

## **2016 Cascade County State Legislative Races: Candidate Answers and Additional Comments**

- a. *Question 1: "It is the role of government to make sure that safety net programs (ie. Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and SNAP) are in place so those most in need don't fall through the cracks."*

*(Agree/Disagree)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Agree

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Agree
  - a. "Additionally, funding for non-profit programs that are community based will also continue to support and fill in the gaps by offering much needed services in the areas of health, access to food and other necessities, like Planned Parenthood."
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Agree
  - a. "The people working for Medicaide need to be local to be effective in meeting the needs of those in need. Social security and Medicare were financed by those working and paying into that fund. They have every right to their money. I'm not familiar with SNAP"
2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Agree
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Agree

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Agree
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

- b. *Question 2: "Do you agree or disagree with state support for programs that address the economic insecurity faced by Montana women and families in low-wage jobs?" (Agree/Disagree)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Agree

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Agree

- a. "I agree that we need to continue to build in fiscal and partnership support to expand services for those living below the poverty line. We need to continue to look at what types of guidelines are in place for traditional support measures (expand them as what are our definitions of good jobs?); how to increase those key life support systems that define a "good" job: pay, health insurance and retirement benefits here in Montana."

2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Agree

- a. "As long as it is a hand up program not a hand down."

2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Agree

2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply

2. Jean Price, Democrat: Agree

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Agree

2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply

2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

c. *Question 3: "Do you support or oppose tax credits that divert public education dollars from public education to private schools including religious schools?" (Support/Oppose)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply

2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Oppose

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Oppose

- a. "Public Education is where it's at here in Montana. I am a product of Public Schools and we need to foster as much support for our public education system. Those in a position to send their children to private schools should not expect fiscal support from an otherwise fiscally pressured system."

2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply

- a. "I haven't taken a position on this issue"

2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Oppose
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Oppose

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Oppose
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

d. *Question 4: "Do you agree or disagree with investing state funding in family planning programs to ensure access for all women, regardless of income?" (Agree/Disagree)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Agree

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Agree
  - a. "I completely support advancing community health centers and providing access to family planning programs across the state, especially for the many low income women here in Montana."
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply
  - a. "There are non profit organizations that provide free services that do an excellent job in this area. Government does not need to be involved or spend tax dollars on these issues."
2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Agree
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Agree

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Agree
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

e. *Question 5: "Do you support or oppose statewide policies to create paid family and medical leave and paid sick days so workers don't have to choose between taking care of themselves or their families and their job security?" (Support/Oppose)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Support

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Support
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply
  - a. "This should be an agreement between employer and employee. I don't see why government needs to get involved in personal choices. Employers would then step up to the plate and provide the individual needs or lose a good employee."
2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Support
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Support

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Support
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

f. *Question 6: "Do you support or oppose religious exemptions that allow employers or businesses to refuse preventative healthcare measures to employees and/or service to LGBTQ Montanans?" (Support/Oppose)*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Support

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Oppose
  - a. "LGBTQ should be afforded the same benefits as all residents here in Montana (and the U.S.) without exception. Period."
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply

- a. "I'm you're a good employee, your private life should never effect your job or profession. No matter what lifestyle you choose, healthcare benefits should be a discussion at your job interview and between employer and employee."

2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Oppose
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican: Did Not Reply

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Oppose

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Oppose
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

g. *Question 7: "Do you support or oppose the HELP Act, the legislation that expanded access to Medicaid to low-income Montanans?"*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Support

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Support
  - a. "I came and told my story to Wendy McKamey during the 2012 session to help her understand that access to Health is a right not a privilege; and that Medicaid expansion is critical for the overall sustainability of Montana into the 21st Century. We need to continue to fight for affordable coverage, deductibles and availability for all."
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply
  - a. "Don't have a position on this act."
2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Support
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican:

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Support

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Support
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

h. *Question 8: "Do you support or oppose increases to state funding for domestic and sexual violence intervention and prevention, including an increased focus on the issue of violence against Native women and other marginalized groups?"*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Support

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Support
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply
  - a. "I need more details to take a position. All women matter."
2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Support
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican:

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Support

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Support
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply

i. *Question 9: "9. Do you agree or disagree with the creation of a state earned income tax credit to provide greater economic stability to low-income working families?"*

**i. Senate District 10**

1. Steve Fitzpatrick, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Deborah Magin, Democrat: Agree

**ii. House District 20**

1. Amy J. Rapp, Democrat: Agree
2. Fred Anderson, Republican: Did Not Reply

**iii. House District 22**

1. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Republican: Did Not Reply

- a. "I need more details to take a position. Job creation would solve low income."

2. Albert J Ferderer, Democrat: Did Not Reply

**iv. House District 23**

1. Brad Hamlett, Democrat: Agree
2. Mark A. Dunn, Republican:

**v. House District 24**

1. William Raaen, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Jean Price, Democrat: Agree

**vi. House District 25**

1. Garrett Lankford, Democrat: Agree
2. Jeremy Trebas, Republican: Did Not Reply

**vii. House District 26**

1. Michael K. Cooper Sr., Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Casey J. Schreiner, Democrat: Did Not Reply