

## 2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

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District: 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District

Position: Pos. 1

**1. *If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability, would you describe its impact on you?***

I have a close relative and know numerous other individuals with developmental disabilities. This allows me to have empathy and understanding for the unique and challenging issues they face.

**2. *What are your top three legislative priorities and how would you help people with developmental disabilities in them?***

- Respite care for families
- Opportunities for meaningful and rewarding employment
- Transportation assistance

**3. *With the current economic crisis, how would you protect services that people with I/DD and their families need?***

We have a moral obligation to protect and provide care and assistance for the most vulnerable. For me, that means prioritizing our budget allocations around their needs.

**4. *Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?***

I am an active listener and advocate for DD constituents in our community.