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From: Dave Hall <dave@votedavehall.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Christopher Emge
Subject: Re: Bloomington Chamber: Candidate Questionnaire (Due Thursday)
Attachments: State Legislature Candidate Questionnaire.pdf

Thank you!

1. The COVID-19 pandemic will have a significant impact on the state budget. What issues or priorities will guide your budgetary decisions in the next legislative session?

The financial impact of the government's reaction to COVID-19 will be felt for years to come. We did not see much of a decrease in revenue in the short term because the federal government printed trillions of dollars in an effort to prop up our economy after forced shutdowns.

A top priority for me will be that we never arbitrarily force businesses to close again. Ever. Hoosier businesses and families are struggling and will continue to struggle with increased inflation. Our state government needs to do what it can to remove hurdles and allow businesses and individuals to thrive again.

2. Many local businesses are struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. What state financial aid, programmatic assistance, or other actions would you support in the coming months to strengthen economic recovery.

I would like to see the state increase the exemption threshold for business personal property tax. This would free up money for small businesses to increase salaries to attract and retain the best employees.

3. Other than the current crisis, what will be your top 3 priorities in the state legislature that relate to the business sector?

1. Increase the exemption threshold for business personal property tax.

2. Incentivize high schools to educate students on the foundations of personal finance.

3. Create more opportunities for local businesses to help schools guide students into potential employment directly into the workforce or into a skilled trade.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2022, at 10:20 AM, Christopher Emge <cemge@chamberbloomington.org> wrote:

Good morning State Rep District #62 Candidates,

This is Christopher J Emge, the Advocacy Director at the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. I am writing to you remind you that our questionnaire is due **back to us by Thursday**. If you need more time, please let us know. This is a joint venture with the [Herald-Times](#).

Also, we are inviting candidates to our [Business After Hours](#) on Thursday. You can register or just let me know you will be attending. Best, Christopher



March 17 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
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