Introduction to Questionnaire

The Martin 9/12 TeaParty Committee proposes to interview candidates and officeholders to assess their positions on issues that concern the members and correspondents of this Committee. In return, we offer a method for the participant to reach tea party activists and their circle of influence. It may be assumed that candidates or officeholders who avoid this process are not interested in letting us know how they feel about these issues.

This document was developed by the core members of the Committee. The Committee will not endorse any candidate but will recommend to our people that they volunteer in, and donate to, certain campaigns.

We will be asking these questions with the honest intent to portray your answers in the best possible light, and you are invited to review your answers at the end of this process to make any corrections you like before we publish the results. We will make the entire form available to the public and not just our assessment. We are not trying to trick anyone and will not presume to know your thoughts, even after you have answered these questions.

We understand that legislators and administrators must sometimes defer their preferred positions in order to “horse trade” votes to garner support for a favorite piece of legislation. While we dislike such practices, we understand that it is a reality of politics. In such cases, we ask only that a vote that is contrary to a stated position be explained honestly to constituents. So, we ask you to not hold back in expressing your position.

This may appear to be a naïve proposal, but it is very much in line with our understanding of the Constitution of the United States of America; that its simplicity is testament to the goal of the Founders to keep our government simple and transparent.

Having that principle emanate from our state and local governments is also our goal, so presenting the same questions to candidates and officeholders in all levels of government is intentional. We know that Constitutional restrictions are different for state and local officials but identifying a candidate who also knows this is priceless. If we find from our inquiry that a candidate is not aware of the underlying issues that concern this Committee, we can offer that person extensive documentation and reference material for their use.

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Having said that, we will start with a list of simple statements that reflect a philosophy of government with which you will be asked to agree or disagree. Subsequent sections may seem redundant but are intended to reconcile earlier forms which are still in use by citizen information groups. This copy of the questions has been provided to make the form keyboard-friendly so that a respondent may type out answers, save, send, and print the entire form, but you may print the entire form and fill it in the traditional way as well. The Yes/No questions have a checkbox, and if further explanation is required for any answer, you may include your comments on Page 5, indexing your answer with the number or letter that identifies the question.

The form, in MS Word format, allows you to save or email the answers (completed form) and you may print the form with your answers attached if you change the name of the document. If you prefer, print out the completed form and sign each page before you mail or FAX the form so that no one may tamper with your response. Print a copy for your own records as well.

If this form is being used for a written response, please indicate with an arrow that you have included an explanatory message elsewhere on the form (e.g., opposite side).

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|  | **Statements** | **YES** | **NO** | **Comment** |
| A. | I am for low taxes. |  |  |  |
| B. | I am for small government. |  |  |  |
| C. | I am for returning to Constitutional principles. |  |  |  |
| D. | I am for a free-market system. (Market-based economy) |  |  |  |
| E. | I am for fiscal responsibility and government accountability. |  |  |  |
| F. | I support the principle of Separation of Powers |  |  |  |
| G. | I am for a strong military. |  |  |  |
| H. | I believe in American exceptionalism: that all government authority is derived from the People, who derive their rights from God. |  |  |  |

|  | **Statements** | **YES** | **NO** | **Comment** |
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| I. | I am against government-run health care. |  |  |  |
| J. | I am against health care bills that provide abortion funding. |  |  |  |
| K. | I am against government/corporate coercion of citizens. |  |  |  |
| L. | I am against tyranny by unelected medical “experts.”. |  |  |  |
| M. | I am against government-mandated vaccinations or vaccine “passports.” |  |  |  |
| N. | I am against bills that provide special exemptions for legislators. |  |  |  |
| O. | I am against bills that provide special privileges to certain states. |  |  |  |
| P. | I am against cap-and-trade legislation.[[1]](#endnote-1) |  |  |  |
| Q. | I am against amnesty citizenship for those who have entered our country illegally. |  |  |  |
| R. | I am against letting the U.N. tell us how to live. |  |  |  |
| S. | I am against those who would stifle an honest global climate change debate. |  |  |  |
| T. | I am against pseudo-environmental regulations that stifle development of domestic energy resources and inhibit the growth of our economy. |  |  |  |
| U. | I am against federal intrusion into state and local authority in education, housing, welfare, insurance, healthcare, and private property rights, except where necessary to secure the inalienable rights of individuals as cited in the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence.  |  |  |  |
| **Tea Party QUESTIONS** | **YES** | **NO** | **Comment** |
| 1. Would you support a declaration of state sovereignty for Florida? |  |  |  |
| 2. Alaska has adopted a revenue policy concerning development of natural resources while protecting the environment. Will you support such a policy for Florida? |  |  |  |
| 3. Do you support the Florida state party platform initiative? |  |  |  |
|  Would you support (as in Texas and Oklahoma, etc.) a platform’s rejection and opposition to:  |
| 3a. United Nations “Agenda21” program to manage the Earth’s people and resources? |  |  |  |
|  3b. The Sustainable America policy? |  |  |  |
| 3c. Global Poverty Tax? |  |  |  |
| 3d. Cap and Trade Carbon Credit and Sequestration Program? |  |  |  |
| 3e. Loss of U.S. sovereignty through the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST)? |  |  |  |
| 3f. Sustainable Population and consumption and production reduction initiatives? |  |  |  |
| 4. Do you fully understand that the United Nations possesses no legitimate taxing authority; and do you oppose any legislation or efforts by the executive branch to implement any taxation of American Citizens for any United Nations programs or purposes? |  |  |  |
| 5. Do you have any proposals to address the problems caused by illegal immigration? |
| 6. What policy might be an acceptable remedy to reduce illegal immigration? |

These items are adapted from the 9/12 Project Pledges.

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|  | **Martin 9/12 TeaParty Committee focus:** | **YES** | **NO** | **Comment** |
| V. | I believe in a balanced budget and therefore will vote for a freeze in government spending until that goal is realized. |  |  |  |
| W. | I believe government should not increase the financial burden on its citizenry during difficult economic times, therefore I will oppose all tax increases until our economy has rebounded. |  |  |  |
| X. | I believe more than four decades of U.S. dependence on foreign oil is a travesty, therefore I will support an energy plan that calls for immediately increasing usage of all domestic resources, including nuclear energy, natural gas, and coal as necessary. |  |  |  |
| Y. | I believe in the sovereignty and security of our country and therefore will support measures to close our borders by completing the wall, providing for designated immigration points, so we will know who is entering and why, and I will vehemently oppose any measure allowing another country, the United Nations, or any other such entity, power over U.S. Citizens. |  |  |  |
| Z. | I believe the United States of America is the greatest country on earth and therefor will not apologize for policies or actions which have served to free more and feed more people around the world than any other nation on the planet. |  |  |  |

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 Officeholder? \_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Cap** and **trade** reduces emissions, such as those from power plants, by setting a limit on pollution and creating a market. ... It's a system designed to reduce pollution in our atmosphere. The **cap** on greenhouse gas emissions that drive global warming is a firm limit on pollution. The **cap** gets stricter over time.

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Comment sheet: (please index your comments to the questions.) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)