

2019 Values Voter Guide

SURVEY FOR:

On behalf of the **Cumberland 9/12 Project**, and in conjunction with **Conservative Christian Center** and **Cumberland County ACTION**, we invite you to participate in the **Cumberland County CANDIDATES FORUM**, which will be held on **TUESDAY, April 30, 2019, from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.** (If the candidate fails to complete the survey, the grade of the survey may result in F. All surveys will have a score.)

Candidate Name & Contact Information

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Seeking the office of: Common Pleas Judge

Your Personal Registered Political Party: Rep District of election: 9th Judicial District

For cross filed elections, what parties do you plan to run under: R/D

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Survey Questions:

I. Background & Experience

*1. Date of birth: __01/12/1967_____

*2. Education:

Penn State University, BS Criminal Justice, 1993

Dickinson School of Law, 1996

*3. Military Service: (Yes, No, explain.) Yes.

1985-1987 Active Duty Enlisted. 1988-1999 Pa Air National Guard Enlisted. 1999-2018 Pa Air National Guard Commissioned Officer. 2018 – Present Inactive Reserves.

I currently hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and am a Judge Advocate General (JAG).

*4. Recent: work experience:

2013-Present: Cumberland County Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court.

2008-2012: U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

2000-2007: Private Practice, Grayson Law Office

1996-2000: Private Practice, Turo Law Offices

1985-Present Concurrent military duty as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer

*5. What is your marital status?

Married __

Single __

Divorced X__

Separated __

*6. Do you regularly attend a house of worship?

Yes__X_, No ____, Occasionally_____

***II. Survey Questions:** (Even if you don't think the office you are running for has the power to effect the changes in each question, please answer as if you did have the power.) (Try to pose your FINAL answers as FAVOR or DISAGREE.)

*1. Would you support the existing law regarding the deporting of illegal aliens who committed a felony?

Favor – I follow the law.

*2. Should government pay for members of the military to have sex change operations?

Military members have Tri-care medical coverage which is why the government is paying or surgery. So, in that context, the government is paying for all types of elective surgery, many

of which I do not agree with. However, any surgery is a medical issue and is between the patient and the physician. My concern is more focused on whether that surgery (whatever it may be) and the results, will interfere with the service member's ability to continue to meet military standards.

*3. Does "separation of church and state" prohibit churches from receiving public funding to address drug addiction?

The government gives funding to many different kinds of non-profits to help with drug addiction and other social issues. I do not see why a church should be treated differently than other non-profits if they are serving the same function and serving all, regardless of their religious affiliation.

* 4) If enacted as law, would you cut off funds to any locality which protect illegal aliens from law enforcement (i.e. Sanctuary Cities, aka "outlaw cities").
If it were the law, I would follow it.

*5.) What is your position on providing a tax credit to businesses that donate to recognized 501(c)3 non-profit scholarship organizations which provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools, K-12? (Favor or not favor)

Favor

*6) Do you believe our Constitution is based upon natural law (ie., our rights come from God?)

Yes

*7) Do you believe that judges should evaluate the Constitution as being "strict constructional" (aka. "originalist") or as being a "living document?"

I am an originalist. If changes need to be made to the Constitution, they should do so through the steps set out in Article Five.

*8) People (& students) should be allowed to use public restrooms, showers, and changing rooms based on the "gender identity" that each individual chooses. Agree or disagree?

Regardless of which answer you believe is correct, you will be interfering with someone else's beliefs and rights. I say we fix this issue by making all bathroom facilities individual rooms acceptable to all.

*9) Abortions in some states are allowed in the third trimester. Unborn children, born during the third trimester, regularly survive.

a) Are there any health reasons of the mother during the third trimester that requires an abortion as opposed to a live birth?

This is a medical question. I do not have enough medical training to make a sound

decision, so I am not sure how you expect me to answer this.

b) For third trimester abortions, do you favor or oppose?

It does not matter if I personally favor or oppose a third trimester abortion. I personally would not have one. If it is legal in the state, that is what I need to follow. As a judge, it is not my duty to legislate from the bench. See number 7 above.

*10. As part of President John F. Kennedy's well known 1960 "Separation of Church and State" speech, he said that those who step out into the public square must be silent on this critical subject of what guides them in life when they seek office. Agree or disagree?

This question appears to me as a bit out of context from JFK's speech. Here is a direct quote from that speech. I concur with the direct quote particularly in the context of what the founding fathers meant in regard to separation of church and state in the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ."

"I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish; where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source; where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials; and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all." ~ John F. Kennedy address to Greater Houston Ministerial Association on Sept 12, 1960.

*11. Please explain your personal spiritual faith. Use as much space as you like or attach separately.

To me, religion is very personal and not something I lightly share. I have a relationship with God. While I grew up in the church and have raised my children in the church, I do not find attendance in church to be necessary to have a relationship with God. My grandmother was a devote Christian, she read the Bible every day. She used to say that you are no closer to God than when you are in a garden. We sow the ground, plant the seed, water it, and only by the grace of God does that garden grow and the resulting bountiful blessings provide for us. She would regularly talk to God while she gardened. She sought His strength and comfort in the garden. Perhaps it was this influence from my grandmother that I find God everywhere, but most strongly in nature. His strength and beauty can be seen all around us, in nature, in others, in ourselves.

Affirmation: *I do hereby affirm that the preceding survey questions have been answered truthfully by the undersigned & do represent my personal views.*

Signature *Lisa M. Grayson* **Date** 4.19.19
(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)