

Abortion Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legal.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Prohibit public funding of abortions and of organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- g) Other or expanded principles _____

Budget, Spending, and Tax Issues:

State Budget: Indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category.**

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- 1 = *Greatly Increase*
- 2 = *Slightly Increase*
- 3 = *Maintain Status*
- 4 = *Slightly Decrease*
- 5 = *Greatly Decrease*
- 6 = *Eliminate*

- a) Education (Higher)
- b) Education (K-12)
- c) Environment
- d) Health care
- e) Law enforcement
- f) Transportation and highway infrastructure
- g) Welfare
- h) Other or expanded categories _____

State Taxes: Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. **Select one level per tax.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Alcohol taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> h) Inheritance taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b) Capital gains taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> i) Property taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Cigarette taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> j) Sales taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d) Corporate taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> k) Vehicle taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e) Gasoline taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> l) Other or expanded categories _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000) | |

- m) Should Internet sales be taxed? Yes No Undecided
- n) Do you support expanding the sales tax to certain services to increase state aid to education? Yes No Undecided
- o) Do you support allowing additional casinos to open in Iowa? Yes No Undecided
- p) Do you support allowing table games at Iowa racetracks? Yes No Undecided
- q) Other or expanded principles _____

Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Iowa governors? Yes No Undecided
- b) Do you support limiting the number of terms for Iowa state senators and representatives? Yes No Undecided
- c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative and gubernatorial candidates?
 - 1) Individual Yes No Undecided
 - 2) PAC Yes No Undecided
 - 3) Corporate Yes No Undecided
 - 4) Political Parties Yes No Undecided
- d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information? Yes No Undecided
- e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns? Yes No Undecided
- f) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying, and ensuring accuracy of votes? Yes No Undecided
- g) Do you support prohibiting the reporting of media exit polling results until all polling locations in Iowa are closed? Yes No Undecided
- h) Do you support the use of bonuses to help attract and retain department directors? Yes No Undecided
- i) Should Iowa recognize civil unions between same-sex couples? Yes No Undecided
- j) Should Iowa restrict marriage to a union only between a man and a woman? Yes No Undecided
- k) Other or expanded principles _____

Crime Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and for hiring of additional prison staff.
- b) Implement the death penalty in Iowa.

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- c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- d) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
- e) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- f) Decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- g) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
- h) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- i) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.
- j) Increase funding for state and local emergency agencies to prevent and to respond to terrorist attacks.
- k) Other or expanded principles _____

Education Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
- b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any public school.
- c) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
- d) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
- e) Increase state funds for hiring additional teachers.
- f) Support teacher testing and reward with merit pay.
- g) Endorse voluntary prayer in public schools.
- h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
- i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
- j) Increase funding for Head Start programs.
- k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
- l) Support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods.
- m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
- n) Require the school year to begin the first week in September rather than in August.
- o) Other or expanded principles _____

Employment and Affirmative Action Issues:

Employment: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector in order to encourage investment and economic expansion.
- c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.
- d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- f) Include sexual orientation in Iowa's anti-discrimination laws.
- g) Increase the state minimum wage.
- h) Support increased bonding to pay for economic development projects (Vision Iowa).
- i) Other or expanded principles _____

Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity, or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:

- a) Public employment Yes No Undecided
- b) State college and university admissions Yes No Undecided
- c) State contracting Yes No Undecided
- d) Other or expanded principles _____

Environment and Energy Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
- b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, and oil).
- c) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.
- d) Support funding for open space preservation.
- e) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.
- f) Other or expanded principles _____

Gun Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

- a) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- b) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- c) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- d) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.

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- e) Require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns.
- f) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
- g) Require a license for gun possession.
- h) Other or expanded principles _____

Health Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

- a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state-funded care where necessary.
- b) Transfer more existing Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
- c) Limit the amount of punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
- e) Support patients' right to appeal to an administrative board of specialists when services are denied.
- f) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
- g) Legalize physician assisted suicide in Iowa.
- h) Allow doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.
- i) Require insurance companies to provide mental health services at parity with physical health services.
- j) Other or expanded principles _____

Welfare and Poverty Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare and poverty.

- a) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
- b) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
- c) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
- d) Limit benefits given to recipients if they have additional children while on welfare.
- e) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
- f) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to extend health and child care subsidies to the working poor.
- g) Support marriage promotion programs for welfare recipients.
- h) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
- i) Other or expanded principles _____

Legislative Priorities: *On an attached page, disk, or via email, please explain in a total of 75 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*

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Candidate Name _____ State and District _____ Party _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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