

**PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS FOR DELAWARE
CANDIDATE SURVEY – 2008**

Name: _____

Candidate for: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Please respond to the appropriate sections of this survey by circling the number that corresponds to your position. The 5-point scale is:

- 1 – will proactively support (champion)
- 2 – will support
- 3 – don't know
- 4 – will not support
- 5 – will work against

Space is provided for comments at the end, **including examples of past actions where you supported one or more of the initiatives listed in your respective sections.**

SECTION ONE - to be answered by ALL CANDIDATES:

1. Government should guarantee universal, affordable, accessible health care coverage. Please explain how you would help achieve this goal. 1 2 3 4 5
2. All environmental regulation agencies should be more effective in enforcing environmental mandates and maintaining full staffing levels for inspections. 1 2 3 4 5
3. Workers deserve to earn a livable wage, not merely a minimum wage. 1 2 3 4 5
4. A woman has the right to reproductive freedom. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Political contributions should be reported at least monthly and should include the employer of all contributors. 1 2 3 4 5

SECTION TWO – to be answered by candidates for FEDERAL OFFICE only:

1. Congress should call for an immediate staged withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Congress should review the constitutionality of domestic surveillance by the Administration and NSA, and of the Patriot Act. 1 2 3 4 5
3. Congress should fully fund or reform the No Child Left Behind Act. 1 2 3 4 5
4. Congress should endorse and legislate the principles of the Kyoto Protocol. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Congress should oppose any amendment to the Constitution that limits the definition of marriage. 1 2 3 4 5

SECTION THREE – to be answered by candidates for GENERAL ASSEMBLY only.

1. The General Assembly should remove its own exemption from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and commit to bringing such legislation to the floor for a vote—by petition, if necessary. 1 2 3 4 5
2. The State should establish an open and independent redistricting commission. 1 2 3 4 5
3. The State should ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or identity. 1 2 3 4 5
4. The State should develop an efficient and affordable mass transit system, 7 days a week. 1 2 3 4 5
5. State judges should be permitted to use their discretion when sentencing instead of being limited to mandatory sentencing guidelines. 1 2 3 4 5
6. The State should provide universal curbside recycling. 1 2 3 4 5
7. The State should establish standards for conducting embryonic stem cell research. 1 2 3 4 5
8. The Senate rules should prohibit the “desk drawer veto.” 1 2 3 4 5
9. Inclusion of any budget appropriations during the last three days of each legislative session should be prohibited. 1 2 3 4 5
10. Political candidates should be able to opt-in to a publicly-financed campaign fund. 1 2 3 4 5

SECTION FOUR - to be answered by candidates for INSURANCE COMMISSIONER only.

1. The Insurance Commissioner's office should advocate for Delaware citizens, and not the insurance industry.
1 2 3 4 5
2. The Insurance Commissioner's office should be permitted to review all insurance rate increases.
1 2 3 4 5
3. The Insurance Commissioner's office should help Delaware achieve universal health coverage.
1 2 3 4 5
4. The Insurance Commissioner's office should help protect Delawareans from losing insurance coverage during times of crisis or emergency. 1 2 3 4 5
5. What in your background best qualifies you to be Insurance Commissioner?

SECTION FIVE – to be answered by candidates for COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT and COUNTY COUNCIL only:

1. Developers should assume more financial responsibility for providing sufficient infrastructure in all new developments—commercial and residential. 1 2 3 4 5
2. County building codes should include higher energy-efficiency standards for all new construction.
1 2 3 4 5
3. Twenty percent of all new housing projects should be targeted for lower-to-middle income families, through an inclusionary zoning requirement. 1 2 3 4 5
4. The County ethics committee should resolve complaints involving county employees or elected officials within 6 months of the allegations having been filed. 1 2 3 4 5
5. The County should promote community benefit agreements to ensure equity between community needs and development. 1 2 3 4 5
6. The County should institute a program of rolling property reassessments at least every three years, in order to remove gross inequities in valuations. 1 2 3 4 5

ALL CANDIDATES: Use the back of this page for comments. State the section and number you are commenting on.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____