

## Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Extremists exist and are permitted to bully folks by insinuating you are smart when you side with them. And if not, you are insulted with being called stupid and unpatriotic. Western Colorado politics have been controlled especially in rural communities by these bullies. By not giving people choices (but the extremists) in elections, we continue to suffer the bullying. The extremists listen to only one source of information and are disinformed with radio talk and limited TV viewing. The limited exposure for rural people to both sides of the story continues to provide power to these bullies and permits them to line their pockets with the monies of the working people I am very pleased that new people are moving into the area and have different lived life experiences that provide a more balanced view.
2. The seven principles are ethical and just. Yes, I endorse them all. Have personal characteristic of being transparent regarding my beliefs and errors. This political division is directly related to greed, money and lies of the “non-believers” in your code.

3. I have not been a “sheep” in my past life experience. As a scientist who believes in reliable research, doing one homework FIRST is my style. Am one who has been referred to as creative, calculated risk taker and challenge solver. Am not one to jump into the newest idea, medicines, or media reports and believe the story line.

I disagree with HD 1257 would have had a great deal to say on the House floor. Once again, the working folks take a hit. DORA needs to have some accountability to their temporary decisions when it requires the loss of wages. The imposition of a “felony” now stands to be redebated in my mind. This was a bipartisan bill which both house and senate sponsored that has done damage to licensed occupations and the working folks.

My personal ethics and commitment to solving challenges would give me the necessary courage to stand and question anyone! If I were to loose my “position”, then fine. Liz Cheney is a hero in my book. She will sleep well the rest of her life. I would have done the same.

4. I went to the local Republican open meeting regarding the introduction of the grey wolves into Colorado. I highly oppose this and verbalized so in their presence. The statement I made, was that “We are more in agreement on certain issues than not!” Many were taken by surprise.

We CAN NOT improve the division if we are not listening to each other. I have gone to other Republican gatherings to listen. It is not uncommon for me to ask pointed questions to get clarification and take notes.

So far, folks have been respectful.

5. Anything we can do to limit access of guns to the mentally ill is good.

I am personally wanting no youth to have access to military assault rifles till age 21. I really don't see why non-military or non-law enforcement folks need this type of armory.

My family are good hunters and there's nothing like a good elk steak. We own guns. We raise livestock and need them to protect them. BUT, one shot is all it takes a good hunter to drop animals so the multi-magazines and assault rifles are not necessarily needed. Limiting both is a good and acceptable by me.

If a person has been convicted of domestic violence (a mental illness), they should never have access or permission to be in possession of guns of any nature.

The red flags pilot program outcomes will be interesting given the HIPAA regulations set in place at this time. I am interested to see if someone comes up with the ability to transfer mental health information without a HIPAA compliance violation.

I frankly don't care about concealed or open carry side arms. If a person is so paranoid that they feel they needs immediate gunfire capability, doubt we can change their beliefs.

6. Outside of the antics of Tina Peters in Mesa County, Colorado, I believe the elections are correct in Colorado. I have belief in the quality of the majority of county staffs. As the younger clerks come into their positions, I have faith that they will not owe allegiance to the older power structures. And hopefully with the fiasco of Tina Peters, they will take heed. Her being appropriately punished should set the standard for what happens with poorly execution of legal duties.

7. Issues facing the Western Slope include:

- **The inability of Republican legislators to get the Democrat controlled state government to fairly/justly distributed resources to the Western Slope.**

+ elect dedicated, courageous, amiable Democrats for a change

- **The lack of affordable housing and childcare for the working people.**

+ bonus contractors for who build affordable housing

+ fund a Colorado house rehabbing pilot program so communities can get Colorado monies to start a 501c3's to go in and improve dilapidated houses in their community to make them safe, affordable houses.

+ provide business and child development consultants to people who want to open childcare centers with the available state monies in communities needing them. Providing subsidies to qualified providers through simple grants.

- **Lack of affordable health care.**

- + put a moratorium on insurance companies mandating more data and activities of providers

- + purchase a statewide useable electronic medical record software like the Veterans, Colorado Corrections or Indian Health Services use for an inexpensive cost for any provider.

- + stop mandating blister packed pills be thrown away rather than recycled from hospitals and nursing homes.

- + develop a Colorado generic medication pharmacy to provide drugs at a reasonable cost to any of us.

- **Need for tradesman in all occupations.**

- + better fund or technical trades education institutions in the state

- + provide first semester tuition assistance "liberally" and then scholarships for the final semesters of training that would assist students to be nearly debt free after graduation.

- + Assist college students with tuition reduction based on their GPA's after completion of their first semester.

- **Road maintenance and mass transportation availability.**

- + elevation of I- 70 in areas of constant flood, mud and snow slides

- + keep BUSTANG funded and purchases alternately fueled vehicles

- **Economic growth development.**

- + meat processing plant

- + biohazard waste destruction plant

- + plastics recycling and new product manufacturing from the recycled

plastics

- **Energy Resource development.**

- + promote public and private joint alternative power research and development

**Water Quantity and Quality.**

- + DO NOT open the water compact

- + Mandate conservation and reduction of water use (especially down stream!)

- +Great funding for CSU Extension Service to develop a program to focus more on the conservation of water programs in all communities

- + Stand firm on reduction of use percentages

**The Preservation of Family Farms and Ranches**

- + corporations have their eyes on these beautiful multigenerational lands.

We must be willing and able to provide legal and business consultation to prevent acts like “Eminent Domain” take overs. My opponent backs such oil and gas corporations who used this tactic. I suspect they have lined certain pockets with their money. SOS ‘s campaign finance watch dogs can tell us who donates to whom.

- + industrial ag is of a great concern to me given that it can destroy our family lead agriculture. Family lead agriculture needs to have access to subsidies and bail outs no different than Wall Street, banks and car manufacturers. Locally, our Farmer’s Co-Ops and other local ag groups need to be protected and financially assisted when they need our state government. Grants could be made available for labor costs, machinery purchase or repair, etc..

- + FFA and other ag education groups could be recipients of the state grant monies for special ag related projects.

- + The CSU Research stations all over the state need more than adequate funding to continue their research and provide ag education along with water and climate change activities.

“Remember Colorado, we feed and water you!” should be the our Ag motto!