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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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| Candidate Name: | Rollan Roberts |
| Office Seeking: | Senator |
| Party Affiliation: | Republican |
| District: | 9 |

Q2

Contact Info-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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| High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state) | Grant Union- Sacramento, CA |
| Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA) | Pensacola Christian College- BA; Hon. D. Div. |
| Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations) | Pastor of Victory Baptist Church and Administrator of Victory Baptist Academy |
| Describe your current job & responsibilities | Preach, Oversee ministry efforts, and teach two high school classes |
| How long have you worked for your current employer? | 34 years |

Q4

Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

Government should be kept at a minimum when it comes to regulations, intervention, and oversight of private businesses and industry.

Q5

What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

I have been part of productive Senate legislative efforts for the last four years. Locally, I've worked with many organizations to engage community needs.

Q6

Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

I do not typically join organizations of any kind.

Q7

West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

We must get the tax structure straightened out in order to increase the business community. Eliminating the business equipment and inventory tax and income taxes would be great.

School choice is high on my agenda too.

Increasing workforce participation has long been a problem which should be improved as we address taxation issues.

Q8

Do you support the passage of Amendment One on the November 2022 General Election ballot? The measure provides the legislature with the authority to repeal or phase out tangible personal property in the future, this includes tax on personal vehicles, small business inventory, and tax on manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment.

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Q9

What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

Keep things going in the direction we have been in recent years and stop the protectionism that is so prevalent in WV.

Q10

Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

We need to admit failures and overhaul the approach from start to finish concerning the drug epidemic.

Q11

Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

Government needs to avoid pushing the liberal social justice agenda which is trying to change society into a perceived utopia. People and businesses should be free to make personal life decisions with as little governmental interference as possible.

Q12

What are your specific ideas for addressing workforce skills gaps in industry? Specifically, with the growth of manufacturing jobs in the state and need for diverse and skilled labor, what are your ideas to prepare the state's current and future workforce for manufacturing jobs.

We must get control of the education system and prepare our youth for workforce participation. We have an "F" right now.

Q13

What are your ideas for improving outcomes in the state's K-12 public education system?

Allow the money to follow the child so that parents can take responsibility for the type of education their child receives. We need to encourage more apprenticeship programs in cooperation with the private sector.

Q14

What ideas do you have for incorporating a focus on STEM education in our public schools and how could industry engage to support increased workforce learning models in middle and high schools, as well as career and technical education centers (vo-tech)?

Make the current and future organizations accountable. That has yet to be accomplished.

Q15

Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

I support limited regulations and responsible care for our environment.

Q16

What do you think West Virginia could do to promote energy diversity including the growth of renewable energy sources in the state?

We are diversifying, but should never abandon or weaken our coal, oil, and natural gas industries.

Q17

Many corporations have established environmental, social, and governance criteria. How would such goals impact your decision making on relevant policy issues as a member of legislator?

They should be free to determine for themselves where they stand, and the government should resist corporate pressures to conform to liberal ideological positions.

Q18

If you could work on a single piece of legislation to help support manufacturers with in the state of West Virginia what would it be? and Why?

Eliminate the business equipment and inventory tax.

Q19

Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Yes.

Q20

Where may the WVMA follow you on social media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

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