

United States Senate Candidate Questionnaire

Candidates who participated: Leah Vukmir (R)

1. Do you believe the state of our free enterprise system is currently flourishing, on the right track, neutral, being threatened or declining?

Leah Vukmir (R): On the right track. Our economy is growing and more people are working than ever before, but we still need conservative senators who will balance our budget, fix our broken healthcare system, and reduce burdensome regulations on business.

2. Do you believe that tax increases affect job creation? Why or why not?

Leah Vukmir (R): Yes. Since historic tax cuts implemented by President Donald Trump, we have seen record job growth and historically low unemployment. During the Obama administration we watched businesses leave the country because of high corporate income taxes. Now we are seeing these same companies reinvest back into the United States, build new headquarters, and hire more American workers.

3. Explain how your background will help you to be a successful elected official, representing a broad range of interests and competing demands.

Leah Vukmir (R): As a certified nurse practitioner I was trained to listen about people's ailments, diagnose the cause of those ailments, and implement a plan to treat patients. The same process is involved in developing and creating good public policy. As an elected official you must speak with local and business leaders about problems affecting the community and implement public policy strategies to fix those problems.

4. Why should members of the Waukesha County Business Alliance vote for you?

Leah Vukmir (R): As a member of the legislature in Wisconsin I have worked with Governor Walker to create \$8 billion dollars in tax cuts and create a prosperous economic environment. More people are working than ever before in Wisconsin and you can rest assured that once elected to the U.S. senate I will work with Ron Johnson and Donald Trump to reduce burdensome regulations, cut taxes, and eliminate wasteful government spending like we have here in Wisconsin.

5. What is one thing that you believe government either does well, or has improved upon?

Leah Vukmir (R): Donald Trump and the legislature continue to appoint Supreme Court justices who uphold the constitution. Justices are not appointed to the bench to enact public policy, but are there to interpret that law as written. Throughout Trump's first term he has confirmed Neil Gorsuch, who continues to uphold the Constitution, and recently appointed Brett Kavanaugh who has also demonstrated to be a strict constitutionalist.

6. What would you do to control rising health care costs? Be specific.

Leah Vukmir (R): We need to bring healthcare back to the states and give them as much freedom as possible to operate. We need to provide consumers with information and tools to make informed choices, and we need to remove the requirements that all insurance plans have one-size fits all benefits. We must also allow for the option to purchase plans across state lines. Opening up the market create greater competition, decreases costs and will exponentially increase choices.

7. What role should the education system play on preparing students for the workforce?

Leah Vukmir (R): The educational system should provide tools and resources to best prepare students for successful careers. This is done by providing a robust school choice marketplace that gives parents choices of where to send their children. At the secondary level we need vocational and technical schools that teach trades and skilled professions where we desperately need skilled workers to fill high-paying jobs.

8. What role should the federal government play in maintaining and developing transportation infrastructure in the United States?

Leah Vukmir (R): A strong economy depends on a strong infrastructure. I agree with President Trump that America needs to make a serious investment into improving our infrastructure. One of the main obstacles to infrastructure improvements is burdensome bureaucratic regulation that needs to be followed on public works projects. Cutting red-tape and eliminating prevailing wage laws will make it easier and more affordable to make infrastructure improvements we desperately need.

9. What immigration reforms, if any, would you support?

Leah Vukmir (R): First and foremost, we need to secure our southern border with Mexico. Any and all reforms must start with border security. If we cannot control the influx of illegal immigration and drug trafficking into our country, any reforms we implement will be automatically undone. Once we secure the border we can begin to implement reforms that are best for America and our economy.