

NAACP Sebastian County

2026 Nonpartisan Candidate Guide

A race-by-race comparison of candidate responses on issues affecting Arkansas families.

Candidate questionnaire deadline: July 14

About this guide:

Candidates listed in this guide were invited to answer the same seven questions. Responses will be presented in a consistent, race-by-race format. Candidates who did not submit a response by the deadline will be represented using information from publicly available sources.

Nonpartisan statement:

This guide is provided for voter education only. Inclusion does not imply endorsement or opposition to any candidate or political party.

Our Commitment to Fairness:

Every candidate received the same questionnaire and the same submission deadline. Candidate responses are summarized for length and clarity. Full responses are included in the appendix. When a candidate does not submit a response, information is compiled from publicly available, credible sources and cited accordingly. Every candidate is presented using the same questions, formatting, and standards regardless of political party.

How to read the citations: A blue source code after a bullet links directly to the source. Full citations appear in the Works Cited section. "No position found." means no sufficiently specific candidate stance was located in the sources reviewed. Campaign sources describe stated positions; legislative-record entries describe documented votes, sponsorships, or co-sponsorships and are not a complete platform.

U.S. House District 3

Issues	Bobby Wilson (L) <i>These positions are summarized from his 2024 Ballotpedia Candidate Connection responses and may not reflect any changes since then.</i>	Robb Ryerse (D) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Steve Womack (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	- Wants to reduce federal spending and the creation of new money, which he believes contributes to inflation. [BW-1] - Supports free markets, local businesses, and more local control over economic decisions. [BW-1]	- Supports higher wages, lower housing and everyday costs, and programs that help working families. [RR-1] - Believes wealthy individuals and large corporations should pay a larger share of taxes. [RR-1]	- Supports pro-growth policies intended to protect American jobs and strengthen the economy. [SW-1] - Supports lower taxes, reduced federal spending, and balanced-budget measures. [SW-7]; [SW-8]

HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• Supports using artificial intelligence to help veterans navigate VA services and benefits. [BW-1]	• Supports Medicare for All and strengthening Medicare and Medicaid. [RR-1] • Wants mental-health care to be more affordable and available. [RR-1]	• Supports changing or removing parts of the Affordable Care Act that he believes raise costs. [SW-2] • Supports easier insurance portability and changes to medical-malpractice laws intended to reduce lawsuits and costs. [SW-2]
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• No position found.	• Supports stronger public schools and more support for teachers. [RR-1] • Believes students should receive a strong education regardless of ZIP code or family income. [RR-1]	• Believes local schools and communities should make most education decisions instead of the federal government. [SW-3] • Opposes detailed federal rules telling teachers and schools how to educate students. [SW-3]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• No position found.	• Supports a path to legal status for many undocumented immigrants, keeping families together, and ending ICE. [RR-1] • Supports criminal-justice reform and stronger gun-safety laws intended to reduce violence. [RR-1]	• Supports stronger border enforcement and continued funding for federal immigration agencies. [SW-4] • Supports local law enforcement working with ICE through the federal 287(g) program. [SW-4]
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• Supports secure technology, including blockchain, to make voting more transparent. [BW-1] • Supports public online dashboards showing how federal money is spent. [BW-1]	• Supports protecting voting access for every eligible voter. [RR-1] • Wants to end unfairly drawn districts and reduce the influence of wealthy donors and corporations. [RR-1]	• No position found.
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Supports individual liberty, voluntary cooperation, and stronger privacy protections as government uses more technology. [BW-1] • No position found.	• Supports abortion rights, LGBTQ+ protections, privacy, and equal treatment under the law. [RR-1] • Believes people should be free to practice religion without forcing their beliefs on others. [RR-1]	• Believes life begins at conception and supports laws restricting abortion. [SW-5]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• Supports nuclear power as a clean-energy source. [BW-1] • Opposes federal appliance-efficiency rules that he says make appliances	• Supports cleaner energy and stronger protections for clean air and safe drinking water. [RR-1]	• Supports an “all-of-the-above” energy plan using oil, gas, coal, nuclear, wind, and solar. [SW-6] • Wants more U.S. energy production and fewer rules that

	slower and less effective. [BW-1]		slow new energy projects. [SW-6]
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U.S. House District 4

Issues	James “Rus” Russell III (D) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Bruce Westerman (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• Supports higher wages, equal pay for equal work, and stronger worker protections. [JR-1] • Wants working families to pay less in taxes, wealthy people to pay more, and limits on large companies buying homes and raising rents. [JR-1]	• Supports lower taxes, limited government, and policies intended to create good-paying jobs. [BWE-1]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• Supports expanding Medicare and gradually moving toward healthcare coverage for everyone. [JR-1] • Wants lower healthcare and prescription costs and fewer people going without needed care. [JR-1]	• Says he supports reforming the healthcare system. [BWE-1]
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• Supports a strong, free education for everyone. [JR-1] • Wants more access to college and job training that leads to good-paying work. [JR-1]	• No position found.
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• No position found.	• No position found.
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• Wants public town halls, leaders who listen to voters, and less political influence from billionaires and large corporations. [JR-1]	• In 2020, joined a court filing challenging presidential election results in four states; in 2021, voted against objections to counting Arizona and Pennsylvania electoral votes. [BWE-2]; [BWE-3]; [BWE-4]

RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Supports bodily autonomy, equal rights, equal pay, and protections from discrimination and hate. [JR-1] • Supports free speech and equal treatment regardless of gender, income, or background. [JR-1]	• Supported the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and said abortion is not a right. [BWE-5] • Describes his approach as supporting conservative principles and strong family values. [BWE-1]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• Supports protecting Arkansas water and natural resources from pollution and harmful chemicals. [JR-1] • Wants investment in cleaner energy, outdoor recreation, and ecotourism. [JR-1]	• Sponsored legislation to speed federal permits and environmental reviews for energy projects, factories, data centers, and other development. [BWE-6] • Supports more domestic energy and mining and faster forest-management projects intended to reduce wildfire risk. [BWE-7]

U.S. Senate

Issues	Jeff Wadlin (L) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Hallie Shoffner (D) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Tom Cotton (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• Wants policies that lower costs, raise wages, and help working people build stable middle-class lives. [JW-1] • Supports free markets and lower taxes, while also supporting action against monopolies that control markets. [JW-2]	• Supports raising the minimum wage, cutting taxes for working families, job training, and local business growth. [HS-1] • Wants lower grocery, childcare, housing, and healthcare costs and stronger unions and worker rights. [HS-1]	• Supports lower taxes, less federal spending, fewer regulations, and more U.S. energy production. [TC-1] • Supports requiring large data centers to cover their own energy needs without raising other customers' electric bills. [TC-2]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• Supports regulating hospitals more like utilities so they can earn a profit without overcharging patients. [JW-2] • Has criticized both the Affordable Care Act and Republican efforts to repeal it, but has not released a full healthcare plan. [JW-2]	• Supports strengthening the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Medicaid and protecting rural hospitals. [HS-1] • Wants lower prescription prices and healthcare access regardless of income or ZIP code. [HS-1]	• Supports rural hospitals, lower prescription costs, and improved care for veterans and seniors. [TC-1] • Opposes government-run healthcare and supported ending the Affordable Care Act insurance mandate. [TC-1]

EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• No position found.	• Supports higher pay and benefits for school employees. [HS-1] • Wants more technical education, apprenticeships, and community-college partnerships leading to good-paying jobs. [HS-1]	• Supports school choice and parents selecting public, private, charter, or other options. [TC-1] • Supports local control, higher teacher pay, and more focus on reading, writing, math, history, and civics. [TC-1]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• No position found.	• Supports bipartisan immigration reform instead of mass deportation. [HS-2] • Wants immigration agencies held to standards similar to local police and supports crime-prevention, domestic-violence, and anti-trafficking programs. [HS-2]; [HS-1]	• Supports stronger border enforcement, a border wall, and deporting immigrants convicted of crimes. [TC-1] • Supports skills-based immigration and tougher penalties for violent criminals, repeat offenders, and drug traffickers. [TC-1]
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• No position found.	• No position found.	• Supports voter identification and proof of U.S. citizenship for federal voter registration. [TC-3] • Opposes federal rules that would override state voter-ID laws or broadly expand mail voting and ballot collection. [TC-4]
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Believes adults should generally make their own lifestyle, healthcare, and family decisions without government interference. [JW-2] • Says abortion is mainly a state issue and is not a central focus of his Senate campaign. [JW-2]	• Supports affordable childcare, paid family leave, maternal healthcare, and lifesaving care when pregnancy threatens a woman's health. [HS-1]	• Supports abortion restrictions and religious freedom. [TC-1] • Supports parental control over children's upbringing and opposes gender-transition surgeries for minors. [TC-1]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• No position found.	• Supports conservation, sustainable farming, and local food systems. [HS-3] • Wants farm policies that help producers manage risk and stay successful while protecting land and food supplies. [HS-1]	• Supports faster approval of natural-gas pipelines and other energy projects while keeping existing water and environmental protections. [TC-5] • Supports private off-grid power for data centers and opposes renewable-energy requirements he believes raise prices or reduce reliability. [TC-2]; [TC-6]

Arkansas Senate District 27

Issues	Eduardo Guzman (D) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Justin Boyd (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• Supports requiring utility companies to explain rate increases and protecting customers from unfair price hikes. [EG-1] • Wants more state funding returned to Fort Smith for infrastructure, job training, and local businesses. [EG-1]	• Voted to lower Arkansas income-tax rates for individuals and corporations. [JB-1] • Sponsored grants for homeowners to strengthen homes against tornado, hail, and wind damage and supported online-shopping protections. [JB-2]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• Supports keeping rural hospitals open, addressing healthcare-worker shortages, and making care more affordable. [EG-1] • Opposes Medicaid work requirements and tighter food-assistance rules that he says hurt struggling families. [EG-1]	• Sponsored a law allowing hospital pharmacies to send certain patients home with prescribed medicine. [JB-3] • Supported personalized experimental treatments for seriously ill patients and limits on some healthcare noncompete agreements. [JB-4]
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• Opposes using public money for private-school vouchers. [EG-1] • Supports more school counselors, mental-health services, and pathways to college, apprenticeships, and careers. [EG-1]	• Co-sponsored the LEARNS Act, which raised teacher pay and created state-funded accounts for private-school or homeschool expenses. [JB-5] • Supported reading improvement, school choice, apprenticeships, and career training. [JB-5]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• Supports abolishing ICE in its current form. [EG-V] • Opposes the proposed Franklin County prison and wants the money used for healthcare, education, infrastructure, and job training. [EG-1]	• Voted to require state agencies to use E-Verify. [JB-6] • Supported work-authorization and English rules for certain commercial drivers and stronger penalties for undocumented immigrants convicted of violent felonies. [JB-7]

VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• No position found.	• Voted to allow state election officials to audit a county's previous election under certain conditions. [JB-8] • Supported requiring ballot titles for citizen-led proposals to meet a set reading level. [JB-7]
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• No position found.	• Voted to require some shared restrooms, changing rooms, and sleeping areas to be designated by sex. [JB-9] • Voted to prohibit DEI offices and policies in local government and remove some racial and gender membership requirements for public boards. [JB-10]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• Supports state investment in Fort Smith's water system, infrastructure, and reliable utilities while keeping household water bills affordable. [EG-1]	• Voted for the Generating Arkansas Jobs Act to encourage more electricity generation and economic development. [JB-11] • Supported grants for water and sewer treatment facilities. [JB-12]

Arkansas House District 46 (uncontested)

Issues	Tonya Fletcher (R) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• Says she would use her local economic-development experience to strengthen the economy and rural communities. [TF-1]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• No position found.
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• Says she will be a strong advocate for Arkansas education. [TF-1]

IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• Supports the right to own and carry firearms. [TF-1] • Opposes the proposed Franklin County prison. [TF-2]
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• No position found.
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Supports the “right to life,” generally meaning opposition to abortion, and was endorsed by Arkansas Right to Life. [TF-1]; [TF-3]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• Opposes the proposed Franklin County prison project. [TF-2]

Arkansas House District 47 (uncontested)

Issues	Lee Johnson (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• Co-sponsored a law increasing Arkansas’s homestead property-tax credit. [LJ-1] • Sponsored consumer privacy protections for certain mortgage applications. [LJ-2]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• Sponsored proposals to help rural hospitals, expand mobile healthcare coverage, review addiction-treatment rates, and improve postpartum support. [LJ-2] • Sponsored laws on childcare allergy response and limits on unapproved uses of artificial intelligence in healthcare. [LJ-2]

EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	- Sponsored a law requiring school cardiac-emergency response plans. [JJ-3] - Proposed funding changes for adult-education charter schools and statewide tracking of services for students with individualized education programs. [JJ-4]; [JJ-2]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	No position found.
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	No position found.
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	No position found.
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	No position found.

Arkansas House District 48

Issues	Hunter Jackson (L) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Ryan A. Rose (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	No position found.	- Supports lower taxes and co-sponsored the Grocery Tax Relief Act. [RAR-1]; [RAR-3] - Co-sponsored an increase in the homestead property-tax credit. [RAR-2]

HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• No position found.	• Sponsored a law clarifying insurance cost-sharing for breast-cancer examinations. [RAR-2] • Supported changes involving kidney-disease oversight and mastectomy coverage. [RAR-2]
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• No position found.	• Supports school choice and says every child should have access to a strong education regardless of ZIP code. [RAR-1] • Supported education changes and scholarships for students in foster care. [RAR-2]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• No position found.	• Supports law enforcement and gun rights. [RAR-1]
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• No position found.	• Supported campaign-finance reporting changes, ballot-title reading rules, and proposals concerning election complaints and judicial candidates' party labels. [RAR-2]
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• No position found.	• Supports protecting unborn life and co-sponsored a bill increasing penalties related to abortion-inducing drugs. [RAR-1]; [RAR-4] • Supports Second Amendment rights. [RAR-1]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• No position found.	• Co-sponsored grants for water and sewer treatment facilities. [RAR-6] • Co-sponsored a law revoking industrial-waste disposal permits after repeated violations and created an Office of Outdoor Recreation. [RAR-5]; [RAR-2]

Arkansas House District 49 (uncontested)

Issues	Jay Richardson (D) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	- Supported removing the state sales tax from groceries and increasing the homestead property-tax credit. JRI-3; JRI-2 - Co-sponsored proposals directing more economic-development funding, workforce funding, and state contracts to newer Arkansas businesses. JRI-2
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	- Calls mental illness one of Fort Smith's biggest problems and says the state needs stronger action. JRI-1 - Supported Medicaid coverage for people with sickle cell disease and expanded cancer screening and genetic testing. JRI-2
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	- Says the LEARNS Act was rushed and has more problems than benefits. JRI-1 - Supported free school breakfast and requirements for districts using four-day school weeks. JRI-2
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	- Sponsored proposed security requirements for convenience stores. JRI-2 - No position found.
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	- Supports more polling places and criticized state laws that restrict help for voters waiting in line. JRI-1 - Supported open-meeting and public-record protections. JRI-2

RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	Sponsored a proposed constitutional amendment removing Arkansas's exception allowing slavery or involuntary servitude as criminal punishment. [JRI-2]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	Supported water and sewer treatment grants and a law revoking industrial-waste permits after repeated violations. [JRI-5]; [JRI-4]

Arkansas House District 50

Issues	Wendy Peer (D) <i>The positions below are summarized from the candidate's questionnaire responses. Full responses are included in the appendix.</i>	Zack Gramlich (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	- Supports lower taxes for working families while requiring corporations and the wealthiest Arkansans to pay a fair share. [WP-Q] - Supports affordable childcare and workforce training for good-paying jobs. [WP-Q]	- Supported lower state income-tax rates, a higher homestead property-tax credit, and property-tax protections for disabled veterans. [ZG-2]; [ZG-1] - Supported removing state sales tax from groceries. [ZG-1]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	- Supports insurance premiums based on income, preventive care, restored Medicaid funding, and help for families who cannot afford coverage. [WP-Q] - Says her long-term goal is universal healthcare. [WP-Q]	- Sponsored bills on RSV immunization coverage and epinephrine access in schools. [ZG-1] - Supported recognizing physician assistants as Medicaid primary-care providers and allowing individualized experimental treatments for seriously ill patients. [ZG-1]
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	- Supports fully funding public schools and holding private schools receiving vouchers to the same accountability standards. [WP-Q] - Wants fairer school funding and more workforce programs, including aviation training connected to	- As a public-school teacher, supported the Arkansas ACCESS Act, school flexibility, reading-report changes, and restrictions on student phone use during school. [ZG-1] - Sponsored online privacy and safety proposals for children and teenagers. [ZG-1]

	the Air National Guard. [WP-Q]	
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• Supports secure but humane immigration enforcement, due process, and removal of people who commit serious crimes when allowed by law. [WP-Q] • Supports a practical path to legal status and citizenship for law-abiding immigrants who meet requirements. [WP-Q]	• Supported gun rights and a law allowing gun owners to temporarily store firearms with licensed dealers without creating liability for the dealer. [ZG-1] • No position found.
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• Supports free, easy-to-obtain voter identification and voting without unnecessary barriers or intimidation. [WP-Q] • Supports elections that are secure, transparent, and accessible. [WP-Q]	• Sponsored a law allowing early voting on county holidays and supported requiring judicial candidates to list a party or independent status. [ZG-3]; [ZG-1]
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Supports equal rights regardless of race, religion, gender, income, or whom a person loves. [WP-Q] • Supports religious freedom for people of any faith or no faith and separation of church and state. [WP-Q]	• Opposed the proposed 2024 Arkansas abortion-rights amendment. [ZG-4] • Supports constitutional protection of the right to keep and bear arms. [ZG-1]
ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	• Supports requiring large projects, including data centers, to protect wetlands, conserve and recycle water, and avoid straining the power grid. [WP-Q] • Says companies should help pay for needed infrastructure and that environmental and health effects should be carefully reviewed. [WP-Q]	• Supported legislation encouraging more electricity generation and a tax credit for wood-energy products and forest maintenance. [ZG-1] • Supported payments for cleaning up petroleum-storage-tank problems. [ZG-1]

Arkansas House District 51

Issues	Jane-Ellen Udouj-Kutchka (D) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>	Cindy Crawford (R) Incumbent <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
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AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	• No position found.	• Supports reducing or eliminating Arkansas income taxes and co-sponsored grocery-tax relief and a larger homestead property-tax credit. [CC-3]; [CC-1] • Sponsored sales-tax exemptions for disabled veterans and supported childcare tax credits. [CC-1]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	• No position found.	• Supported selling ivermectin without a prescription and changes to forensic mental-health evaluations. [CC-1] • No position found.
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	• Says the LEARNS Act was pushed through without enough input from education professionals and needs major changes. [JEU-2]	• Supported the Arkansas ACCESS Act, free school breakfast, restrictions on student phone use, and a larger teacher classroom-expense deduction. [CC-1]
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	• No position found.	• Supported tougher penalties for human trafficking, child sexual abuse material, and undocumented immigrants convicted of serious violent crimes. [CC-1] • Supports constitutional protection of gun rights. [CC-1]
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	• Supports more polling places and says stopping political disinformation should be a priority. [JEU-2]	• Supported a “Citizens Only Voting Amendment,” reading-level rules for ballot titles, and party labels for judicial candidates. [CC-1] • Proposed skipping a school election when the tax rate is unchanged and no other issue is on the ballot. [CC-1]
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	• Says she would represent everyone regardless of party, background, or belief and focus on fairness and practical solutions. [JEU-3]	• Opposed the proposed 2024 Arkansas abortion-rights amendment and supported laws tightening abortion restrictions. [CC-4]; [CC-1] • Supported sex-based protections for changing facilities and public spaces. [CC-1]

ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?	Says Fort Smith infrastructure must be prepared for growth connected to the foreign military sales mission at Ebbing Air National Guard Base. [JEU-2]	Supported water and sewer grants, a wood-energy tax credit, and permit revocation after repeated industrial-waste violations. [CC-1]
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Arkansas House District 52 (uncontested)

Issues	Brent Montgomery (R) <i>The candidate did not submit a questionnaire response. The positions below are summarized from publicly available sources and cited accordingly.</i>
AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?	Says government should live within its means and that regulations should not make it harder for small businesses and farms to succeed. [BM-1]
HEALTH CARE What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?	No position found.
EDUCATION What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?	No position found.
IMMIGRATION & PUBLIC SAFETY What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?	No position found.
VOTING RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?	No position found.
RIGHTS & FREEDOMS What role should state government play in balancing individual rights, religious freedom, and equal treatment under the law for all Arkansans?	No position found.

ENVIRONMENT & GROWTH

What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?

• No position found.

Appendix A: Full Candidate Questionnaire Response

Wendy Peer — Arkansas House District 50

Response reproduced as submitted, with formatting adjusted for readability.

Affordability & Economic Opportunity

What policies do you support to improve affordability and economic opportunity for Arkansas families?

We must first reduce their tax burden while ensuring corporations and the wealthiest Arkansans pay their fair share. Second, affordable, safe, and reliable childcare is essential so parents can work, support their families, and build a better future. Finally, we should invest in workforce training that equips people with the skills needed for good-paying jobs, especially in industries that currently have more openings than qualified workers.

Health Care

What policies do you support to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for Arkansans, particularly in underserved communities?

Healthcare should be affordable for every family. Insurance premiums should be based on a person's income rather than a flat rate so working families can afford the coverage they need. Expanding access to preventive care will improve health outcomes and reduce long-term healthcare costs for our state. We need to recognize that healthcare outcomes are not the same for everyone and programs that address that issue and hold medical providers accountable are needed to ensure anyone needing medical care can receive it, no matter your zip code, ethnicity or bank account

We must restore state funding for Medicaid and ensure that those who cannot afford coverage have access to quality healthcare. We also need to create a safety net for hardworking families who earn too much to qualify for subsidies but still cannot afford rising insurance premiums. Too many people are falling through the cracks.

My long-term goal is universal healthcare that guarantees access for everyone. While I recognize we are not there yet, I am committed to advancing practical reforms that move us steadily toward that goal.

Education

What policies do you support regarding public education, school choice, and workforce preparation for Arkansas students?

We must fully fund our public schools. When public schools have the resources they need, they become the first choice for families. Every child deserves access to a high-quality education, regardless of where they live or their family's income.

If private schools receive public funding through vouchers, they should be held to the same standards of transparency, accountability, and academic performance as public schools. Taxpayer dollars deserve taxpayer oversight. At the same time, our public educators are being asked to do more with fewer resources and less support. It's no surprise that many schools are struggling under those conditions.

Public schools are the foundation of our democracy. They welcome every student regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, or economic background. They bring our communities together and prepare the next generation for citizenship. Failing to invest in public education risks creating greater racial and economic segregation, weakening opportunities for everyone. When every child succeeds, our entire state benefits.

We also need to reform how Arkansas funds its schools. Relying so heavily on local property taxes creates significant disparities between districts. Compare the resources available in Bentonville Public Schools to those in Hackett Public Schools, and the inequities are clear. Every Arkansas student deserves access to the same opportunities, no matter their ZIP code.

Finally, we should continue strengthening workforce education. Programs like PEAK are a step in the right direction, but we can do more. Fort Smith's Air National Guard presents an opportunity to partner with our schools to develop aviation maintenance and pilot training programs. These careers offer excellent wages, stable employment, and fill critical workforce shortages while giving our students another pathway to success.

Immigration & Public Safety

What policies do you support regarding immigration enforcement, cooperation with federal agencies, and public safety in Arkansas?

Our immigration system is broken, and we need an approach that is both secure and humane. People who come to this country should do so legally, but regardless of their immigration status, every person deserves to be treated with dignity and afforded due process under the law. While Arkansas has not experienced the same level of enforcement controversies seen in some other states, there have been cases where legal rights have been questioned. Protecting constitutional rights is essential everywhere because if due process can be denied to one group, it can be denied to anyone.

Those who commit serious crimes should be held accountable and, when appropriate under the law, removed from the country. However, immigration enforcement must be conducted humanely and in accordance with our Constitution. We should ensure that detention practices meet basic standards of safety, dignity, and accountability, and we should end the use of facilities or practices that fail to protect fundamental human rights.

I also support creating a more practical and affordable pathway to citizenship. Millions of undocumented immigrants have lived in the United States for years, working, paying taxes, raising families, and contributing to their communities. For those who are law-abiding and willing to meet reasonable requirements—such as passing background checks, paying required taxes and fees, and demonstrating knowledge of English and U.S. civics—there should be an expedited path to legal status and citizenship.

This is not a new idea. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed bipartisan immigration reform that provided a pathway to legal status for millions of undocumented immigrants who met specific requirements. We can learn from that example by securing our borders while also recognizing the contributions of people who have built their lives here. Treating our neighbors with fairness and respect strengthens our communities, grows our economy, and reflects our nation's values.

Voting Rights & Democracy

How should Arkansas balance voter access, election security, and public confidence in elections?

Every eligible citizen should be able to vote without unnecessary barriers or intimidation. No one should fear going to the polls because of the presence of ICE or any other government agency. Our elections should be conducted in a way that protects both the right to vote and the confidence of every voter.

I also believe that voter identification requirements should never become a financial barrier to participation. While Arkansas requires photo identification to vote, even a small cost can be a burden for some eligible voters. Although Arkansas law allows for a free voter verification card, too few people know that option exists. If identification is required, every eligible voter should be able to obtain it easily, free of charge, and without unnecessary obstacles.

Arkansans should have confidence in our elections. There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in our state, and we should not make it harder for eligible citizens to vote based on unfounded fears. The best way to strengthen confidence in our elections is to protect both election integrity and voter access. When voting is secure, transparent, and accessible, public trust in the democratic process grows.

Rights & Freedoms

What role should state government play in protecting the rights and freedoms of all Arkansans, including issues involving religious liberty, LGBTQ+ rights, and equal treatment under the law?

Our nation's founding ideals promise liberty and equal rights for all. While those promises were not fully realized at the time of our founding, America has continually worked to expand those freedoms so they

apply to everyone. Today, that means protecting the rights of every person, regardless of their race, religion, gender, economic status, or whom they love.

Religious liberty is a cornerstone of that promise. True religious freedom means every person has the right to practice their faith, or no faith at all, without the government favoring one belief system over another. Too often, what is described as religious liberty is actually an attempt to impose one group's religious beliefs on everyone else. That is not what our Constitution envisions.

The separation of church and state protects both religious freedom and individual liberty. The government should neither establish religion nor interfere with a person's sincerely held beliefs, so long as those beliefs do not infringe on the rights of others. The state government has a duty to protect the constitutional rights of every Arkansan equally, safeguarding life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all. Arkansas, like America, is a diverse and pluralistic society, and our greatest strength lies in protecting the freedom of every voice, even when we disagree.

Environment & Growth

What role should state government play in balancing economic development, energy demand, water usage, and environmental impacts when considering large-scale development projects?

One of Arkansas' greatest assets is its natural beauty. Our forests, rivers, lakes, and trails support recreation, tourism, and a way of life that many Arkansans treasure. Protecting these resources should be a priority, even as we pursue economic growth. Responsible development and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand.

As new industries, including data centers, consider investing in Arkansas, they must also commit to protecting the communities and natural resources that make our state unique. Companies should be required to minimize their environmental impact by protecting wetlands, developing sustainable water-use and recycling systems, and providing or investing in reliable energy solutions that do not place additional strain on our electrical grid. When major developments require upgrades to public infrastructure, those benefiting from the projects should help pay for those improvements so the costs are not shifted to Arkansas families.

Large-scale developments should be carefully planned to minimize their impact on natural landscapes and nearby communities. Environmental and health impacts must be thoroughly evaluated, especially for vulnerable and underserved populations. By setting high standards for responsible development, Arkansas can attract new investment while preserving the natural beauty and quality of life that make our state such a special place to call home.

All of this is in the state government's purview. They must hold the line of responsible development and not give in to back door deals that line their pockets and harm Arkansans.

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