

ABATE of Northern Nevada
Questionnaire for Those Seeking Public Office

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1. What is your motivation for seeking public office?
I am not a career politician. My background is over twenty years of IT Management consulting both as a small business owner and as a Senior Manager in a global consulting firm. I decided to run for office when none of the other candidates inspired me. They were not addressing some of our biggest issues, namely that we need to get our state back to work and we need to stop wasting our tax dollars criminalizing victimless activities.
2. What are your views on the role of Government? What should be the role of Federal Government? What should be the role of State Government?
The role of both the federal and state government is to protect the safety and liberty of each individual. The federal government’s role is supposed to be limited and is clearly spelled out in the U.S. Constitution. All other power not given to the federal government is reserved by the states and the people. As a Libertarian, I support smaller government with less government intrusion into our personal lives.
3. If your views of Government differ from what is taking place now, what would you do to move Government closer to your vision of how it should operate?
Since my top priority is to get Nevada back to work, I would stop taxing businesses to death. I would encourage business growth by removing fees for new businesses, and by placing a moratorium on Payroll and Unemployment taxes for those businesses that hire people off of unemployment and welfare. I would also support legalizing marijuana. Legalizing, taxing, and regulating marijuana will save us tax dollars currently spent on prohibition. I would also see Yucca Mountain utilized responsibly. Rather than using it to store nuclear waste for 10,000 years, I propose a facility based on Thorium technology to *consume* the waste. This process would render 83% of the waste safe in only 10 years, and the balance safe in only 300 years. This would create thousands of jobs as well as large amounts of cheap electricity which, in turn, would bring new light industries into Nevada. I would also seek to recognize the full rights of all adults, eighteen and older, to drink and gamble.
4. What shapes your views on how to vote for or against legislation? If you are running for the office of Governor please explain what shapes your approval or veto of legislation? (For Legislative and Gubernatorial Candidates)
I am against legislation that interferes with an individual’s personal liberty, both financial and social.
5. Give us some idea of the type of legislation you would most likely introduce? What do you feel is the most urgent and important legislation?(Non Legislative Candidates Exempt)
N/A
6. What is your stance on ownership of firearms? What sorts of restrictions or bans should be in place? Your views on Concealed Weapons Permits?
I am a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. I am against any further restrictions and I am against the blue card laws in Clark County. I possess a concealed weapons permit.
7. Would you be willing to help a pro choice helmet bill to the governor’s desk for passage?
Yes, very much.

State Legislator - What are your views on the mandated helmet use here in Nevada? Would you support legislation which allows an adult 21 years of age or older to choose a helmet?

N/A

Federal Legislator – What are your views on the federal government using transportation funding threats to ensure states keep a helmet law in place? Would you support legislation to allow states to choose the laws that best suits them without threats of revoked funds?

N/A

Gubernatorial – If in office would you approve legislation giving an adult, 21 years or older the right to choose a helmet?

Yes. I would go one step further, though, giving the right to choose to *all* adults age 18 and over.

Non Legislative Office – Would you be willing to support ABATE efforts in the right to choose by writing letters of support and/or appearing with ABATE during the legislative session to speak to legislators on behalf of the right to choose?

N/A

8. What are your views on the “right to repair” act (H.R. 2057) proposed by Congress?

At first glance, as someone who had done a lot of my own repairs as a youth, it seemed like common sense that we should have the right to repair our own vehicles. I was puzzled by why we would need such a law, so I did some research. It appears this Act stems from a safety concern and has to do with the lack of information and tools being made available by the manufacturer to the consumer. To keep my comments brief, while I am sympathetic to the cause, I see this as something that is better handled by market forces or state laws than by the creation and litigation of yet another federal law that is outside the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution.

PS/ We DO have another choice this election ... so **vote smART!**

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions to potential constituents. It means a lot to this organization and helps voters decide on a candidate that best suits them. Responses will be posted on A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada's web site, www.abatennv.org. You may e-mail your finished response to jfhobbs@hotmail.com or mail to:

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