

Lee McQueen's Endorsement Questionnaire - for Politics Reborn

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Please keep in mind that our organization is greatly limited in terms of resources. We will do all we can to help candidates we have endorsed but we do not currently have the bandwidth of other organizations to help every candidate we support. With that being said, do not underestimate our influence. We still have two full-time staff members and a large enough following to change the dynamics of a political race.

1. Why are you running for office?

McQueen is running for the U.S. House seat in Arkansas's District 4 to position herself to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up specific federal legislation of benefit to Arkansas's population that the incumbent has refused to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up. Arkansas's District 4 has been harmed by a representative who refuses to represent the people of his district. McQueen intends to represent the people of her district.

2. Please briefly describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity.

McQueen holds a B.A. In Political Science and a Master of Library Science, with graduate coursework at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She has volunteered on political campaigns at the local and federal levels, including candidates and ballot measures. One recent ballot measure she canvassed and door-knocked to support was to benefit firefighters of Texarkana, TX

McQueen performed community organizing for Women, Infants & Children, plus clean streets programs. She has researched and written extensively on public affairs and policy, including newsletter articles, encyclopedia entries, and scripts for webcasts.

As a librarian and substitute teacher, McQueen has provided public service and interacted with community members at all levels.

3. What are the three issues you most want to focus on if you are elected?

**Single payer healthcare
Living wage jobs
Free college tuition**

4. Please briefly describe your view on the following topics:

a. Economic Equality

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.

b. Voting Rights

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 also 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, and restoration of voting rights to ex-felons.

c. Civil Rights

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) .

d. Environmental Justice

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up H.R. 2242 - Keep It in the Ground Act, introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA). 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 also includes provisions for infrastructure expansion and modernization.

e. Foreign Policy

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.

The U.S. has over-extended its empire and is on a historical schedule of decline. Much as Rome, Spain, Portugal, France, England, Germany overextended their military defense and then declined. Empire building

abroad is destroying community building at home. McQueen supports the closing of superfluous military bases abroad.

5. If you have a platform, please include it here.

- **Single payer healthcare**
- **Free college tuition, reinvestment in public schools**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Living wage jobs**
- **Responsible businesses and strong tax base**
- **Renewable energy development and infrastructure modernization**
- **Safety and security with respect for civil liberties**
- **Foreign policy with respect for diplomacy and human rights**
- **Integrity and trust in the electoral process and active civic engagement**

6. Paste links to your campaign website and campaign social media here

<http://McQueen2018.com>

<http://facebook.com/McQueen2018>

<http://linkedin.com/McQueen2018>

<http://twitter.com/McQueen4USRep>

<https://www.gofundme.com/McQueen2018>

<https://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/348674/lee-mcqueen>

7. Please take the time to briefly answer the following questions:

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Qualify your response

1 Do you support a universal right to a fair income?

Yes.

McQueen supports a \$15 minimum wage tied to inflation. She intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, vote up H.R.15 - Raise the Wage Act, introduced by Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Rep. 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.

2 Do you support universal access to healthcare including vision and dental care?

Yes.

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up H.R. 676 Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act, introduced by Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), which includes both vision and dental care. 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.

3 Do you support a universal right to basic and fair housing?

Yes.

4 Do you support the universal right to employment, food, clothing, and adequate leisure time?

Yes.

These are fair and reasonable expectations of a fair and reasonable society.

5 Do you support social security?

Yes.

Social Security is an earned benefit that should not be privatized.

6 Did you support the universal right to free college?

Yes.

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.

7 Do you support education equity for all students?

Yes.

McQueen supports reinvestment in public school education which opens its doors to all students regardless of religion, gender, race, or class. Public funds are for public institutions.

McQueen opposes public dollars being used to fund private institutions via voucher programs and charter schools, which is a form of public school disinvestment.

8 Do you support freedom from unfair competition and monopolies?

Yes.

McQueen supports enforcement of existing antitrust laws and new ones such as Chuck Grassley's (R-I) S.807 - Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act to curtail the overwhelming economic and political power of large corporations. McQueen supports increased funding for and strengthened oversight of federal antitrust enforcement.

9 Do you support a woman's right to choose and easy access to abortion?

Yes.

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).

Medical decisions should remain the provenance of the patient and the licensed medical practitioner of the patient's choice. Violation of HIPAA and/or attempting to practice medicine without a license are considered crimes most of the time.

10 Do you support mandated paid maternal and paternal leave?.

Yes.

McQueen supports paid family medical leave, aka the FAMILY Act, introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT).

11 Do you support protections of workers to unionize?

Yes.

12 Do you support requiring paid vacation and sick + safe leave for workers?

Yes.

13 Do you support publicly funded elections?

Yes.

McQueen believes the *Citizens United* decision should be reversed. Or, abolishment of artificial corporate personhood with federal and state constitutional amendments.

14 Do you support a nonpartisan, citizen-run redistricting process that would result in more competitive election races?

Yes.

16 Do you support automatic voter registration?

Yes.

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

17 Do you support the death penalty?

No.

18 Do you support ending the prison-industrial complex

Yes.

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-AZ.) .

19 Do you support ending the “War on Drugs”

Yes.

McQueen intends to co-sponsor, lobby for, and vote up H.R. 2435 – Justice Safety Valve Act of 2017, introduced by Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA) . This House legislation is matched by a similar bill in the Senate introduced by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY).

20 Do you believe that systemic racism exists and are you committed to combatting it?

Yes.

21 Do you support greater regulation of lobbyists and the political industry?

Yes.

Money is not speech.

22 Do you support Broken Windows policy?

No.

23 Do you support community policing?

Yes.

Military weaponry should not be used on domestic soil against citizens of the United States. Citizens fund the police to protect and serve citizens, not to hunt and kill citizens. Community policing plus citizen governing boards provide the correct law enforcement balance to ensure fairness rather than terror as a criminal justice goal.

24 Do you support expanding gun control laws

Yes.

The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires that our militia be regulated. Background checks should be required of all private firearm sales, including guns hows and online.

25 Do you support term limits?

Yes.

Fair and just elections are a form of term limit. Enforced campaign finance regulations are the road to fair and just elections.

26 Do you support implementing a proportional representation type voter system?

Yes.

27 Do you support requiring corporations to have workers to participate in the management of the companies they work for (codetermination)

No.

McQueen supports encouragement, not requirement of corporations to have workers participate in the management of the companies they work for.

McQueen also supports encouragement of worker co-ops.

28 Do you support requiring the wealthy class to do significantly more to create a more fair and justified economy

Yes.

The role of government, per original Republican conservative former President Theodore Roosevelt is to create a more fair and just economy.

29 Do you encourage aggressive American intervention in foreign affairs?

No.

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30 Do you support greater protection of immigrants and refugees?

Yes.

People who enter U.S. borders legally as immigrants or refugees, should be protected according to existing laws.

Deportation of people who enter U.S. borders illegally 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.

31 Do you feel more needs to be done domestically to combat climate change?

Yes.

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).

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),.

32 Do you support a national ban of fracking?

Yes.

Fracking has already been banned at the state and local levels in many communities. Because overwhelming evidence identifies fracking as a source for earthquakes and environmental contamination, a nation-wide

ban is in order.

33 Will you combat any and all forms of discrimination against the LGBTQ communities?

Yes.

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

34 Will you to combat any and all forms of discrimination against women?

Yes.

35 Will you combat any and all forms of discrimination against communities of color?

Yes.

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Do you pledge to hold multiple towns halls open to all every year where you will answer all questions from members of the community you govern?

Yes.

7. Please describe any past actions demonstrating your autonomy and willingness to prioritize the needs and desires of the community over particular donors and party leaders?

McQueen chose to run as an Independent candidate for Arkansas's 4th District House seat in order to align herself with the 92% of registered Arkansas voters who identify themselves as “unaffiliated.”

McQueen accepts small campaign donations only from individual donors, rather than superPACs or corporate sponsors.

As an Independent, McQueen answers to the voters of Arkansas's District 4 rather than party leaders.

8. Please articulate your views on open primaries, primary challengers, term limits and the two party

system in general.

Arkansas has an open primary system, which McQueen supports. However, as an Independent, McQueen will not participate in primaries. McQueen's requirement is to collect 2000 valid signatures in order to earn a place on the general election ballot.

It is the decision of voters whether or not to support the primary challenger.

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McQueen is running as an Independent to serve as an alternative to the two-party system.

9. Did you actively support Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Presidential Primary? Why or why not?

McQueen actively supported Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Presidential Primary, using her public affairs webcast McQueenPress to broadcast information about his campaign.

After Sanders exited the race, McQueen supported Dr. Jill Stein in the same manner for the general election.

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us.

While Arkansas is a relatively conservative state, and District 4 is the most conservative district within the conservative state, there remains a strong streak of populism and libertarianism that takes many people who do not live here by surprise. This unexpected independence drives certain policies, for instance:

- **Medical marijuana, which Arkansas voters approved via ballot**
- **Expansion of industrial-scale solar energy development**
- **Strong voter support for public schools and pre-K education**
- **Free college tuition offered to certain segments of the population, tuition freeze by the governor for other populations**
- **Medicaid expansion by the governor**

For this reason, McQueen looks forward to getting the word out about the sole Independent progressive campaign for Arkansas's District 4. She welcomes all assistance available to extend her reach beyond mainstream media gate-keepers.