

2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE



Name: _____

Website: _____

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Dear Candidate:

We have designed this questionnaire to better understand your vision, values, 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 fighting for our clean air, clean water, public lands, and democracy.

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

MCV is committed to building an electorate that fully represents the residents of Montana. We are dedicated to supporting Montanans from all backgrounds to ensure that the conservation movement looks more like Montana.

Please return the completed questionnaire to endorsements@mtvoters.org by 5 pm on Monday, April 13.

Thank you for running for public office!

Notes:

- *Please limit each response to 300 words and feel free to answer in a separate document.*
- *While we recognize that AI programs e.g., ChatGPT may be helpful in generating ideas and brainstorming, please do not submit any work generated by an AI program as your own. Questionnaire responses should be original products that accurately reflect your own perspectives and policy positions.*

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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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 conservation and/or democracy issues do you hope to champion in the 2027 Montana Legislature and beyond?
- MCV recognizes that during the legislative session, legislators have competing priorities and represent diverse constituents. How would you handle conflict between conservation interests and your other priorities at the session?
- What sets you apart from your opponents?

ENERGY

- As a legislator, what policies will you look to support to expand renewable energy development in Montana?
- Data centers are proliferating across Montana. How would you approach data center policies in a way that protects Montana's environment, communities, and ratepayers?

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- What do you view as the greatest threat to Montana's public lands?
- What actions do you plan to take as a legislator to ensure the conservation of Montana's public lands, waters, and/or wildlife?
- In 2025, the Montana Legislature passed HB 932, establishing the Habitat Legacy Account and securing a portion of Montana's marijuana tax revenue for some of the state's most important conservation and public access programs. How would you respond to efforts to divert funding from the Habitat Legacy Account during the 2027 Montana Legislative Session?

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DEMOCRACY

- What do you see as the greatest threat to our democracy in Montana and what will you do to combat that?
- Do you support keeping our judicial elections nonpartisan?
- 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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