

2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

I have a friend that I have known since the day he was born. Brandon Jones brings joy and happiness to all those who have the pleasure of knowing him. He is quick with a compliment, wave, hug, and a smile. Brandon has made me see the great worth and value that an IDD individual can bring to any organization, group, workplace, home, or relationship. He is an example to the world of perfect love and light.

2. What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

Affordable cost of living: Ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families have the support they need to access resources, maintain high-quality care, and gain meaningful experiences in education and employment.

Public Safety: Build coalitions between law enforcement and IDD community to help develop curriculum, language and content within police standards, training programs, and best practices that address the needs of IDD individuals and their families.

Workforce: The legislature must bridge the gaps that exist between resource providers and the businesses community, to ensure an open channel of communication, streamlined incentives, and win-win opportunities reach people with developmental disabilities and their families.

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

I have seen first-hand the effects of program cuts on families with IDD children. Bobby Wamsley is also a friend of mine. He and his family have suffered greatly due to specific program cuts. That will not happen on my watch. EVER.

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

Please know that I've got you. I support you. I love you. I hope to return the great love you've always shown to me.

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