

# MCDP Screening Committee Questionnaire

Thank you for requesting an interview with the Screening Committee. You are requested to provide a resume and a completed questionnaire to Democratic Headquarters. **You will need to supply approximately forty copies of each.**

Your answers to this questionnaire will remain confidential. After the interview process all copies will be collected by the Chair of the Screening Committee and subsequently destroyed.

If you do not have enough room to answer or prefer to answer with your own paper, then feel free to attach extra sheets of paper to this coversheet for your complete response.

Should you have any questions regarding the questionnaire or the process, please contact Democratic Headquarters at (937) 222-4007.

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**Endorsement Sought:** Congress, OH-10

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**1. What are your reasons for becoming a candidate for this office?**

Because I want to change the way we elect people to congress- to take the money out, and put substance back in.

I believe I can demonstrate how to run a campaign for a lot less money and be successful.

I believe that representation requires an active conversation with the community. I've been engaged in that since 2005 on www.esrati.com

**2. What do you consider your greatest asset to be as a candidate or elected official?**

As a candidate, I already have the tools in place – sites, databases, mobile apps and name recognition (despite having my name tarnished by Mike Turner and the DDN for years).

As an elected official, I plan to use social media to open lines of communication between the people who elect me directly to the house floor.

**3. What resources do you have for your candidacy? (money, time, volunteers)**

A full service ad agency behind me to produce compelling campaign materials, a fund raising system that will only improve with time and money, a core group of volunteers and friends who want to see this candidate succeed- and the tools to make it possible. As a small business owner- I can control my time better for campaigning than most other candidates.

**4. What do you feel will be the major issue(s) in your campaign and what is your position on it (them)?**

I will make the major issues: money in politics, CEO compensation, Turners record of graft and corruption, his voting record on the bailout- without restrictions and his lack of support for bailing out GM- which devastated this community.

**5. Do you support the rights of all workers to organize and bargain collectively? Please list specific involvement with or support of organized labor.**

Absolutely. Collective bargaining is what raised the standard of living in our country and made us the envy of the world. If not for collective bargaining we'd be like the Chinese making iPads.

**6. Do you support affirmative action in the hiring and promotion of women and minorities?**

Yes.

**7. Minorities, women, organized labor, and the poor have always been important constituents of the Democratic Party. Please indicate any programs or initiatives you will propose regarding these groups if you are elected.**

I believe it's time to restrict CEO pay- and implement it with companies that want to do business with the American people. The US government is the largest buyer of goods and services and I would propose that to do business with the US government - and that your executive salary be linked to the average pay of your US based worker. The ratio would be 35 to 1 for for-profits and 20 to 1 for non-profits. It's time to bring good jobs back to America.

**8. What is your position on a woman's right to choose regarding abortion?**

100% pro-choice

**9. Do you support laws that prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians?**

Absolutely.

**10. Have you been endorsed by any other organization? If so which one(s)?**

I haven't sought endorsements from PACs, Special Interest Groups or Corporations since I won't accept contributions from them. I've begun posting video endorsements of me- so far, I have Brad Proctor and Stacy Thompson on YouTube.

**11. What involvement have you had with the Democratic Party and its candidates?**

I've worked on the Obama Campaign- and been an Elected Precinct Captain.

**12. Why is it important to you to receive the endorsement of the Montgomery County Democratic Party?**

Because I'm the best candidate to take on Mike Turner- and it would be nice if you recognized that you've sent 5 lambs to slaughter and that the lambs all were slaughtered.

**13. What are you expecting to receive from the Party if endorsed?**

Access to voter databases – email and cell phone numbers. Distribution of my literature in mailings- and inclusion on slate cards. To be included with other lit drops. I will pay for my own literature printing and contribute to literature that you are producing.

I'd also like contact lists of known dem donors in the area.

Use of Dem HQ for fundraisers.

**14. In what ways will you demonstrate your commitment and loyalty to the Party?**

By beating Mike Turner and being the most dedicated hard working representative this district has ever known- totally free of influence peddling lobbyists.

I'll help some of your other candidates employ state of the art mobile technology to run their campaigns.

**15. Have you attended our candidate's school? If yes, what are two or three of the most valuable items you feel were discussed there?**

Yes- and I believe that election technology has changed so much since I took the school that it's really a moot point. The real school I received was working on the Obama campaign and watching the data driven campaign do its thing.

**16. Are you willing to work for the Party's endorsed candidate(s) even if you do not receive the endorsement of the Montgomery County Democratic Party?**

I will work for anyone who is running against Mike Turner, although I have reservations about working on a campaign for a 1% lawyer who hasn't said a damn thing on the campaign trail worth repeating yet.

**17. Do you have any questions, comments or concerns for the screening committee?**

Do you want to win this race? Do you want to see Mike Turner be miserable? Do you want to see his money mocked?