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I, \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Doyle \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided on this questionnaire is accurate and the opinions stated here accurately reflect my own positions.

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Please complete, sign and return this via email in both Word Doc and PDF format to [Kelly@reclaimphiladelphia.org](mailto:Kelly@reclaimphiladelphia.org) on or before August 4, 2020.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This is a three-part questionnaire. The first set of questions is intended to understand the viability of your campaign. The second set of questions are intended to be richer questions with longer answers. They are intended to help the members of Reclaim Philadelphia understand how you view the world and the political issues that face Philadelphia. As you might expect, these questions are big and broad. Please limit your answers to each question to no more than 250 words. The third set of questions contain two options to choose from and are NOT meant to be answered at length.

**PART 1: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION - Please answer fully and briefly**

1. How many votes do you need to win? 15,000
2. What strategies do you plan to use to win? A mix of phone banking using auto dialer, texting and digital media.
3. What endorsements have you currently received? Working Families Party
4. How much money have you raised? How much do you intend to raise? \$10,000 YTD. Our budget is for \$150,000 (Due to write in results not being certified we were unable to raise any significant money until the first week in July)

**PART 2 - LONGFORM QUESTIONS - Please respond in 250 words or less.**

1. What do you value most about the district you are running to represent and why do you want to represent it in Harrisburg as State Representative? **I value the growing diversity in the district, the open spaces that are currently plentiful and the opportunity to lead people into a different world view that acknowledges that we need to unite as a city in order to help our brothers and sisters that are in need of basic services, to help them understand that developers and the wealthy are given tax breaks while we do not get those same benefits, and to represent the constituency from a place of moral dignity and compassion, not from a place of vindictiveness and hate.**

1. Do you regard basic needs of Pennsylvanians, including food, housing, health care, and education, as human rights or as commodities most efficiently distributed by economic markets? How would this look in a truly just world? How would you begin to fight for that world in your first 100 days in office? **I most certainly do regard these as human rights. I would collaborate with other Progressive electeds to see what bills are in committee already that have addressed these human rights, and I would focus on housing, health care and education as they are vitally important to me. I would analyze the current needs of the district and the city at large when it comes to food insecurity and make sure we are organized on how to best serve those suffering from that issue. Having done a lot of work during the COVID-19 crisis on this front this would be something that would be very easy to accomplish in my opinion.**

1. In recent years, Pennsylvania has had enormous trouble passing a budget. What are your budgetary priorities, what revenue sources would you seek, and how would you move these measures through the Republican-dominated legislature? The amount of funding we can generate from legalizing marijuana would be a priority to fill budgetary holes/gaps. I would also work to end tax breaks for the fossil fuel industry, and other large corporate industrial and commercial businesses to help increase funding for Education. I do not believe the legislature will be dominated by Republicans come November, however, I would seek out moderate legislators that have common issues, like the opioid epidemic, and health care, and create relationships with them to find common ground.

1. Philadelphia remains the most impoverished major city and about 75% of our residents lack bachelor's degrees. What policies would you implement to ensure that decent, high-paying jobs created here are accessible to the majority of our population, not just the relatively well-educated and already well off? **Our public sector is in need of new people to help with our Policing problem. We need to ensure the wealthy pay their fair share, and make sure our budget priorities address community needs like hiring more social workers, crisis counselors, therapists, etc. I propose working with allies at City Council to identify how legislation at the State level can ensure we have training and education for people to fill these much needed positions.**

1. What policies would you introduce and/or sponsor to expand and strengthen the labor movement in Pennsylvania? How would you fortify existing unions in the event of a state or nationwide right-to-work law? How would you expand worker representation and power in sectors with low union density? **I would look to union leadership to identify troublesome bills that are proposed, work with colleagues to see what bills are lying in committees already that strengthen the labor movement and look to buttress these proposals and co-sponsor or introduce them and vote against right-to-work laws. I would seek to introduce a moratorium on Charter schools. I would encourage and work with labor leaders to organize sectors that do not have union representation and help to organize them within my district.**

6. Philadelphia's immigrant communities are threatened by increased ICE deportation efforts, police brutality and misconduct, and discriminatory treatment by our criminal justice system. What will you do to ensure that Pennsylvania residents are safe from ICE? **ICE is a menace to our society for certain. Being elected would solve one of Philadelphia's anti-immigration/Pro-ICE issues, so that would be a great way to help solve this issue.**

1. What is your opinion on privatized infrastructure and/or public-private partnerships for development or maintenance of public infrastructure, such as roads and water works? **Public benefits should be managed by public institutions, not private ones.**

1. Pennsylvania faces a housing crisis. In our state over 27,000 children and youth have been identified as unhoused by local school districts. According to Census & American Community Survey data, 30% of renters in Philadelphia pay over 50% of their income in rent. Given the housing crisis in Pennsylvania in general, and in Philadelphia in particular, what meaningful measures will you introduce so that all residents have access to safe, accessible housing? **This is a crisis that all too often is ignored and or managed poorly. I would investigate what powers we have available at the State level to streamline the PHA and ensure that our unhoused friends are not kept in shelters indefinitely but placed in vacant housing the city or agencies own. Housing is a human right.**

1. Given the reality of the climate crisis, do you support a Green New Deal (GND) for Pennsylvania? If so, please outline how you will craft this, what would be included, and how adaptation measures for communities most impacted will be centered. **Yes I do. I believe that centering our measures and policies around those communities most affected by climate change and pollution is paramount. Identifying the issues in rural areas affected by fracking and high pollution sites in big cities must be addressed first. Severely limiting or eradicating the power the fossil fuel industry has over our legislature is key.**

1. What measures can be taken by the Pennsylvania legislature to put an end to overpolicing, militarization of police, police brutality, and lack of police accountability, especially in black and brown communities that are unfairly and disproportionately targeted? How would you support these measures? **Creating a movement for making sure the FOP is restructured to have one local represent the rank and file and another autonomous local represent supervisors and brass is essential. Eliminating the 1968 Act 111 is also key. And creating real legislation that holds all departments accountable, open and transparent is crucial to make sure we start to address the systemic racism and institutional power within the police. Creating new departments that focus on educating current rank and file to enroll in secondary education to obtain an MSW, D&A counseling and other therapeutic measures is also crucial. Making sure that officers that patrol districts are living within those districts is key as well. We must reinvent how we approach the most consistent issues that police have in regards to the institutional and systemic racism that is rooted in it's existence. We also must put an end to militarizing our police and limiting the resources they are able to retrieve from our military.**

### **PART 3 - YES OR NO QUESTIONS**

1. Will you support legislation to provide universal child and elder care for Pennsylvanians?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Will you support legislation for single-payer health care that covers all individuals, regardless of documentation status? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. The average student loan debt in Pennsylvania is \$33,935, one of the highest in the country. Will you support legislation to make the PASSHE system and Commonwealth colleges tuition and fee free and provide cost of living stipends to students who are residents of Pennsylvania? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Do you support a moratorium on all new charter schools? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Do you support the use of public school vouchers to pay for private school tuition?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Should all state educational revenue streams be funneled through the Fair Funding Formula for our public schools? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Do you support the Keystone Opportunity Zone program? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Do you support tax breaks to lure or retain businesses? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Do you support the use of eminent domain by corporations and businesses?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Do you support a ban on fracking in Pennsylvania? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Will you support legislation to mandate that pensions increase each year to match with the average increase in cost of living expenses? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Will you commit to introducing/sponsoring legislation to expand Medicaid to fully fund medically assisted treatment, mental health, and community-based programs to support people struggling with addictions and their families in Philadelphia?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Do you support the permanent loss of a distribution license as the penalty for overproduction and overprescription of opioids? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Will you support legislation to ensure that medically assisted treatment is readily available to people who are incarcerated? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Will you commit to supporting safe-consumption sites in Pennsylvania?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. From the moment a landlord files a claim in landlord-tenant court, a tenant is saddled with an eviction record that makes it nearly impossible to obtain safe and decent housing. This is true regardless of the outcome of an eviction claim. Will you support legislation to:
  - a. Expunge all eviction records that do not result in a judgment against the tenant? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**
  - b. Seal all open eviction cases upon satisfaction of the judgment?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**
  - c. Expunge all eviction records five (5) years from the day of filing?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**
1. Will you support legislation to create a state-wide tenant bill of rights, including but not limited to a right to legal counsel, full funding for tenant legal aid, and just cause eviction laws?  
**YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Will you support legislation to enact rent control in Pennsylvania, limiting yearly increases in rent to 1.5 times the Consumer Price Index, or 3%, whichever is lower (including in the case of vacancies). **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Do you commit to enshrining in law employment and discrimination protections for the LGBTQIA+ and immigrant communities? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Will you support an end to the death penalty in all cases? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Will you support an end to all felony disenfranchisement in Pennsylvania, in accordance with the laws in Maine and Vermont? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Will you support the decriminalization of sex work, for both sex workers and patrons? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Would you support legislation to justly transition Pennsylvania to 100% renewable energy by 2035? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. Pennsylvania taxpayers currently provide more than \$3.2 billion in fossil fuel subsidies, which equals \$794 per Pennsylvania taxpayer. Would you oppose any new subsidies to the fossil fuel industry? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

Would you support legislation to repeal any and all current fossil fuel subsidies? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. The fracking industry has proposed thousands of miles of new pipelines to cut through communities around the state, all for the gain of corporations looking to sell fossil fuels for profit, largely to market overseas. Do you support a statewide moratorium on new pipelines? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

1. The fracking industry is increasingly driven by plastics production, not energy production. Several new petrochemical processing facilities called cracker plants are proposed for Pennsylvania. These facilities spew an immense amount of air pollution and drive demand for more fracking, while furthering the production and pollution of disposable plastics Do you support a statewide moratorium on all new cracker facilities, and on similar petrochemical infrastructure? **YES [  ] NO [  ]**

### **PART III - ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION**

If there's anything else our membership should know about you or if you feel the need to provide additional information about any of your above responses, do so here. Please keep your response to a total of 100 words or less.

Thank you to the Steering Committee and to the members for allowing me to again re-commit to Reclaim's positions on so many matters that need real structural change and new leadership to accomplish the list of goals set forth.

I would like to personally attest that I had to initially step back from my inclination to run for a second term in the early part of 2020 due to family obligations, specifically the realization of having my Mother move into our home during her end of life. Unfortunately COVID-19 prevented that from happening and my mother passed away in Mid April. After analyzing the political realities in my district I just could not accept the fact that a Representative like my opponent would get a free pass to ascend for another term to represent me in Harrisburg. After successfully mounting a write-in campaign we were finally certified as a winning candidate at the end of June. I could not endeavor to fundraise without 100% guarantee that the results would indeed be certified. Thus, I was only able to start genuinely able to start raising funds at the beginning of July.