Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE 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 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.

Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 26

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

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

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.
- **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 good 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 decision today so that future generations can attain success through a strong public

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Andrew Dale (Continued)

- education system. NEXT GENERATION EFFORTS: Setting a course and responding with actionable efforts are necessary to to attain our 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 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.

STATE RACE SNAPSHOT

INDIANA **STATE SENATOR** DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** https://electscottalexander.com/
- **Facebook:** State Senator Scott Alexander

Andrew Dale (D)

- **Website:** https://daleforindianasenate.com/
- **Facebook:** Dale for Indiana Senate

State Senator's Role: "The Indiana State Senate is the upper chamber of the Indiana General Assembly. Alongside the Indiana House of Representatives, it forms the legislative branch of the Indiana state government and works alongside the governor of Indiana to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Indiana State Senate include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes." There are 50 State Senate seats (Ballotpedia).

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Q&A INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 33

John (J.D.) Prescott (R) - Incumbent*

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John E. Bartlett (D)

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

DISTRICT 34

Richard Ivy (R)

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Sarah Gullion (D)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - I bring my past three years of campaigning for and sitting on Muncie City Council to this position. Over that time, I've met and listened to constituents from across Muncie and Delaware County. I've heard their concerns and assisted in the ways available to me. I have learned the extent to which change is possible within city government, and how the state level is sometimes the only avenue for solutions. My knowledge of our local issues will allow me to fight for the district's needs in ways that could make real differences in our residents' lives. In addition, I'm not afraid to stand up for those who need it--or to speak up for them.

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DISTRICT 34

Sarah Gullion (Continued)

- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - While there are so many important issues that I will fight for, the three key campaign messages are: 1) raising the minimum, as well as the sub minimum, wage in Indiana so that a full day's work provides an affordable lifestyle; 2) keeping taxpayer funds with public eduction, including adding free universal pre-K throughout the state, helping Hoosier kids get a strong educational foundation while assisting with childcare needs; and 3) working to strengthen landlord regulations so that District 34's renters (of which we have a large percentage) have more affordable and safer housing.
- **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 won my City Council race by 9 votes; your vote definitely counts! Except for the presidential race, votes are 1-1: one vote per person. It's so important to remind people of that. Our vote, our voice, is our power. In addition, I listen to what our constituents actually want and advocate for it. I encourage those who aren't already involved to become so, including identifying young people and new faces. I look forward to door to door canvassing: I'll take the voices of those in District 34 with me to the Statehouse. I also commit to sending regular surveys and town meetings once I'm there.

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INDIANA **STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

DISTRICT 33 CANDIDATES

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- **Facebook:** John Prescott for District 33 State Representative

John E. Bartlett (D)

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DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

Richard Ivy (R)

- **Facebook:** Richard Ivy for State Representative District 34

Sara Gullion (D)

- **Website:** https://www.saragullion.com/
- **Facebook:** Sara Gullion for Indiana House District 34

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