



Questionnaire Cover Letter

Candidates:

The Martin 9/12 Tea Party Committee was formed in the wake of the April 15th Tax Day Tea Parties and Glenn Beck's 9/12 Project. Contrary to some media critics of this phenomenon, we see ourselves as a legitimate, thoughtful voter education group.

One of our goals in this election cycle is to compile a list of candidates, both statewide and nationwide, running for office as conservatives so that we may help educate voters to make informed decisions in the voting booth. To that end, we are asking these few questions of you, the candidate, to determine how closely you identify with Constitutional principles.

With the information you supply us we will make out a "report card" so that people may see at a glance where you stand on these issues. Accompanying this "report card" will be candidate information with which we hope to direct donations (or volunteers) to your campaign from these voters, whether they are from your district or from across the country. It is time for people to realize that they need to look outside of their districts; that once a candidate gets in office, he/she votes for everyone.



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Introduction to Questionnaire

The Martin 9/12 TeaParty Committee proposes to interview candidates and office-holders to assess their positions on issues that concern the members and correspondents of this Committee. In return, we offer a method for the participant to reach tea party activists and their circle of influence. It may be assumed that candidates or officeholders who avoid this process are not interested in letting us know how they feel about these issues.

This document was developed by the core members of the Committee. The Committee does not normally endorse candidates, but will recommend to our people that they volunteer in and donate to certain campaigns. As some people say this amounts to an endorsement, so be it.

We will be asking these questions with the honest intent to portray your answers in the best possible light, and you are invited to review your answers at the end of this process to make any corrections you like before we publish the results. We will make the entire form available to the public and not just our assessment. We are not trying to trick anyone and will not presume to know your thoughts, even after you have answered these questions.

We understand that legislators and administrators must sometimes defer their preferred positions in order to "horse trade" votes to garner support for a favorite piece of legislation. While we dislike such practices, we understand that it is a reality of governance. In such cases, we ask only that a vote that is contrary to a stated position be explained honestly to constituents. So we ask you to not hold back in expressing your position.

This may appear to be a naïve proposal, but it is very much in line with our understanding of the Constitution of the United States of America; that its simplicity is testament to the goal of the Founders to keep our government simple and transparent. Good government requires good citizens.

Having that principle emanate from our state and local governments is also our goal, so presenting the same questions to candidates and officeholders in all levels of government is intentional. We know that Constitutional restrictions are different for state and local officials, but identifying a candidate who also knows this is priceless. If we find from our inquiry that a candidate is not aware of the underlying issues that concern this Committee, we can offer that person extensive documentation and reference material for their use.

Having said that, we will start with a list of simple statements that reflect a philosophy of government with which you will be asked to agree or disagree. Subsequent sections may seem redundant, but are intended to reconcile earlier forms which are still in use by voter information groups. This copy of the questions has been provided to allow you to print the form and fill it in by hand, protecting the document from unauthorized changes. Some applications will allow you to fill in the form on your word processor, and send it back to us, as all changes will be recorded.

Many questions have a check-box, and if further explanation is required for any answer, you may add your comments in a text area following that section. Please index your comments with the number or letter that identifies the question to which it refers. If you don't understand the question or the issue to which it refers, leave it unmarked and use the text box below to say that. Make a copy for your own records as well.

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Candidate Records FAX: 772-781-4426
6058 SE Grand Cay Court
Stuart, FL 34997

signed: _____ date: _____

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If this form is being used for a written response, please indicate with an arrow that you have included an explanatory message elsewhere on the form (opposite side).

Date of completing this form: _____

My last name: _____

My first name: _____

Party Affiliation: _____

Campaigning for: _____

Incumbent?

YES	NO
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TEA PARTY ISSUES 01

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
A. I believe in lower taxes.					
B. I am in favor of small (limited) government.					
C. I believe in returning to Constitutional principles.					
D. I am for advancing the free-market system (Market-based economy).					
E. I believe that Congress should routinely audit the processes and policies of the Federal Reserve.					
F. The Council on Foreign Relations is an important asset to our government.					
G. I favor a strong national defense.					
H. I believe in American exceptionalism: that all government authority is derived from the People, who derive their rights from God.					

Comments for previous section (A through H):

signed: _____ **date:** _____

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Tea Party Issues 02

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
I. I am against government-run health care (ObamaCare).					
J. I am against bills that would provide government funding for abortion.					
K. I oppose government "redistribution of wealth."					
L. I oppose reductions in Social Security benefits under any circumstances.					
M. I oppose any policy that allows United Nations regulation of U.S. citizens or U.S. property.					
N. I believe that global climate changes may be dangerous and environmental policies must control greenhouse gases.					
O. I favor the use of a "precautionary principle" for advancing environmental policies.					
P. I support expansion of petroleum exploratory efforts both on- and off-shore, assuming all prudent precautions are taken for the protection of the environment.					

Comments for previous section (I through P):

signed: _____ **date:** _____

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Q. My view of government responsibilities:

	I support this	I oppose this	I am neutral on this	I do not know this issue	This does not concern me.
01. Sustainable America					
02. U.N. Agenda 21					
03. Public-Private Partnerships					
04. The Wildlands Project					
05. Global "Poverty" Tax					
06. The Law of the Sea Treaty					
07. The North American Union and Security and Prosperity Partnership (S.P.P.)					
08. The "Fair Tax."					
09. Amnesty for undocumented aliens who have been in U.S. for more than 12 years.					
10. Repeal of the 17th Amendment.					
11. A balanced-budget amendment.					
12. Term limits for Senators and Congressmen/women.					
13. Cap & Trade System.					
14. Universal health care system.					
15. Federal standards for schools, curricula and performance.					
16. "Net Neutrality" regulations.					
17. Systematic reduction in governmental regulations on business and industry.					

Comments for previous section (Q-1 through Q-17):

signed: _____ **date:** _____

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R. A declaration of state sovereignty is a symbolic statement issued in concert with other states to convey to federal officials our concern for recent federal "overreach" and their disregard for the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. Would you support such an action by the state legislature?

YES

NO

S. Do you support the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) platform initiative?
(www.platformYES.com)

YES

NO

I'M NOT A REPUBLICAN

I DON'T CARE
EITHER WAY

T. Why is your candidacy better than your opponents'?

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