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**District:**

27

**Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:**

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**1. Are you an incumbent?**

no

**2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?**

x

**3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?**

I am disabled. I have first hand experience coping with work and being disabled. I will advocate strongly for "jobs for disabled"

**4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.**

YES! see above.

**5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?**

Yes.

**6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?**

Determine exactly the limitations that are caused by the disability and seek to find a job that can accommodate that disability.

**7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?**

Disabled employees should not be shut out of other "safety net" programs.

**8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?**

Increase awareness of CEA. I would like to contact the 12500 people and include them in your programs.

**9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?**

YES

**Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?**

YES

**11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?**

I am disabled and know first hand the barriers and hurdles to finding employment. In many cases the disabled have to "work twice as hard for half the credit". I support job retraining so that disabled can get to work.

**12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?**

Please send me more info about your organization . Or call me 360 280 6080

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**District:**  
27<sup>th</sup>

**Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:**  
House of Representatives, Position 2

**1. Are you an incumbent?**  
Yes.

**2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?**

I have not had the opportunity to be the prime sponsor of legislation that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment, but would be open to working with your group to prime sponsor legislation in the future.

**3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?**

NA

**4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.**

Yes.

**5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?**

Yes.

**6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?**

One thing that I can do is make sure that employers, especially in the transportation sector, understand that just because people have developmental disabilities doesn't mean that they can't do meaningful work. I can inform employers that they can be just as productive in employment settings as other people without developmental disabilities.

**7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?**

Yes, I'd be happy to work on this issue.

**8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?**

I will ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities will be allowed access to paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration, even if it is staggered based on their condition's functionality. Every individual with developmental disabilities deserves support from this Administration in order to ensure their success.

**9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?**

Yes.

**10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?**

Yes.

**11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?**

Yes. I would like them to know that I have taken the opportunity to tour a couple of employment facilities, like Centerforce, that work to provide training for people with developmental disabilities so that they can enter the work force and have access to jobs. I have found these organizations to be very committed to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and will do all I can to support them as long as they continue their work.

**12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?**

No, I do not have any questions at this time but would be happy to meet with your organization prior to the legislative session.

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