

2020 Legislative Questionnaire

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: Nikki Bagby

Office Sought: **State Legislator**

I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature: _____  _____

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BACKGROUND– PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRICULUM VITAE AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held, including the one you're seeking?

None.

2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
 - b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?

N/A

3. What community or policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity, outside of government? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)

While working for CDC, I was able to champion for fair housing, safe and clean spaces for our children and education. Even after leaving, I sit on the board and am a founding member of the Woman's March of Philadelphia. Currently, I work on health disparities by implementing education summits, health fairs, and access to free and affordable health care.

Philadelphia City Councilwoman Kendra Brooks

Deja Alvarez, City of Philadelphia

Darrin Johnson, formerly of United Healthcare

4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, and information on your campaign strategy, expected funding sources, and endorsements.



5. What is your plan to win this race.

My goal is restoring the Faith back into the 198th.

I have been a resident of the 198th for more than 40 years and who has a proving track record and during the work in this district for more than 20 years. I am not a newcomer but a trusted leader, resource and supporter of my community. I decided to stay to my change... to make a different not only because I love this community but because I made a commitment to those I serve. I promised to create lasting, sustainable, impact and positive change and I plan to fully commit to that through serving and becoming the next State Representative for the 198th District.

ISSUES

Please note: Although many of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” you should feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position. If you believe you do not have enough information to answer a question, or have not formed an opinion, please say so.

I. OVERALL

What would be your three highest priorities as a legislator? Explain. I HAVED MORE THAN 3

Gun control - although people have the right to bear arms, I don't believe that guns should be easily accessible. I believe mental health requirements should be implemented

Job creation - people need jobs and training extremely poor communities who lack equal opportunities to higher education have the right to earn good pay

Fair wage - It's simple. If we do the same job, we should be paid the same and gender and race shouldn't matter.

Prison Reform (support efforts surrounding unfair incarceration and unfair laws surrounding the high % of black and brown people being detain)

Clean air - If we want to live, we need clean air and clean water.

II. Education

1) Do you believe public college, or community college, should be tuition free?

Yes

2) What role do you believe standardized tests should play in evaluating teachers, schools and students, if any?

None. Based on research, standardized testing is biased to some communities based on color and income. Also, teachers spend more time teaching the test than teaching the lesson.

3) What factors do you believe should be considered in determining *overall levels* of school funding in the Commonwealth, and funding *per school district*?

Funding should be determined taxation, of gambling dollars (it has become big business here), grants (pull on these big companies being housed tax free) and need. In addition I believe funding should be oversights by teachers, unions, and community stake holders.

- 4) Approximately 33% of Philadelphia students are enrolled in charter schools. What is your position on the expansion of charter schools? Should they be given public money via vouchers or similar programs (like ESAs)? What role do you think public schools play in our city?

If SOME charter schools are additional options to some failing districts in PA so if they are to going to be fully funded with public monies, they should be held to the same standard as public schools. Public Schools in our city has been through many challenges over the years. I feel they should remain as the lead for all public school but get leaders to work towards progressive change not the people who have lead us this far.

III. Budget and Taxes

- 1) Do you support a Constitutional Amendment to permit progressive taxation in PA, in whole or part

Yes in WHOLE

- 2) Would you support raising the tax on unearned income as a way to increase state revenue without increasing burdens on working people?

Yes

- 3) What changes if any would you support in corporate net income tax levels?

Corporations that make over a certain percentage should be taxed higher.

- 4) What changes, if any, would you support in the personal income tax?

YES, Philadelphia taxation is simply outrageous and I believe is the ROOT cause of many people moving out of the city and directly relates us being deemed at the poorest city. I think we need to look at taxation on other larger city see how it has worked and adopt a better plan.

- 5) Do you support full elimination of the Delaware loophole?

Yes

- 6) Do you support a tax on fracking, and at what level?

Yes and at every level.

- 7) Do you support the Keystone Opportunity Zone program? Would you introduce legislation to eliminate it, or to limit the number of times a parcel's KOZ

designation can be renewed or extended? More generally, do you support tax breaks to lure or retain businesses?

I would introduce legislation to limit the number of times a parcel's KOZ designation can be renewed or extended. In addition tax breaks would be limited to small business disadvantaged that have vested in Philadelphia, Development of programs geared towards support low income housing, arts, and that enhance communities to benefits its residence not those who come into push communities out and that will cause a burden on its residence. Part of that plan would include what constituency participation.

IV. Public Banking

Would you support the creation of a Pennsylvania Public Bank, modeled after [the Bank of North Dakota](#)?

YES

V. Women's Rights

- 1) Do you believe there should be any restrictions on a woman's right to choose? If so, what?

I don't believe that any one should be able to tell a woman what to do with her body that is solely her child.

- 2) What additional protections should be enacted into law to protect women's health care?

We need to provide support more legislation to protect women's health care.

- 3) Would you support proposals to ensure that women and men working in the Commonwealth receive equal pay for equal work?

Absolutely!

- 4) Do you support legislation to protect individuals against sexual assault?

Absolutely!

VI. Children and Families

- 1) Should the state require businesses to provide paid family leave?

Yes.

- 2) Should the state provide universal availability of affordable child care? If yes, how would you achieve this?

Yes. We need a well-funded daycare and pre-K program that all families can afford. Our children need to have the same opportunities

regardless of the income level of their parents. However, without currently knowledge on funding and state allocation, I'm unable to answer how to achieve this goal.

VII. Environment

- 1) What measures, if any, would you support to move PA off its reliance on fossil fuels and expand use of renewable energy sources?

We need to work with companies and other states that have successfully moved away from fossil fuels as a model. I would introduce new legislation to expand use of renewable energies in urban areas.

- 2) Do you support a ban on fracking in whole or part?

Yes in WHOLE!

- 3) Do you think Philadelphia should be compelled or induced to sell PGW?

Compel to Sell PGW.

- 4) The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce advocates converting Philadelphia into an "energy hub" for oil and natural gas, or the "Houston of the East Coast." Do you agree or disagree with this vision?

Disagree

- 5) What, if any, other measures would you support to preserve or improve our environment? (water issues, park preservation, detoxification of school buildings, etc.)

- **Need for school buildings improvement that are more energy efficient**
- **Continue to work with PWD and their conservation and clean water initiatives**
- **Clean up parks**
- **Solar powered energy resources**

VIII. Criminal Justice

- 1) Should stop and frisk be limited or outlawed?

Outlawed.

- 2) How would you deal with the problem of mass incarceration of minorities, particularly minority youth?

First, is stopping the school to prison pipeline that exist. I believe in community involvement, not community harassment. We need our children to respect and appreciate police officers, not fear them by building trust through more interact initiatives that build trust.

Police enforcement should be more inclusive of minorities by building campaign seeking minority officers. Mental Health wellness check should be mandatory and more policing of the police should be in place.

3) Should marijuana be legalized for recreational use?

Yes

4) Should privately-owned prisons be permitted in Pennsylvania?

No

5) Should we ban the box in Pennsylvania?

Yes

6) Should PA continue to build new prisons?

No. Instead of building new prisons, let's build a plan for success.

7) Should PA begin to close prisons? Explain.

Yes. Prison systems are big business. However, we need to develop a well thought out plan to address mass incarceration. Overhaul the PA prison system and continue work with groups like REFORM and start looking at individuals on a true case by case basis. And utilize the closed facility as training facilities, re-entry programs, etc.

8) Do you support an end to the death penalty?

Yes

9) When if ever, should a juvenile be tried as an adult?

Never

10) As a general matter, what do you think the state can do to reduce the murder rate in Philadelphia, while maintaining respect for civil liberties and the overall need for decarceration of our city?

- **Jobs**
- **Training programs**
- **Education**
- **Mediation**
- **Meeting Town hall meetings that are inclusive youth/teens**
- **Mental health**
 - o **Trauma supported**

IX. Campaign Finance Reform

Would you support legislation to provide public financing for state and local election campaigns?

Maybe if would be legislation have stipulations limited only to those who want to run but because of financial hardships cannot otherwise, no.

X. Labor

- 1) Would you support legislation to strengthen protection for workers trying to form or join a union?

Yes

- 2) Should the minimum wage be increased? If so, to what level and should the increase be indexed to inflation?

i. Yes, the minimum wage should be increased to reflect the current cost of living and inflation

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- 3) Do you believe that Philadelphia and other municipalities should continue to be pre-empted from increasing the minimum wage on their own?

Yes I don't think is should wait on the state to decide whether or not to increase fair wage to need to continue to more forward and lead by example.

- 4) Do you support privatization of retail liquor sales in Pennsylvania? Are there any other services that you believe should be considered for privatization?

Not at the experience of state workers losing state jobs. Our job is to protect Commonwealth residents.

- 5) 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?

Create trade and certified 1 year -18months programs with unions, community colleges and Educational Job placement programs (that would be inclusive recently released returning citizens). Create solid 2 year Welfare-to-Work hands-on paid training with a decent progressive wage that will create more Job opportunities that are sustainable. Again hold the major corporation house in Philadelphia to form on site corporate training opportunities.

XI. Reforming Legislative Districts

- 1) Do you support legislation that would (1) form an independent commission, and (2) apply sound methodologies, to draw all congressional, State House, and Senate districts fairly in Pennsylvania?

Yes

XII. Public Health

Would you support state legislation to create a single-payer system in PA?

I support universal healthcare (single payer option) Healthcare is a RIGHT