

Our Revolution Candidate Questionnaire for Endorsement Request

Please fill out the following questionnaire.

Contact information:

1. Candidate's Full Name: **Lee McQueen**
2. Candidate suggested by (if applicable): **NA**
3. State: **Arkansas**
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Race Information:

6. Type of election: **U.S. House of Representatives**
7. Date of Primary: **NA** Date of election: **Tuesday November 6, 2018**

About the candidate:

8. Political Party Affiliation (Check 1):
Independent

9. Does the candidate currently hold or has he/she ever held elected office?
No

About the Campaign's Platform

Please give brief explanations

Please indicate the candidate's position on the the following issue statements and further explain in the space provided.

Income and Wealth Inequality

10. Today, we live in the richest country in the history of the world, but that reality means little because much of that wealth is controlled by a tiny handful of individuals. To address that, the wealthy and large corporations must pay their fair share in taxes.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R. 1144 - Inclusive Prosperity Act](#), introduced by Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN). McQueen also supports **39.6% corporate tax rate, Alternative Minimum Tax, Estate Tax, equitable tax on capital gains and stock dividends, and closing of the carried interest loophole.**

11. Huge financial institutions must be broken up so they are no longer too big to fail.
a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports the Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act, plus an updated twenty-first century Glass-Steagall Act. McQueen supports strengthening the Volcker Rule, preventing commercial banks from gambling with customer deposits.

Legislation is required to cap assets of financial institutions at no more than 2% of GDP, which would break up big banks and deter reckless derivative speculation.

McQueen supports establishment of more community banks to create low or no-interest loans to local governments for infrastructure and housing projects and small businesses to strengthen regional economies.

12. No one who works 40-hours a week should live in poverty. The minimum wage needs to be a livable wage of \$15 an hour.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R.15 - Raise the Wage Act](#), introduced by Representatives Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Keith Ellison (D-MN). More money in the hands of workers increases demand for goods and services, which leads to the creation of more jobs.

13. It is critically important to create jobs for disadvantaged young Americans by investing in a youth jobs programs.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports the Youth Jobs Initiative proposed by Senator Bernie Sanders--\$5.5 billion to create 1 million jobs for disadvantaged young Americans.

14. Social Security must be expanded so that every American can retire with dignity.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports raising the cap on Social Security income and expanding benefits.

Trade

15. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a massive trade deal that would affect 792 million people and 40 percent of the world economy. The TPP must be stopped and policies like NAFTA, CAFTA, and PNTR with China that have driven down wages and caused the loss of millions of jobs need to be reversed.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Any trade deal (or treaty) that includes the Investor State Dispute Settlement clause is a direct attack upon the U.S. Constitution and is a betrayal of the citizens of the United States.

Multinational corporations should not be allowed to override government decisions designed to protect labor, human, and environmental rights.

An expanded NAFTA that includes specific clauses from the deservedly dead Transpacific Partnership should not be ratified by our U.S. Congress.

Campaign Finance Reform

16. Citizens United, a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, resulted in enabling the wealthiest people and largest corporations in this country to contribute unlimited amounts of money to campaigns. This decision must be overturned and corruption in politics must end. This means fighting to pass a constitutional amendment making it clear that Congress and the states have the power to regulate money in elections. We must also eliminate super PACs and other outside spending abuses and work to aggressively enforce campaign finance rules.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports a constitutional amendment to reverse the effect of the Citizens United decision.

17. In order to protect our democracy, we must fight for a publicly financed, transparent system of campaign financing that amplifies small donations. We must also ensure that all Americans are guaranteed an effective right to vote.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R.2840 - Automatic Voter Registration Act](#), introduced by Rep. David N. Cicilline (D-RI).

McQueen supports a national gold standard of paper balloting, exit polling, hand-counting, automatic recounts of less than 1% difference.

McQueen also supports moving election day to Saturday, or Sunday, or creating national holiday, plus reinstatement of the “preclearance” requirement under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Education

18. Every American who studies hard in school should be able to go to college regardless of how much money their parents make and without going deeply into debt. For that, we need to work towards making tuition free at public colleges and universities throughout America, stopping the federal government from making a profit on student loans.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R. 1880 College for All Act of 2017](#), introduced by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA). In addition, McQueen supports forgiveness of all existing student loan debt.

Healthcare

19. Healthcare is a human right. Our healthcare system needs to work for all of us. We must guarantee healthcare as a right of citizenship by enacting a Medicare for all single-payer healthcare system, as well as lowering the price for prescription drugs.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up [H.R. 676 Medicare For All Act](#), introduced by Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI). Single-payer is the fiscally-conservative answer to the healthcare question, which would release small business owners from insurance administration, plus lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Infrastructure

20. The U.S.'s infrastructure, from our roads and bridges, to our dams, waterways and electrical grid, have not been properly invested in nor used the advances in technology for maintenance or improvements. America is long overdue to rebuild our crumbling roads, bridges, railways, airports, public transit systems, ports, dams, wastewater plants, and other infrastructure needs.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R. 3671 - OFF Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act](#), introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI),

which includes provisions for infrastructure expansion and modernization.

Foreign Policy

21. The U.S. must move away from a policy of unilateral military action, and toward a policy of emphasizing diplomacy, and ensuring the decision to go to war is a last resort.
Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Authorization for Use of Military Force must remain the exclusive provenance of the U.S. Congress, not the U.S. President, per the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Congress must remain accountable to the general public for responsible use of War Powers. The U.S., as a nation, must recognize and respect international law and adhere to agreements amongst international diplomatic bodies.

22. The U.S. defense spending is larger than that of the next seven largest defense budgets. We must firmly reject any increase to defense spending at the cost of cuts to domestic social spending.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up [H.R. 608 - Stop Arming Terrorists Act of 2017](#), introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI). The U.S. has over-extended its empire and is on a historical schedule of decline. Much as Rome, Spain, Portugal, France, England, Germany over-extended their military defense and then declined. Empire building abroad is destroying community building at home. McQueen supports the closing of superfluous military bases abroad.

Environment

23. The United States must lead the world in tackling climate change, if we are to make certain that this planet is habitable for our children and grandchildren. We must transform our energy system away from polluting fossil fuels, and towards energy efficiency and sustainability.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen agrees to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up [H.R. 2242 - Keep It in the Ground Act](#), introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA).

Racial Justice

24. African-Americans and Latinos are twice as likely to be arrested and almost four times as likely to experience the use of force during encounters with the police. They also comprise well over half of all prisoners, even though African-Americans and Latinos make up approximately one quarter of the total US population. We must change this by demilitarizing our police forces, ban for-profit prisons, turn back from the War on Drugs, eliminate mandatory minimums, and increase investment in programs that help individuals recover from substance abuse and mental health problems.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for and vote up [H.R. 3227 - Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017](#), introduced by Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AR.) and [H.R. 2435 – Justice Safety Valve Act of 2017](#), introduced by Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA) .

McQueen supports elimination of the slavery exception clause from the 13th Amendment. McQueen supports legalization of cannabis.

Native-born African American, Native American, Asian American, Latino-American, and White American citizens “deported” into the prison-industrial complex for non-violent drug offenses, should be released, pardoned, provided with counseling, housing, education, and re-entered into general society with priority for job opportunities to prevent recidivism.

Immigration

25. Despite the central role immigrants play in our economy and in our daily lives, undocumented workers are reviled by some for political gain and shunted into the shadows. It is time for this disgraceful situation to end. We must pave the way for a swift legislative path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants and protect programs like DACA and DAPA.

b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

In the effort to prevent deaths of despair including rising suicide, alcohol poisoning, and drug overdose rates, native-born U.S. citizens “deported” away from their families and communities into the prison-industrial complex on non-violent drug offenses have priority for restoration of citizenship, voting rights, counseling, housing, education, skills training, and job opportunities.

26. The inhumane deportation machine must be dismantled by ending deportation programs, closing down private detention centers, offering humane treatment and asylum to victims of violence and minors fleeing from dangerous circumstances.

b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

Deportation is required to protect national interests, safeguard the quality of life of and provide economic justice for U.S. citizens, and to enforce existing laws. However, deportation should be fair and just, with no use of for-profit private detention centers.

Women's Rights

27. Despite major advances in civil and political rights, our country still has a long way to go in addressing the issue of gender inequality. In order to address this, we must fight for pay equity for women, expand and protect the reproductive rights of women and provide paid family and medical leave.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up [H.R.771 - Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance \(EACH Woman\) Act of 2017](#), introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA). McQueen supports paid family medical leave, aka the FAMILY Act, introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). McQueen also supports the Paycheck Fairness Act and expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit.

LGBT Rights

28. The United States has made remarkable progress on gay rights in a relatively short amount of time. But there is still much work to be done. In many states, it is still legal to fire someone for being gay. It is legal to deny someone housing for being transgender. That is unacceptable and must change. We must end discrimination in all forms.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports the equal rights of persons who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex, transsexual, queer, or transgender to housing, jobs, civil marriage, medical benefits, child custody, and in all areas of life including equal tax treatment.

McQueen supports the Every Child Deserves a Family Act (EC DFA), which would prohibit any child welfare agency receiving federal financial assistance from discriminating against any potential foster or adoptive family on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital

status. ECDFFA would also prevent discrimination against any foster youth because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Native American

29. The United States must not just honor Native American treaty rights and tribal sovereignty, it must also move away from a relationship of paternalism and control, and toward one of deference and support. That means supporting tribal sovereignty and tribal jurisdiction, honoring the treaties and federal statutes, improving housing and education, as well as by protecting sacred places and Native American cultures.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the UN General Assembly on September 13, 2007. McQueen supports the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and agrees that the U.S. government should honor its treaty obligations; adequately fund programs for the betterment of tribal governments and their people plus respect land, water and mineral rights within the borders of reservations and traditional lands. McQueen supports efforts to reform the Bureau of Indian Affairs for greater responsiveness to Native American requirements.

Veterans

30. As a nation, we have a moral obligation to provide the best quality care to those who have put their lives on the line to defend us. Taking care of our veterans is a cost of war. The Department of Veterans Affairs must be fully funding and expanded so that every veteran gets the care that they have earned and deserve. Additionally, claim processing, mental health and dental services, and access to the VA must be improved.

a. Agree

Candidate's position on this issue:

McQueen supports streamlining the VA's disability claims process, expansion of educational, counseling, and housing benefits, plus expansion of the VA Caregivers Program. McQueen supports a new GI Bill, similar to the one that began after World War II and ended in 1981, to provide tuition grants for four years of college or other educational opportunities, low-interest loans for housing or business start-ups, and free medical care for military personnel and their families for ten years following separation from the armed forces.

By typing my name below, I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify this application from consideration.

Date: **Thursday December 28, 2017**

Name: **Lee McQueen**

Email completed form to political@ourrevolution.com.