

CENTER FOR RACIAL AND GENDER EQUITY

Candidate Questionnaire

Please return the completed form to the Center for Racial and Gender Equity (CRGE) either by email to louisa@center4racialjustice.org or by general mail to 2929 S. Wabash, Suite 203, Chicago, IL 60616.

Candidate Name

Office Sought District Number

Office Address

Office Number State Zip

Campaign Email

Campaign Phone Website

GENERAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Explain why you are running to be a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. (150 word maximum)

Describe any public service experiences that have prepared you for this office. (150 word maximum)

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (150 word maximum)

List your top five campaign contributors.

POLICY PLATFORM

In this section, please discuss how you would work to advance racial justice in the following issue areas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

If elected, would you sign on to the *MORE (Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement) Act*, which would remove cannabis from the *Controlled Substances Act* and establish a process for expungement and re-sentencing of prior marijuana convictions?

Yes

No

Briefly explain (optional)

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If elected, would you support the repeal of the *Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994*, as well as the federal “three strikes” and “truth in sentencing” legislation?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to the *Fair Chance Housing Act* which would remove barriers to obtaining federal housing assistance for individuals with conviction histories and for their families?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, what additional policies, if any, would you work to advance, in order to promote racial justice, equity and liberation in the criminal justice system?

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

If elected, would you support the *End Racial and Religious Profiling Act*, which would prohibit law enforcement from engaging in racial profiling and withhold funding to departments that fail to comply?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

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If elected, would you sign on to the *Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act*, which would regulate the transfer of dangerous military weapons from the federal government to state and local law enforcement?

Yes **No**

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to legislation that lowers the excessive burdens required to prosecute police officers for misconduct? Would you support legislation to eliminate the “qualified immunity” defense that shields law enforcement officers from accountability?

Yes **No**

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you support the establishment of restrictive national standards governing officer use of force, searches and seizures, and civilian police stops for local departments that receive federal funding?

Yes **No**

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, what other policies, if any, would you work to advance, in order to end systems of racialized corruption, harassment and brutality within local police departments across the U.S.?

WORKERS RIGHTS

If elected, would you sign on to the *Workplace Democracy Act*, which would ban local “right to work” laws, require employers to make disclosures of anti-labor organization activities, and extend bargaining rights to workers who are currently classified as independent contractors?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to the *Raise the Wage Act*, which would gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour and abolish the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to the *Schedules That Work Act*, which guarantees more predictable schedules for workers, or extra pay if employees must work irregular schedules?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to the *Family Act*, which guarantees up to 12 weeks of paid family leave to workers, funded through a payroll tax on businesses and employees?

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If elected, would you sign on to the *Domestic Workers Bill of Rights Act*, which would amend federal labor laws to include domestic workers and ensure in-home workers guaranteed paid time off, privacy protection, and a written employment contract?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, what other policies, if any, would you work to advance, in order to promote equitable employment opportunities, wages and labor protections for workers of color?

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

If elected, would you sign on to the *Child Care for Working Families Act*, which would expand access to high-quality, affordable child care for millions of families and establish a path toward universal childcare?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected would you sign on to the *American Opportunity Accounts Act*, which would reverse the racialized wealth gap in the U.S. by creating a seed savings account for every American child when they are born?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

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If elected would you sign on to HR 40, which would establish a commission to study the impact of slavery on African Americans and suggest proposals that would help remunerate descendants of slaves for the costs of centuries of racial discrimination?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you support legislation that increases funding and expands eligibility for programs that alleviate poverty, such as the EITC, CTC, TANF and SNAP?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, what other policies, if any, would you work to advance, in order to promote the health and economic stability of middle and low income households of color?

FAIR DEMOCRACY

If elected, would you sign on to the *Voting Rights Advancement Act*, which would restore stricter federal scrutiny over electoral policy in states and localities with a pattern of discrimination?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

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If elected, would you sign on to the *Democracy Restoration Act*, which would guarantee that constituents with felony conviction records have the right to participate in federal elections?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected would you sign on to the *Redistricting Reform Act*, which would which would curb racialized partisan gerrymandering by establishing independent redistricting commissions?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, would you sign on to the *Democracy for All Amendment*, which would overturn *Citizens United* and authorize Congress and states to set limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence elections?

Yes No

Briefly explain (optional)

If elected, what additional policies would you work to advance in order to secure ballot access and direct democracy for voters of color?