumented immigrant victims of domestic violence?

Answer: This is a difficult question. Everyone should be protected under the law from any harm. The problem is that an undocumented immigrant could possibly be in the country in violation of the immigration laws. A policy would have to be in place to provide protection for the victim while a check for any other violations could be performed. The major problem that exists is that if the victim is in violation of the law then they probably will not report a domestic violent offender.

2. Do the demographics of the Jackson County Sheriff's Dept reflect those of the changing community in Jackson County?

Answer: The department does not have enough diversification and therefore does not reflect the make up of the county. The department needs more minorities in a management role.

3. What kind of cultural and/or sensitivity training would you provide your officers for dealing with non-English speaking residents of Jackson County?

Answer: Again the department needs more of a diverse force and support personnel to create an atmosphere that all officers will be familiar with in a working relationship. If someone has the opportunity to work with different cultures then hopefully communicating amongst each other will bring differences to light and hopefully understanding. Training also should supplement and be required just like racial profiling is mandatory training.

4. Do you support the right of public employees to collectively bargain?

Answer: Yes, I have always supported and fought for this right. Both as a member of the Democratic Party and past President of the Independence Fraternal Order of Police. I was the first FOP President in Independence to negotiate with the city for wage changes. I am the only candidate who has been a member of an organized labor union.

5. Do you support a woman's lawful right to choose to terminate a pregnancy?

Answer: I support the right of a woman to choose within the lawful limits

6. What is the most challenging issue facing Democrats today?

Answer: Working together. If the Democratic Party would come together and work as a team no one would be able to defeat them. The party always has the good and welfare of the people as a goal, but the fighting and destruction we cause within our party keeps us from attaining the goals and keeps good qualified candidates from participating in the electoral process.

7. What role, if any, does faith play for elected officials?

Answer: Faith is a very important part of everyone's life. If a person chooses to participate in the elective process then they might have to vote on something that could go against their belief. If this happens then a decision has to be made about the situation. The elected official has been put in office to create law and protect the good of all people. Unfortunately, a law enforcement official has to enforce the law and cannot choose to disregard the law. He has discretion, but it is limited.

8. What can Democrats do to stem the erosion of support from labor unions? From suburban and rural communities?

Answer: An organized effort would be needed to support labor. Unfortunately, I do not think this will ever happen. I am not a supporter of purchasing anything from Wal Mart, but the number of Union decals on vehicles at Wal Mart and other corporations that are anti-union really amazes me.

9. Do you or have you ever supported placing limits on a woman's right to choose? If yes please explain.

Answer: Limits are only within the scope of the constitution

10. Have you ever endorsed a Republican for office? Yes or No. If yes please designate which candidate(s).

Answer: Not as far as I know. Some elections are bi-partisan and some candidates can fool you

11. Do you or have you ever supported right to work laws? If yes, please explain.

Answer: Never have and never will

12. Do you or have you ever supported the right of public employees to collectively bargain? If no please explain.

Answer: I support collective bargaining. In the public sector some recourse has to be found to deal with impasse to avoid strikes.

Please list and explain your top three priorities if elected:

The three priorities are contained in my two main priorities: the citizens and the department

1. Commitment to the citizens of Jackson County to keep families safe
 - a. Bring up to date and keep current the Sexual Predator list to protect our children
 - b. Create a hotline for our senior population to be able to obtain information easily.
 - c. Lobby for computer database of pseudoephedrine to reduce meth

2. Work with the Legislature to make the Sheriff's department the most respected and sought after place for employment in Jackson County.
 - a. Create a diverse department that reflects the changing numbers within the county.
 - b. Lobby the legislature for better wages, working conditions, and equipment.
 - c. Create a better pipeline for communication between the department and the other agencies within Jackson County to make sure that law enforcement is working on an even level to resolve any problems.