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Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

All United States Representative District 5 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 gave a character count limit for each response from candidates to keep them within similar lengths. However, there is variation. To ensure we fully honor their responses, we are sharing each answer as it was submitted.
You can find candidate contact information in the "Snapshot" sections.
Note: Names listed in alphabetical order and by party.

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Victoria Spartz (R) - Incumbent*

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

J.D. Ford (D)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - My strength IS my experience. I'm the only candidate in this race that has:
    - Unseated a Republican
    - Won elections in a red district
    - Served as a legislator
    - Successfully stood up to the President's executive overreach at the Statehouse.
    - Worked on bipartisan legislation
    - Held energy companies accountable
    - Protected healthcare for Hoosiers
    - Supported public schools
    - Worked with high school students on mental health initiatives
    - Supported public safety measures
  - This race is more than just a pipe dream for me. I've spent the last 8 years in the State Senate listening to Hoosiers, addressing their issues and actually showing up for people. That's exactly what I'll do in Washington D.C.

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

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J.D. Ford (Continued)

- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - Accountability: Washington is making unchecked decisions that affect us without any oversight. We need a strong Congressional oversight to hold leaders accountable to the American people. Affordability: Protecting your wallet from corporate overreach. As a watchdog who warned about the BlackRock/AES merger, I fought to end "corporate socialism," lower energy costs, and move back to a healthcare system centered on your health. YOU: I'll bring Hoosier voices back to the Capitol. I've been one of the most accessible legislators in Indiana, and that will continue in DC. In this campaign, I've heard about marijuana legalization, social security worries, ICE overreach, and much more.
- **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?**
  - For 8 years, I served this community as a legislator, and for a decade before that, I lived, worked, and played in Central Indiana... specifically Hamilton County. Together, we've experienced the rapid growth of our community while still maintaining our small-town vibe. We've shared the highs, like cheering on our local Olympic swimmers, and the lows of unspeakable tragedies that put us in the national spotlight. Because we've lived these moments together, I'm not a face on a TV screen. I'm a neighbor you see at the grocery store. I don't just want your vote; I want your partnership in Washington.