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Candidate Questionnaire

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14th Congressional District Questions

Please answer the following questions related to your specific race on separate pages or electronically to dparro@scn1.com. Please limit each response to 150 words or less. Please return your responses by Jan. 11.

1) Why are you running for this office?

-Because I need a good job and as a congressman I can help people in a utilitarian way. If I didn't do this, I would be a physician, but that is 7 seven away before I can start helping people. I am also running to bring back our Founding Fathers to our Government—that is I have no money from special interests (received 0 money for that matter), no clout connections, so I can actually be of, by and for the people.

2) What should we do about global terrorism?

We need to form a multilateral force with all nations that can contribute and then keep the peace. But we must realize that terrorism is multi-faceted, involving idolatrous religion, imperialism, nationalism, poverty (i.e. Osama Bin Laden called for jihad in Africa, thereby taking advantage of the impoverished people), to a genuine hatred of the West (scapegoating), to brainwashing of youth (i.e. madrassas). Here are some of the solutions: Increase Gloablization, form "Great Understandings" (On the informal level, not formal such as schools), more foreign aid to Africa, (to hence wipe out malaria, to increase food production, innovative ways for irrigation, electricity, ect.) to bringing Palestinian and Israeli youth to Soldier Field to have a week camp/nightly dance and party so they will come to understand the words of Mr. Walt Disney, "That we have far more that unites us, than divides us."

3) Given what we know today, can you envision a scenario in which you would support a congressional authorization for military action against Iran? Should sanctions be reduced, strengthened or left the same?

The National Energy Commission recently said that Iran poses no nuclear threat. Therefore we should treat Iran as a growing friend. In fact if you look at Iran, the youth likes America with our freedom and way of life. I don't see Iran as a problem. So instead of sanctions we need to become friends with Iran and encourage dialogue, thereby bringing them into the growing world economy, because if everyone is trading with each other, this promotes vested interest in every country and no country will attack a country which has a certain amount of vested interest in it---this is the new world stability. Also as for a country dropping a nuclear weapon on another country this is old school. Today, there are no more wars to change this world, but only that of

terrorist remnants that will cease when every part of the world is brought into the global economy.

4) What is the appropriate military response to threats or acts of terrorism on domestic and foreign soil?

If a terrorist attack happens on US soil, we have to make sure our people are safe, healthy, and protected, make sure all our transportation is shut down and our communication lines are open both domestically and internationally, then the multilateral coalition will respond accordingly. And the same goes for on foreign soil, but only with their government working with the multilateral force.

5) How can Congress achieve immigration reform? How do you propose to deal with the illegal immigrants already in this country?

At this time the John McCain plan sounds best. Also form a barrier of protection between the US and Mexico.

6) What is your position on the Bush tax cuts? What, if anything, would you change about federal tax policies? What would you do about the income tax and Alternative Minimum Tax?

Tax cuts have been shown to work, however, the question is just how much the money trickles down to the people that really need it. So again to follow the utilitarian approach we should make life better for all. So if times get somewhat rough, we need tax cuts, but a fiscal stimulus package to help the poor and middle class. Also before lowering interest rates we must take into account inflation. And as always these procedures should always accompany "OUTPUT" as this is the single most important factor in any economy. (So we need to produce new innovative jobs-both high tech and manufacturing, which can be invested both domestically and in the short term with foreign investments). Also we need to ideally follow David Ricardo's theory of Comparative Analysis and start to have trade at a one to one ratio, or even a two to one ratio—that is with the US on the left side with a two or more, for a short time anyway so we can stave off these deficits and in time the national debt of over 9 trillion to develop a surplus. As for the alternative minimum tax, this should be adjusted for inflation in 2008.

7) What must be done to ensure Social Security remains solvent? How should the current system be reformed?

According to the US Treasury there are only two solutions for social security to remain solvent, such as: First increase the tax, or secondly, decrease the benefits or increase the age when a person can collect. I don't agree with any of these solutions. I have an idea but have to work the math some more.

8) What can be done to control the rising cost of health care in America? Do you support universal health-care coverage?

Health should not be a privilege, but a right. I support the current system we have, while letting the markets regulate themselves. However, since there are both Profit and Non-Profit hospitals, I support those that do not have health insurance or have insurance but it won't cover a certain procedure, such as an experimental procedure—these people will be able to go to any University hospital which is non-profit and be treated without regard to cost. The University hospitals will be given governmental subsidies to cover the cost, and with the money left over they will conduct ground breaking research to not only cure our most dreaded diseases, but to conduct social policy in the area of preventive medicine, because if everyone is given a daily vitamin, three square meals, a calling for a job, an excellent support system-i.e. love, etc., then we have less sick people in any state, country—because to some extent, a large extent, sickness is a social construct. Therefore, these universities will invest in satellite schools grades 1-12 and this will better educate our populace, rendering a high school graduating rate of more than better then the current 70%. There is no reason we cannot aim and achieve, 101%.

9) What should be done to protect homeowners from rising interest rates and risky mortgages that lead to foreclosures? Do you support the Bush plan unveiled recently?

We have this problem due to the dubious lenders, who preyed upon the borrowers, which has worked in concert with unemployment, underemployment, too much building of houses and too much borrowing. I don't want one person to lose their home. Recently on the news I saw "Tent City" in California and it about made me sick to my stomach that people have to live like this. I know we have an enormous homeless population and I have worked with it before, but it still hits you every time you see it, and we by any means should not be adding to it. So now that I can do something about it, I support the government not only freezing the alternative rates, but making the peoples' payments or delaying them or adjusting them or doing whatever they can do so no one has to lose their house. And then to correct this problem I support my friend Nick Brunick who works with affordable housing in Chicago, but this has to be correlated with helping the person realize their true gifts so they can flourish economically.

10) How can the U.S. become less energy-dependent on foreign nations? What should be done to encourage the development and use of alternative energy sources?

If we use ethonalic fuels this appears to drive up food prices since a lot of corn/grain is being exported so that the BRIC countries can increase their consumption of meat and dairy products—this is a fabulous thing since they get to eat better, but at the same time I don't want Americans to endure higher food prices, based on the increasing consumption of commodities. And besides ethanol is as not as energy efficient when

looking at its needed raw input. However, to continue to rely on Near East oil is perilous at best, not only for geopolitical reasons but environmental and speculative reasons as well. Therefore, I support the use of hydrogen, along with other innovative technologies that I have to think about more. For immediate relief if oil prices get too high, we could use our reserves, do counter speculation, and might even look North to Canada for the use of their tar sands, and we could use our shale---but we need a cleaner process to manufacture tar and shale for fuel.

11) What should Congress do to address global warming?

The “Car Caper”, which will cut CO2 production. (More later....)

12) What should be done about paying down the national debt? What would you change about federal spending habits? Should congressional earmarks be allowed?

More Output to cut national debt, and less waste—that is “Bridge to Nowhere” that actually have come true”. Earmarks stink and they should not be allowed.

13) Do you support the construction of the Prairie Parkway, and will you push for federal funding for the project, as did former Rep. Dennis Hastert?

If it is to better the people, than I support it.

14) What would you do to ensure Fermilab’s continued viability?

This is going to be the heartbeat for the new high tech jobs in the Midwest—call it the Foxicon Valley. --Hence secure our “output”.

15) What congressional committees would you seek to serve on and why?

Either, Appropriations, Intelligence, Foreign Service, Science and Technology, Energy or most likely all of the above, because I have a lot of energy and ideas.

16) How will you work to bridge the bitter partisan divide in Washington?

Ice Cream Socials on every Friday, and I will use Oberweis ice Cream.

17) What are the other issues that must be addressed by Congress?

More Later..... And also please note that all ideas here are only the original template, therefore always subject to revision—which inevitably will happen-- as more dialogue, epiphanies and scientific analysis occurs.

