



2020 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. What diversity of perspective, attributes, knowledge or skills would you bring to the office that differentiates you or that the other candidates don't have?

I have been a national advocate for disabled for over 35 years, working with, and for, the vulnerable. Being a grassroots advocate and having to consistently deal and battle with the bureaucracy involved in obtaining services for the vulnerable, has given me a very realistic perspective of areas that must improve.

2. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

1. Accessible, affordable healthcare. which must include a comprehensive component for mental health. Care of our homeless, most of whom are mentally ill. is a must. This includes and will prioritize our homeless veterans, no veteran should be homeless. I have a plan for this severe systemic homeless problem.

2. Civil rights and Constitution, life liberty and pursuit, these things have been challenged and compromising. Encompassed in this are Disability Rights and education.

3. Term limits and justice reform. Working toward a united country, recognizing that we are all just Americans, of many cultures as an attribute, one nation under God.

3. Name one current public policy position you disagree with. Why do you disagree?

Taking care of illegals instead of Americans, instead of our veterans. Our current Congress does not recognize that we have homeless veterans, that we have hard working Americans who must come first. American moral values must be upheld. “We the People”, is not a theory, it is a duty, by “We the People”. Struggling American families first. We must also look ahead to our post covid, divided nation, the unrest, the rioting, we must build our nation, emotionally and structurally (infrastructure).

4. What is the most important thing voters should know about you before making their decision in this race?

I have been a national advocate for disabled for over 35 years. I am the founder of a national non-profit, civil rights, advocacy organization called Advocates for Disabled Americans, Veterans, Police, Firemen & Families. We advocate for, and defend the rights of the vulnerable, our priority being disabled veterans. I want voters to know that I fight for families, I have seven family members who are high ranking officers in the military, so this is very personal for me. I have family members that are first responders and I am a 911 survivor.

As a grassroots advocate, I know all too well, how our vulnerable have been neglected. There are over 150 million disabled nationwide, staggering numbers that are on the rise.

For details, please see my platform.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com , no later than June 15, 2020.