

2018 Iowa Congressional District 4 Candidate Survey



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RAISING THE WAGE	<i>Do you support the “Fight for \$15” movement and a national minimum wage of at least \$15/hour?</i>	NA <i>(Leann Jacobsen did not respond to our survey.)</i>	Yes. I feel that is a good start but I feel we need to change the discussion from a “minimum wage” to a “family sustainable wage” — which may be different in different areas of the country.	I support the “Fight for \$15”, but it needs to be gradually increased over time and the impact on small businesses needs to be considered. I also believe we should [...] index the minimum wage to the local cost of housing throughout the United States.
CLIMATE JUSTICE	<i>As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 3671, the Off Fossil Fuels Act?</i>	NA	Yes, yes, yes. Read the bill and approve of the language and the intent.	Yes, I stand for protecting our planet and moving to more renewable energy is key.
PRIVATE PRISONS	<i>Once elected, what steps would you take to dismantle the private prison industry that profits off communities of color?</i>	NA	The big issue here is sentencing reform. People of color in this country are disproportionately represented in our prison system. This needs to [be] the first step!	I would push to end for-profit prisons and also to eliminate mandatory minimums which have been proven to disproportionately impact people of color.
FAIR ECONOMY	<i>Do you support the Robin Hood Tax that would tax Wall Street financial transactions to raise billions of dollars in much-needed revenue and rein in the abusive practices on Wall Street?</i>	NA	I have not heard of this before. But after reading about it I feel it is a great idea. Yes, I will support.	Yes, I stand for reforming our tax code, but for doing so in a way that benefits the working class instead of the wealthy and corporations.
MONEY IN POLITICS	<i>Will you work to overturn Citizens United, and instead push for publicly-financed elections and real-time disclosure of campaign contributions during elections?</i>	NA	Yes. That is an easy answer.	[C]ampaign finance reform should be everyone’s #1 issue. We absolutely need to get the influence of big money out of politics.
IMMIGRATION	<i>How would you push for comprehensive immigration reform that includes a reasonable pathway to citizenship, and would you work for passage of a clean DREAM Act?</i>	NA	DACA recipients need a clear and irrevocable path to citizenship. I would go further and offer a path to citizenship to immigrants who have been here illegally for some time and have stayed within the law.	It is time for comprehensive immigration reform, which hasn’t been passed since 1986. Yes, I would work for a passage of a clean DREAM Act.
HEALTHCARE	<i>As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 676, the Medicare-for-All bill?</i>	NA	I believe a single payer system is what we need to go to in this country. I want to re-establish and reform the ACA and the establish a “public option” to allow people to buy into Medicare if there are no other options.	Yes. Healthcare is a human right and we need a system that works for all of us.
FOOD & AG JUSTICE	<i>Will you push for and support a farm bill that puts independent family farmers first and fully funds the SNAP program?</i>	NA	The SNAP program benefits Iowa agriculture. I further feel we need to make sure any farm incentive programs benefit independent family farms.	Yes, we need to fully fund SNAP, a vital program to so many Americans. We need to reinforce farm policies that support small and independent farmers.

Answers above are excerpts from an issue survey we sent to candidates. To read each candidate’s full answers, visit: cciaction.org/2018congress



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