



Candidate Questionnaire for Endorsement Request

Our Revolution seeks to empower the next generation of progressive leaders by inspiring and recruiting progressive candidates to run for offices across the entire spectrum of government. From school boards to congressional seats, a new generation of political leaders, dedicated to transform America into a more economically, socially, racially, and environmentally will become involved.

Our Revolution will provide candidates inspired by the “political revolution,” with the unparalleled digital tools, organizing knowledge and grassroots support, which was successfully utilized throughout Senator Sanders’ campaign.

Please fill out the following questionnaire.

Contact information:

1. Candidate’s Full Name: Abigail Elizabeth St. Valle
2. Candidate suggested by (if applicable): Local Berniecrats
Maine
3. State: Maine
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6. Type of election: Primary
7. Date of Primary: 06/12/2018 Date of election: 11/06/2018

About the candidate:

8. Political Party Affiliation (Check 1):
 - Democratic Party
 - Independent/Unaffiliated
 - Green Party
 - Working Families Party
 - Libertarian Party
 - Republican Party
 - Other
9. Does the candidate currently hold or has he/she ever held elected office?
Yes No
If yes, please indicate position:

About the Campaign's Platform

Please give brief explanations

Please indicate the candidate's position on the the following issue statements and further explain in the space provided.

Income and Wealth Inequality

10. Today, we live in the richest country in the history of the world, but that reality means little because much of that wealth is controlled by a tiny handful of individuals. To address that, the wealthy and large corporations must pay their fair share in taxes.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: "...take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few..." -MLK. The experts all agree, demand side economics is the best way to stimulate and sustain the economy.
11. Huge financial institutions must be broken up so they are no longer too big to fail.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: "Too big fail, too big to exist" -Bernie Sanders. It is unacceptable and irrational to have institutions which are able to gamble with our entire economy and face no consequences.
12. No one who works 40-hours a week should live in poverty. The minimum wage needs to be a livable wage of \$15 an hour.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: I am proud that here in Maine, there was a successful grassroots effort to raise the minimum wage to 12/hr by 2020. When I'm elected I will continue the fight for 15 and increase it with inflation.
13. It is critically important to create jobs for disadvantaged young Americans by investing in a youth jobs programs.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: When elected I will work on making technical skills more accessible to Mainers, and I will support efforts to prevent the brain drain that we are currently facing.
14. Social Security must be expanded so that every American can retire with dignity.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: We paid for social security through-out our careers and it is solvent through 2038. It will be solvent forever when the cap for contributions is raised. Our struggling seniors also need a raise.

Trade

15. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a massive trade deal that would affect 792 million people and 40 percent of the world economy. The TPP must be stopped and policies like NAFTA, CAFTA, and PNTR with China that have driven down wages and caused the loss of millions of jobs need to be reversed.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: I will fight to protect Maine jobs, and oppose any legislation which would threaten Maine workers.

Campaign Finance Reform

16. Citizens United, a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, resulted in enabling the wealthiest people and largest corporations in this country to contribute unlimited amounts of money to campaigns. This decision must be overturned and corruption in politics must end. This means fighting to pass a constitutional amendment making it clear that Congress and the states have the power to regulate money in elections. We must also eliminate super PACs and other outside spending abuses and work to aggressively enforce campaign finance rules.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

When I am elected I will defend and strenghten Maine's clean election act. I will work so that one day all election candidates are clean election candidates. I want money out of politics.

17. In order to protect our democracy, we must fight for a publicly financed, transparent system of campaign financing that amplifies small donations. We must also ensure that all Americans are guaranteed an effective right to vote.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

I am proud to be a clean election candidate. My donors are the people of district 99. I don't take money from any special interest groups because I won't be controlled by them.

Education

18. Every American who studies hard in school should be able to go to college regardless of how much money their parents make and without going deeply into debt. For that, we need to work towards making tuition free at public colleges and universities throughout America, stopping the federal government from making a profit on student loans.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

I am very happy that here in Maine there are multiple universities which allow students to attend school for the cost of a Pell grant. I would like to see this done at all of our public universities.

Healthcare

19. Healthcare is a human right. Our healthcare system needs to work for all of us. We must guarantee healthcare as a right of citizenship by enacting a Medicare for all single-payer healthcare system, as well as lowering the price for prescription drugs.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

The cost of health care and prescription drugs has increased to line the pockets of large cooperation executives. Maine must work to provide healthcare to all of our citizens and negotiate prices.

Infrastructure

20. The U.S.'s infrastructure, from our roads and bridges, to our dams, waterways and electrical grid, have not been properly invested in nor used the advances in technology for maintenance or improvements. America is long overdue to rebuild our crumbling roads, bridges, railways, airports, public transit systems, ports, dams, wastewater plants, and other infrastructure needs.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Candidate's position on this issue:

I will champion bills that will renew our infrastructure, and make it eaiser to create municipal internet service. These projects will also serve as a great jobs program for the people of Maine.

Foreign Policy

21. The U.S. must move away from a policy of unilateral military action, and toward a policy of emphasizing diplomacy, and ensuring the decision to go to war is a last resort.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Too many of our wars are fought over natural resources and backdoor deals. If we get money out of politics we can focus on renewable energy and stop the runaway military industrial complex.
22. The U.S. defense spending is larger than that of the next seven largest defense budgets. We must firmly reject any increase to defense spending at the cost of cuts to domestic social spending.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: There are more important areas where our tax dollars should be spent, whether that be Medicare, education, or putting money towards research which includes fixing the Polar Star.

Environment

23. The United States must lead the world in tackling climate change, if we are to make certain that this planet is habitable for our children and grandchildren. We must transform our energy system away from polluting fossil fuels, and towards energy efficiency and sustainability.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: We need to come up with policies that will effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The majority of our carbon footprint comes from the use of fossil fuels for which we have viable alternatives.

Racial Justice

24. African-Americans and Latinos are twice as likely to be arrested and almost four times as likely to experience the use of force during encounters with the police. They also comprise well over half of all prisoners, even though African-Americans and Latinos make up approximately one quarter of the total US population. We must change this by demilitarizing our police forces, ban for-profit prisons, turn back from the War on Drugs, eliminate mandatory minimums, and increase investment in programs that help individuals recover from substance abuse and mental health problems.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Diversity should be celebrated not brutalized. We need a safe environment for all of our citizens, and future generations. I fear for my interracial family.

Immigration

25. Despite the central role immigrants play in our economy and in our daily lives, undocumented workers are reviled by some for political gain and shunted into the shadows. It is time for this disgraceful situation to end. We must pave the way for a swift legislative path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants and protect programs like DACA and DAPA.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: Diversity leads way to innovation and improvement of our society. We need to provide a path to citizenship for people who are already here.
26. The inhumane deportation machine must be dismantled by ending deportation programs, closing down private detention centers, offering humane treatment and asylum to victims of violence and minors fleeing from dangerous circumstances.
- a. Agree
- b. Disagree
- Candidate's position on this issue: As a legislator I will help ensure that Maine families aren't broken up by unfair deportation laws.

Women's Rights

27. Despite major advances in civil and political rights, our country still has a long way to go in addressing the issue of gender inequality. In order to address this, we must fight for pay equity for women, expand and protect the reproductive rights of women and provide paid family and medical leave.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Womens rights are human rights, and we deserve the right to choose what's best for us, be paid equally, and have paid leave. We are equal.

Candidate's position on this issue:

LGBT Rights

28. The United States has made remarkable progress on gay rights in a relatively short amount of time. But there is still much work to be done. In many states, it is still legal to fire someone for being gay. It is legal to deny someone housing for being transgender. That is unacceptable and must change. We must end discrimination in all forms.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Every citizen needs to be treated fairly and with respect. I stand with my LGBTQ brothers and sisters in their fight for equality.

Candidate's position on this issue:

Native American

29. The United States must not just honor Native American treaty rights and tribal sovereignty, it must also move away from a relationship of paternalism and control, and toward one of deference and support. That means supporting tribal sovereignty and tribal jurisdiction, honoring the treaties and federal statutes, improving housing and education, as well as by protecting sacred places and Native American cultures.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

In act 1735a Maine Native Americans were effectively categorized as 2nd class citizens. As a legislator I will prioritize domestic violence victims, and tribal rights.

Candidate's position on this issue:

Veterans

30. As a nation, we have a moral obligation to provide the best quality care to those who have put their lives on the line to defend us. Taking care of our veterans is a cost of war. The Department of Veterans Affairs must be fully funding and expanded so that every veteran gets the care that they have earned and deserve. Additionally, claim processing, mental health and dental services, and access to the VA must be improved.

- a. Agree
- b. Disagree

Coming from a military family I've seen the devastation that mental health problems from war can have on our veterans. They have fought for us, we need to fight for them.

Candidate's position on this issue:

By typing my name below, I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify this application from consideration.

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