

Q&A

INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

All state senator candidates were asked the same questions by the creators of this guide. The answers that follow are in their own words.

Questions asked:

1. What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?
2. What are the three key messages of your campaign?
3. Many residents believe their vote doesn't count; what roots do you already have in your community, and how will you ensure their voices are heard?

We recognize that response lengths vary among candidates. To ensure we fully honor their perspectives, we are sharing each answer in its entirety. You can find their contact information in the "Snapshot" sections.

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Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

This candidate was contacted with the questions through many methods and did not respond.

Katherine Kritsch (R)

Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?

I feel my strength are common since, life experiences. Listening to the people and their needs and concerns.

Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?

Personal Freedom protect medical liberty for all Hoosiers Oppose mandated vaccines protect workers from discrimination based on personal medical decisions Defend your right to make choices for yourself and your family.

Transparency and accountability Maintain open door policy for constituents Publish legislation on social media to keep consistent contact with the people Actively engage voters Ensure government works with the people - not behind closed doors

Energy and Environment Support responsible energy initiatives Protect property values and neighbor rights Preserve farmland and support small farms. Promote hemp as a renewable economic recourse

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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Katherine Kritsch (Continued)

Q3: Many residents believe their vote doesn't count; what roots do you already have in your community, and how will you ensure their voices are heard?

I have a business in my county of residence, I am active in community functions. I volunteer that involves children to help keep the best options for children. I want my voice to be heard so I expect myself to hear the people. I also worked and lived in Delaware county as well before moving back to my home county. I will do my best as not a politician to represent the people.

Andrew Dale (D)

Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?

For the past 35 years my civic interests have primarily been focuses on organizational leadership, strategic planning and accessible municipal governance, endeavors that reduce poverty and increase seniors to stay in their homes, as well as the positive expansion of economic vitality for communities. I've served in consequential roles in organizations and efforts that address real issues and opportunities for people. The skills that I've used over the years—skills that I'm consistently doing my best to strengthen—are listening, humble inquiry, finding common ground with all concerned without watering down a solution, communication, and organizational leadership. Having a sense of urgency is imperative to getting things done.

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Andrew Dale (Continued)

Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?

AFFORDABILITY: Lack of affordability, which is felt through persistently rising housing costs, utilities, childcare, groceries, healthcare and other essential goods and services, is a reality that adversely impacts two in five people in East Central Indiana. **EDUCATION:** Our future rests firmly on our next generation and those yet born being educated and active members of our communities. It's imperative that we make good decisions today so that future generations can attain success through a strong public education system. **NEXT GENERATION EFFORTS:** Setting a course and responding with actionable efforts are necessary to attain our best future for Delaware and Randolph counties.

Q3: Many residents believe their vote doesn't count; what roots do you already have in your community, and how will you ensure their voices are heard?

I'm a proud third generation Munsonian. My great-grandfather served as mayor of Muncie in the late 1920's and early 30's and was a newspaper publisher. He fought the KKK at a time when the vast majority of people turned their heads to the menace of hatred. He was instrumental in the downfall of the Klan in Indiana. I'm proud of my family's legacy and I've done my best to continue to stand up for people and the ill pursuits of wayward and opaque municipal governance. We do best when everyone has a seat at the table. Simply put, I'm people focused and future driven.