

PRIMARY CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

Tell us about yourself, what information you think is important about you, your family and your background.

My name is Ocean Andrew, and I am running for re-election in House District 46. I moved to Wyoming eleven years ago to experience the unique freedom this state offers. I'm a father of three and an entrepreneur. I started a small business during college at the University of Wyoming that now employs over 100 people across 19 states, with our headquarters and most high-paying jobs in Albany County. My journey has taken me to every corner of the state, giving me a deep appreciation for Wyoming's culture and values.

What qualities, training, experience and skills would you bring to this office? Tell us why you are running for this office.

As an entrepreneur, I understand what it takes to create jobs and support small businesses. My business experience has taught me the importance of hard work, innovation, and perseverance. In my two years in the legislature, I've served on the education committee, focusing on reform that aligns with parents' values and empowers teachers. I am running for this office to preserve Wyoming's culture, reclaim our liberties, and introduce bills that expand freedom while opposing those that don't.

What are the primary responsibilities of the office you are seeking?

The primary responsibilities of a state legislator include representing the interests of constituents, crafting and voting on state laws, and ensuring that the state government operates efficiently and effectively. This involves working on committees, listening to the concerns of residents, and advocating for policies that promote economic growth, education reform, and individual liberties.

United States citizens, under government, have rights. What is the basis of these rights?

Our rights as U.S. citizens are outlined in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We are endowed with these natural rights by our Creator, meaning they are inherent and not granted by the government. The government's role is to protect these rights and ensure that they are not infringed upon.

Elected officials are viewed in one of 2 ways – politicians or statesmen. Explain your understanding of each and how you would describe yourself.

Politicians are often seen as individuals who seek office for personal gain or to advance their careers, sometimes prioritizing short-term goals over long-term benefits.

Statesmen, on the other hand, are viewed as leaders who prioritize the common good, exhibit integrity, and work for the long-term benefit of their constituents and country. I strive to be a statesman by focusing on the needs and values of Wyoming residents, advocating for responsible governance, and working to preserve our freedoms and way of life.

What are the controversial issues for deliberation and voting and how will you deal with these?

Some of the controversial issues include education reform, tax policy, government spending, and regulation of businesses. I will address these by listening to my constituents, researching the impacts of proposed legislation, and making decisions based on what will best serve the people of Wyoming. My goal is to ensure that our policies promote economic stability, respect individual rights, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Tell us anything else you would like about your candidacy.

I am committed to preserving Wyoming's unique culture and freedoms. As an entrepreneur and a father, I understand the challenges that families and businesses face. My focus is on creating a fairer tax system that eliminates property tax through responsible spending, promoting education choice, and ensuring that local governments do not drive up prices by driving away businesses or limiting housing availability. I believe in the principles of limited government and self-reliance and will continue to fight for policies that reflect these values.