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Q1 Please provide your name.

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Q2 Why are you running for State Legislature?

I am a physician and a business owner. I am deeply disturbed by what is happening with our healthcare system. I am running to assure accessible and affordable healthcare. I am running to improve funding for our local schools. I am running for a lot of reasons and the most important is that our current political climate is polarized to the point of paralysis and I want to restore sanity and reason.

Q3 What do you believe is the most important issue related to growing business in Billings and what are your suggestions for addressing that issue?

Growing a business is the responsibility of the business owner. It is the responsibility of the local government to resolve issues preventing growth. The legislative responsibility is to return as many decisions as possible to the local level.

Q4 In the 2017 Legislative Session, local option authority was supported by the Billings Chamber, City of Billings, Big Sky Economic Development, Downtown Billings Partnership, and numerous other organizations across the state. Under what conditions would you vote for a local option authority bill?

There is a need for broader tax structure to support local government. I will study any bill to see if it makes sense for tax relief for Billings property owners.

Q5 Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts are an important economic development tool for our community. How will you work to ensure one of local government's most useful funding mechanisms is preserved?

TIF districts are important and need to continue. I will seek to understand the negative response from some parts of the State and address those concerns. I believe we need to find an equivalent economic development tool for our rural communities. This should allow overall more support for TIF districts.

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Q6 In 2016, Yellowstone County hoteliers remitted \$3.5 million in facility use taxes to the state. That year our regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, which markets and promotes our area as a travel destination, received \$350,000 (just 10%) from the state to market and promote tourism in our area. Will you work with the Billings Chamber and lodging partners to ensure more money is returned to the areas generating lodging tax revenue? (Y/N) **Yes**

Q7 MSU Billings is an essential economic driver for our community and surrounding area. Not only does MSU Billings provide educational opportunity for Montanans, it also assists with workforce development, an increasingly important challenge facing our community. How will you help to ensure MSU Billings receives adequate funding for facility updates?

I would like to work with the Foundation Director Bill Kennedy to plan a strategy that we can execute together.

Q8 The Billings Chamber, City of Billings, Big Sky Economic Development, Downtown Billings Partnership, and other community partners, are working with Hammes Co. on the development of One Big Sky Center, comprised of two development districts and anchored by a regional convention center. If a state funding source were identified and developed, under what conditions would you support the inclusion of state monies in the funding mix for a regional convention center in Billings?

I would seek the input from Dan Villa, the Governor's Budget Director, to see what funds could be available and what conditions would be attached to the funds. I will need input and support to craft a viable plan.

Q9 Sixteen percent of Billings workers are employed in the healthcare arena resulting in a total direct and indirect economic output of \$2.6 billion annually. Do you believe that cutting state reimbursement to hospitals, clinics and other healthcare providers is a way to address state budget shortfalls? (Y, N)

No,

You may provide additional context if appropriate.:

When funds are limited Billings legislators must work together to secure adequate funding for our healthcare needs. I am committed to that collaboration.

Q10 Throughout the legislative interim and November 2017 Special Session the re-evaluation of Montana's funding mechanisms was a topic of discussion. What are your thoughts on the need to identify new revenue sources to address a shifting economy and our infrastructure needs?

I believe that we need to seek alternative funding sources and am open to discussing different options.

Q11 Billings, and the greater Yellowstone County area, has the largest legislative delegation in the state and there is great potential to work together toward regional specific initiatives. How do you plan to work with all members of the Yellowstone County area delegation for the betterment of our business community during the 2019 Legislative Session?

Yellowstone County legislators must find common ground and work together. It is my hope that we can identify areas that we all commit to Billings first and Party second

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