

ANNIEGRAM

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"We Know Chris Edwards is Bad, But Why Are You Better?"

Dear Assembly District 19 Republican,

Someone recently sent me this email...

"Annie, I get it. Assemblyman Edwards only seems to show up at election time, and has been silent as Gov. Sisolak has wrecked our economy. I also now know, thanks to your AnnieGrams, that he has a terrible voting record when it comes to taxes and spending.

"But before making my decision, I'd really like to know more about where you stand on issues. Could you please share some info in a future AnnieGram? Thank you."

For a lot of people, just knowing Chris Edwards has a dismal record of voting for bigger government and raising your taxes is reason enough to vote against him.

But why should you vote FOR me?

That's a fair and reasonable question.

So in this AnnieGram I thought I'd share with you my answers to the questionnaire I filled out recently for the Mesquite Republican Women...

1. Why are you running for State Assembly?

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, the 2021 Nevada Legislature is going to be facing some very difficult decisions. Just like in 2009, Democrats are going to want to raise taxes rather than cut spending.

My opponent has voted for huge budget increases, as well as multiple tax hikes, during his three sessions in Carson City. Taxpayers need a solid fiscal conservative representing them who - unlike our incumbent assemblyman - isn't afraid to say "no."

Overall, I'm running to be a true representative of limited-government, lower taxes, free markets and individual liberty. Mr. Edwards has dropped the ball on these over and over again despite "claiming" to be a conservative.

We need GOP legislators who will, as Ronald Reagan once famously said, "raise a banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors which make it unmistakably clear where we stand on all of the issues troubling the people."

Assemblyman Edwards is, and always has been, a pale rider. We can do better. We MUST do better. We need to trade him in for a newer, better model.

I guarantee I'll have a much more conservative voting record than he's had.

2. What is your strategy to effectively promote conservative positions within a likely Democrat-controlled Assembly?

When you're in the minority, it's not enough to simply vote against bad Democrat bills. You need to speak up and speak loudly. Silence is not golden.

You need to fight in the court of public opinion. You need to challenge the opposition. You need to engage the media. You need to change hearts and minds by explaining to voters why GOP policies are better and the right way to go.

That's the only way we're going to turn Nevada "red" again.

We need conservative representatives who will rock the boat. Who aren't afraid of controversy. Who aren't afraid of the media. Who aren't worried that some lobbyist, major donor or special interest will get mad at you.

We need conservative representatives who are willing to be the loyal opposition on matters of principle, not go along to get along. It's OK to just say "no" when "no" is the right answer.

3. Do you plan to introduce legislation in the next session if elected? Describe.

Here are 7 bills I would sponsor, co-sponsor or otherwise support in the 2021 post-COVID session...

- 1.) Repeal the Commerce Tax
- 2.) Repeal the Modified Business Tax on payroll wages
- 3.) Eliminate state business license fees
- 4.) Cut in the sales tax statewide
- 5.) Reduce auto registration fees to a flat \$50/vehicle
- 6.) Roll-back the minimum wage
- 7.) Give preference in government contracting to Nevada-based businesses

4. Gov. Sisolak will be pleading complete poverty after the virus-induced shutdown. How will you argue that NV should not implement a state income tax (because the Democrats will see this as the perfect solution)?

The good news is, Nevada voters voted to ban a personal income tax. It's in our Constitution. So no income tax can be passed except by a constitutional amendment. Which in Nevada would have to be passed by voters in both 2022 and 2024.

So the immediate threat is the very real likelihood that Democrats are going to try to raise existing taxes, or create other new taxes. Like a tax on food. Or a tax on services.

5. What policies would be more effective in revitalizing state revenues?

They say a government bureaucracy is the closest thing to eternal life on earth. It's time to pull the plug.

One of the few silver linings of the #SisolakShutdown is we've suddenly seen all manner of bureaucratic regulations, programs and departments that clearly aren't needed to "protect" the public. We need to get rid of them.

For example, we found that there's really no reason whatsoever why a restaurant shouldn't be allowed to sell bottles of wine "to go." Or why liquor stores shouldn't be allowed to offer home delivery.

Those restrictions have been "temporarily" eliminated during the shutdown. They should now be made permanent.

We also learned that individuals who are licensed in other states - for example, nurses and teachers - shouldn't be required to get a duplicate license to work here in Nevada.

And other state-mandated "occupational licenses," where there is no real public danger - such as licenses for manicurists, hair dressers and interior decorators - should be repealed entirely.

Various anti-business permits, fees and inspections that don't protect the public should be eliminated. As well as the non-essential government employees paid to enforce such regulations.

The mandated "prevailing wage" - which drives up the cost for construction projects such as roads and schools - should be repealed.

And, of course, everything detailed in Question #3 above.

6. What do you suggest should be done about Nevada's poor public education ranking that produces the next to the lowest test scores in the nation?

The first thing we need to do is reauthorize and fund Education Savings Accounts (ESA). They have already been approved constitutionally and provide low- and middle-income families the ability to choose a private school rather than the neighborhood government school they've been "zoned" for.

Secondly - and again, this is something we've learned from the #SisolakShutdown - we need to not only *allow* homeschooling, but encourage it and provide helpful resources for parents who may wish to continue teaching their kids at home once schools reopen.

To that end, I will work on establishing a Homeschool Education Resource Office (HERO) with funding from the ESA program.

7. How will you protect our 2nd Amendment rights?

If need be, with my Ruger .22 and Remington shotgun!

The Second Amendment is a right, not a government permission. I always have and always will treat it as such.

I'm proud to have earned an "A" rating from the Nevada Firearms Coalition.

8. Will you be for or against lifting the cap on NV real property tax?

Absolutely opposed.

9. Will you argue in favor of Voter I.D. for all our elections?

You need a photo ID to...

- Drive a car
- Cash a check
- Board a plane
- Check out a library book
- Order a beer
- Check into a hotel
- Donate blood

- Pick up a prescription
- Go to an R-rated movie
- Buy cigarettes and e-cigarettes

So yes, you should be required to present a photo ID before casting a ballot.

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If those answers are the answers of someone who would better represent you and your interests in Carson City, I'd appreciate your vote for Assembly District 19!

Coming Up Next

Some people may be saying...

"Fine, Annie. Governor Sisolak and Assemblyman Edwards have really mishandled this crisis and the economy is a wreck. But what's your plan to repair the damage?"

Fair question. So in addition to the proposals I touched on in my responses to the Mesquite Republican Women, I will send a full, comprehensive plan - "Black's Blueprint to Rebuild Nevada" - in an upcoming AnnieGram. Liberals are gonna hate it!

Conservatively yours,

Annie Black

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