

## 31st Legislative District Democrats Candidate Questionnaire

1. Your name: Peggy Levesque

2. Candidate for: Party Affiliation: Democrat  
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4. If elected, what positive changes will you champion that will benefit the 31<sup>st</sup> LD?

I would encourage the creation of family wage jobs, help to improve access to health care, work to fully fund basic education and to make all forms of higher education more accessible. I believe that as the middle income population starts to recover the economy will also recover.

5. What are the three most critical issues you expect to encounter in the office you are seeking?

The budget is the big one, how to fund those things that are the most necessary, prioritizing and stretching the tax dollars to be spending them wisely and frugally. Going deeply into the budget to look for and remove unnecessary tax loopholes. Trying to create a tax system that is fair and equitable. With all of this protect the basics; education and healthcare.

6. Please give us an example of when you had to make a critical decision that, due to its impact on others, was difficult. Tell us why you made your decision and what, if any, actions you took to mitigate any negative results. We got a grant in South Prairie to add sidewalks, one of the homes along the route belonged to a good friend that had been using the sidewalk right of way as an absolutely gorgeous garden space. My friend was horrified and angry when she found out that about one third of her yard was going to be gone when the sidewalks came in. We needed the sidewalks; it was a public safety issue. I explained my stand to her and when it came time to take out her shrubs and flowers I helped her transplant them. There are rarely decisions that everyone can get on board with and with every step forward there is usually someone else that has to take a step back. The point is to anticipate, and mitigate the harm. There can be unforeseen results from legislation. A good example is the "Cash for Clunkers", that bailed out the automobile industry but it put many aftermarket used car and parts dealers out of business. The legislature needs to proceed with caution and get input from all of those that could be involved or affected.

7. What methods will you employ to communicate with your constituency on a regular basis?

I will keep an open door policy and be available by email and phone and have regular updates on my website.

8. What other information would you like us to consider?

I am a middle income middle class Mom and Grandmother that has done my best to keep my children healthy and to get them a good education so that they could get jobs and thrive in life. This is getting harder and harder for families to accomplish. I will be a champion for the basic

needs of families.

We cannot heal the economy by having an underpaid undereducated over taxed and unhealthy workforce.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at

Signature

Please return to:

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