

2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE



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Dear Candidate:

We have designed this questionnaire to focus on your vision and values, and to better understand your breadth of knowledge and dedication as a pro-conservation and pro-democracy candidate. MCV's endorsed candidates are bold, courageous visionaries who embrace our mission of electing leaders who will fight for our clean air, clean water, public lands, and democracy.

Completing this questionnaire is the first step to earn an endorsement from MCV. The next step may include an endorsement interview with a panel of MCV members. From there, the MCV Action Fund (PAC) Board will review the questionnaire and interview responses and make a determination on whether and when to endorse. The Board's decision-making process is entirely independent of MCV's staff.

Please return the completed questionnaire to jocelyn@mtvoters.org by 5 pm on April 23.

Thank you for running for public office!

Please limit each response to 300 words and feel free to answer in a separate document.

GENERAL

- Please list your previously held public offices and/or candidacies, if any, with dates:
- Why are you seeking the endorsement of MCV? How do your policy goals align with MCV's mission and values?
- Have you been endorsed by MCV in the past? If so, when and how did MCV's endorsement affect your candidacy?
- What sets you apart from your opponents?

All answers should only cover the scope of the policies that are questioned. Please do not refer to your campaign or any other internal campaign information that would be inappropriate if MCV were to conduct independent expenditures.

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- What conservation and democracy issues do you hope to champion in the 2025 Montana Legislature and beyond?

ENERGY

- As a legislator, what policies will you look to support to leverage funding from federal laws to expand energy freedom in Montana?
- How will you support a just transition to renewable energy sources in Montana?

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- What do you view as the greatest threat to Montana's public lands?
- What actions will you take as a legislator to ensure Montanans maintain access to public lands, public waters, and public wildlife?
- Habitat Montana remains our state's premier conservation tool that has helped conserve over 200,000 acres of prime wildlands and vital wildlife habitat. Habitat Montana has been attacked in years past and we expect it will continue to be under threat during the 2025 session of the Montana State Legislature. What will you do to defend and fund Habitat Montana?

WATER

- National rollbacks and in-state attacks from our state legislature continue to put Montana's clean water at risk. As an elected state leader, what will you do to protect Montana's 170,000 miles of rivers and 3,200 named lakes?
- Previous legislatures substantially changed the permitting process for establishing new and expanding hard rock metal mines in the state, weakening the state's ability to protect Montana communities from the varied impacts of mining. Would you support legislation that: 1) Ensures mining companies post bonds sufficient to cover the costs of any damages to natural resources and communities? 2) Prevents mines from causing perpetual pollution and necessitating water treatment?

DEMOCRACY

- What do you see as the greatest threat to our democracy in Montana and what will you do to combat that?
- What will you do to strengthen our democracy and maintain voter participation in our elections, like same-day voter registration and absentee ballot voting?

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