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Q1 **Agree**

I acknowledge that this questionnaire is due by February 8th, 2026, for consideration by the AFSCME District Council 47 PEOPLE Committee.

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State Senators and State Representatives Questionnaire

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Campaign HQ Address

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Campaign Manager's Name

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Campaign Manager's Phone

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Campaign Manager's Email

Q11

What office are you seeking?

State Representative

Q12

In what district are you running?

195

Q13

Yes

Are you the incumbent?

Q14

If yes, year first elected.

2024

Q15

Democrat

With which party are you registered?

Q16

Who are your opponents?

Kenneth Walker

Miles Owen

Q17

What is your strategy to win office?

To continue to serve the district with the hard work myself and my staff have been committed to since being elected.

Q18

Please explain why you seek Labor's endorsement.

Labor is the backbone of the city. There is a fair amount of my constituents, and their family and friends have union workers in their households. I want to be endorsed by the unions that represent this city and my community. I believe in unions.

Q19

Please list union leaders you seek input from when developing your agenda.

Sam Staten, Laborers Local #332

Q20

Yes

Have you sought endorsement from any other AFSCME Affiliates?

Q21

Beyond our public endorsement, what specific support are you seeking from AFSCME DC 47?

Canvassing teams, possibly petitioners, financial assistance.

Q22

What significant endorsements have you received from organizations and individuals?

Boilermakers, Laborers Local #332

Q23

Briefly describe what will be your top priorities and issue areas of focus if elected.

Employment: Provide a pipeline to education, not prison. Teach civics, socialization and financial literacy in schools.

Q24

What public services do you think are underfunded, and what is your plan to build funding for those services?

Health, education and infrastructure are facing significant funding gaps due to recent federal policy shifts.

Q25

What measures would you support to reduce the cost of living in Pennsylvania such as housing and utilities?

Rent controls and a more thoughtful way to gradually raise rent.

Q26

What is your position on providing resources or funding to address homelessness in Pennsylvania?

First you have to separate the parts of homelessness. 1) mental illness, 2) substance abuse, 3) the unemployed.

Q27

Would you require that evictions be carried out by a public entity which could not be contracted to a private party? Would you support additional requirements for carrying out evictions?

I would rather have evictions be carried out by a public entity. There have been too many incidents where private contractors feel pressured and it could get confrontational.

Q28

What is your position on increasing the state minimum wage to a living wage? What hourly rate do you think is a fair number?

The minimum wage hasn't followed inflation which isn't fair to the hard worker.

Q29

Would you support an increase to the tipped minimum wage and if so, what hourly rate do you think is a fair number? Why or why not?

Yes the tipped wage should be between \$7 / \$8.

Q30

What measures would you support to provide guaranteed capital funding for reliable public transportation systems in Pennsylvania? What efforts would you make to build support for public transit with legislators from other regions?

I would push for dedicated transportation funding.

Q31

What steps would you take to reduce or eliminate traffic fatalities?

Slow down city street speed with a 10 mph overage before violations are issued.

Q32

How would you increase Pennsylvanians' access to health care?

Universal healthcare, expand insurance coverage.

Q33

What is your position on women's access to contraception and abortion?

Continue to support a woman's right to choose

Q34

What tactics would you use to combat the Opioid Epidemic?

Arrest are not the issues, we need more mental and drug assistance.

Q35

How would you improve the defined benefit pension plans in the public sector?

will answer in person

Q36

Do you support the current system of defined benefit pensions for state and local public employees?

will answer in person

Q37

(SENATE ONLY) If appointed to either of the two main pension boards (i.e., SERS and PSERS), how would you assure that the funds were run on sound fiscal footing?

n/a

Q38

How would you work to support, strengthen and diversify unions in PA?

I stand with unions and will back what they offer when it comes to strengthening the rights of union workers.

Q39

Do you support creating an agency that extends OSHA protections to public employees in Pennsylvania?

Public employee protection is a must and it is what unions are built on.

Q40

Would you change the way Judges are selected in Pennsylvania and if so how?

will answer in person

Q41

What is your position on DEI initiatives that promote inclusivity, protect freedom of expression, remove barriers, and provide opportunities for all Pennsylvanians?

Everyone should have equal opportunity.

Q42

What are your positions on regulation of generative artificial intelligence in political campaigns?

I have to study this more.

Q43

How would you make taxation in Pennsylvania fairer and more equitable?

Fully implement and scale the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, which is structured as 10% of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and make it as automatic as possible so eligible filers don't miss it.

Q44

Would you support a constitutional amendment to eliminate the Uniformity Clause? Why or why not?

I would support a constitutional amendment that replaces the current Uniformity Clause framework with a modern, equity-ready standard—but I would not support a “clean repeal” with no replacement.

Q45

Would you support repealing the law that municipalities cannot mandate PILOTS? Why or why not?

will answer in person

Q46

Pennsylvania, like most states, provides a host of tax incentive programs to businesses and developers such as the Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) and Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). Do you think the current incentive structure is effective or should it be modified? Please explain.

will look into it.

Q47

What are your plans to address the 2023 court decision highlighting constitutional deficiencies of public funding for public education?

will answer in person

Q48

What is your view on charter schools? What reforms would you support for oversight and regulation of charter schools?

will answer in person

Q49

What are your views on public tax money to be used for private schools? What are your views on educational tax credits?

not a fan of public tax money used for private school, Public schools need all the public money they can access.

Q50

Are there areas where you oppose state preemption of local legislation, such as gun regulation and minimum wage?

will answer in person

Q51

How would you reform PA gun laws? Would you engage members of the legislative body to give counties more control over gun laws?

will answer in person

Q52

What changes would you support to the state and county correctional systems?

better oversight and worker protection

Q53

Would you support banning private operation of prisons? Why or why not?

will answer in person

Q54

What is your position on funding for diversion programs for various issues, including drug offenders, and access to mental health treatment?

If we can fund it properly without taking away from other programs.

Q55

Do you support publicly funded reentry programs for previously incarcerated individuals? What additional incentives for employers to hire previously incarcerated individuals would you propose?

yes, tax credits and we can explore more and better options.

Q56

What is your position on the state's current drug laws? Would you support legalizing Marijuana for recreational use? Please explain your position.

Adult use medical marijuana is acceptable.

Q57

Do you support capital punishment? Do you support maintaining the moratorium on executions in Pennsylvania?

I believe in justice reform and rehabilitation.

Q58

Would you support including LGBTQIA people as a protected class under hate crime laws?

yes

Q59

Should Pennsylvania adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism? Why or why not?

need to study more

Q60

Do you support current anti-BDS laws in Pennsylvania and would you support ongoing efforts by the legislature to expand such laws by prohibiting the State Treasurer and state retirement systems from boycotting or divesting from Israeli companies or companies that support the Israeli occupation of Palestine?

will answer in person

Q61

Since Pennsylvania withdrew from RGGI this year, what measures would you support to shift away from fossil fuels and expand the use of clean and renewable energy sources, to combat climate change and to promote environmental justice?

will answer in person

Q62

In addition to climate change, water pollution is a big concern in the commonwealth. What steps would you take to clean up the 27,886 miles of polluted waterways?

will answer in person
