

People's Alliance PAC 2008 Questionnaire for U. S. Senator Candidates

Candidate's Name: Williams Marcus

1. *Will you vote to repeal the Bush tax cuts? And in the long term, what is your vision for tax code reform? Should it be simpler and/or fairer, and if so, how would that be accomplished?*

Yes Too complex to explain in a few words. Distinctions between business and personal tiers require targeted tweeking...

2. *What is your strategy for solving the Iraq War? Does it include a timetable, and if so how long? What role do you envision Iraq's neighbors such as Iran playing?*

End it prudently and expeditiously. We cannot afford the human and monetary treasure that we lose daily... Hopefully, we can have collaborative management in the interim, until Iraqis can assume total law and order, along with religious and political reconciliation.

3. *What specific policies would you advocate to assist economically depressed rural areas, such as eastern North Carolina? What sorts of industry and investment other than tourism can be drawn there?*

Targeted pools of venture capital and specific tax breaks for the creation of small businesses must be initiated. Elect me and I'll show you how to recruit high wage jobs and how to engage in public/private partnerships to spur economic development. My track record as a successful 17 year CEO and CDC creator is far superior to anyone else running...

4. *Do you support the ideal of universal health insurance, and if so, how would you accomplish it—through lowering costs, mandating coverage, or both?*

Yes. Many plans exist; I believe a hybrid to cover all is politically achievable.

5. *What role does the federal government have in shaping educational goals and then enforcing them? For instance, how would you reform the No Child Left Behind Act?*

The feds should assist in the development of state efforts, but not require testing standards as the only advancement requirements - especially when they serve to dumb down the achievement curve.

6. *How would you ensure increased energy independence for the nation? Would it include more domestic oil drilling, incentives for so-called “mountaintop removal” for coal excavation, and an expansion of nuclear energy?*

Release the genius of our scientific community by recruiting philanthropic efforts to offer cash incentives to reward innovation. The other presented options have long term limited returns to scale.

7. *What is your position on the use of domestic surveillance and other expansive counter-terrorism tools under the Patriot Act?*

The protections of the Constitution must be honored or they will always be abused for convenient political purposes. Enough procedural safeguards are intact, such as FISA Courts, when exigencies exist.

8. *How should U.S. immigration policy be reformed—through a guest worker program or something else?*

In conformance with the prevailing law. A violation has to be acknowledged, a sanction introduced and a subsequent procedure to either cure or otherwise enact appropriate measures.

9. *What else can Congress do to temper the adverse effects of the home foreclosure crisis—on both individual homeowners and the nation’s economy?*

Not a bailout like the hedge funds, the S&Ls or recent Bear Stearns intervention. A more equitable approach would be to reinstate for a fixed time period what was believed to have been the basis of the bargain - with respect to the initial, alluring interest rate, and then proceed from there.

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