

2016 Missoula 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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Agree
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Agree

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Agree
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Agree
 - a. "Additional legislation supporting Family Savings Plans and Retirement/Pension Plans for all persons and family units is drastically needed in the State of Montana."
2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Agree

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Agree
 - a. "I have traveled all over the world and have seen what happens when a country fails to take care of the truly needy."
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Agree

- 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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Agree
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Agree

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Agree
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply

2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Agree

- a. "Additional legislation supporting The Hope For Homeownership Program, The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and The Community Revitalization Program is drastically needed in the State of Montana."

2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Agree

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Agree

- a. "Families need help with paying for regular daycare, I support a program to help families choose their own daycare and receive tax credits or assistance."

2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Agree

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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Oppose

2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply

2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Oppose

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Oppose

2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply

2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Support

- a. "Single Mothers and Low-Income Families need tax breaks and tax credits to support their children's needs in education regardless of anti-sentiment towards Public or Private School Systems. Remember when America was the place of rest and first grade education, it was from having true diversity based upon culture and traditions, not race and socio-economic status."

2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Oppose

- a. "Adamantly oppose. These programs take money away from our public schools and allows public money to be used to discriminate against others. Such programs blatantly conflict with Montana's Constitution."

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Support
 - a. "In cases where our public schools are failing a student's needs it only make sense to allow their families the opportunity of seeking a school where their child's education needs are met. Not every school district is able to address the unique needs of some students."
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Oppose

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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Agree
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Agree

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Agree
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Disagree
 - a. "Missoula County is legally defined as an "Impoverished County" by the Montana Dept. of Commerce. Family Planning Programs should be directed towards those "needy families" first. We need to prioritize between Low-Income Families and other families that are well off and don't need community assistance. This can even be achieved without having taxes in the first place, and by promoting rights-based legislation in harmony with equal opportunity and charity in the market place...From Wall Street to Main Street...and Restoration of Community Churches - No more bureaucratic rules of force that are designed to limit and erode 501(c) Organizations."
2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Agree

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Agree
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Agree

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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Support
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Support

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Support
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Support
 - a. "Americans are the most over-worked and underpaid people in the western-modern world. We need legislation that promotes paid leave for pregnant women, or other statewide economic policies for the elderly, mentally disabled, etc. We need stock-raising, community banks as owned by whole neighborhood residents whom can self-determine their own needs and future."
2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Support

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Oppose
 - a. "If the State of Montana wants to provide these benefits, that is great. However not all small businesses can afford to offer these benefits. Employers seeking high caliber employees will offer the best benefit package they can afford to do and still provide solid employment."
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Support

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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Oppose

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Oppose
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply

2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Support

- a. "To be an American is to allow others their constitutional rights. Freedom of religion, speech, etc. are fundamental to the long-term stability of America, regardless of mislead minorities by totalitarians posing as liberals, or by other morally deficient people who develop such unholy life-styles and attempt to force it on others. There is a difference between freedom and liberty...liberty is the devil's carriage."

2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Oppose

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Oppose

2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Oppose

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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Support

2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply

2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Support

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Support

2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply

2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Support

- a. "Additional legislation is needed to promote and enhance "The Right to Healthcare" with "The Right to Economic Freedom." Having secured Individual Rights is what ensures a bright economic future in the many fields of healthcare, homeownership, etc. - Life's Basic Needs [See Article II, Section 3. Inalienable Rights - Montana Constitution]"

2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Support

- a. "I voted for the HELP Act, yet we need to improve the law."

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Support

- a. "I voted for it!"

2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Support

- 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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Support
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Support

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Support
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Oppose
 - a. "Rather than promoting more victimization through violence intervention programs that are impossible to prevent within people's homes - especially between unmarried domestic partners - we as Montanans should be promoting self-awareness, self-defense, and self-sovereignty - especially in favor of women and young daughters...not fuel the notion that they are helpless persons always needing protection by week chinned bureaucrats. Fight Women, you are actually stronger than what Social Democrats say you are. Women are the real drivers to social change, you need to take the reins of life and guide us men morally in the long-run. It is in your nature and physique to have the moral high-ground to begin with - God Bless."
2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Support

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Support
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Support

- 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 47:

1. Tom France, Democrat: Did Not Reply
 - a. "in concept, I support this but I'd like to see a specific proposal."
2. Daniel Salomon, Republican: Did Not Reply

ii. House District 92:

1. Mike Hopkins, Republican: Did Not Reply
2. Addrien Marx, Democrat: Agree

iii. House District 94:

1. Kimberly Dudik, Democrat: Agree
2. Lance Cox, Republican: Did Not Reply

iv. House District 96:

1. Andrew Person, Democrat: Did Not Reply
2. Adam Hertz, Republican: Did Not Reply

v. House District 98:

1. Michael Ellsworth, Republican: Agree
 - a. "Taxes are not the costs of society, it is a showing of living in a multi-level bureaucratic machine designed to eat out our substance...ever wonder how America became #1 back when there was no property or individual income taxes. We need to shift away from having a debt-based currency system and into community banking systems as promoting special drawing rights (SDRs) for all individuals and family units. We can do this while attaining a fixed-land and precious metals backed currency at the local, state, and federal levels. Too easy in reality, just need to stop the National Socialist Democratic Party [a.k.a. Nazi Party]."
2. Willis Curdy, Democrat: Agree

vi. House District 100:

1. David "Doc" Moore, Republican: Agree
2. Andrea Olsen, Democrat: Agree