

**Tiffany Grant, Democratic Candidate for Indiana State House District 60**  
**Responses to questions from the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce**  
**For the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election**

- 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 COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted the needs of our communities. In particular, those groups who were already struggling to survive and provide basic necessities for themselves and their families were the most impacted. Working to provide equitable resources (food, shelter, job training and opportunities, healthcare, etc.) for all Hoosiers will be the number one priority of my work when building the state budget. More specifically, I would like to see more funding available for those agencies and programs working to support these Hoosiers.

- 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?**

A grant program that effectively reaches out to and supports new and existing local businesses is critical. Along with the monetary support, I would like to provide mentorship opportunities that link successful local business owners with new entrepreneurs to help build a network of thriving local business owners.

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

My top three priorities in state legislature will be

- i. Fully funding public education - This will provide for students who are ready to enter the workforce either as college-ready students, students with training and/or certificates in a trade, or ready-to-work skills.
- ii. Providing access to affordable health care - Healthy people are happier, healthier employees and leaders. Ideally, this would be available separate from employment status which could offer relief to businesses working to provide this for employees.
- iii. Increasing living wage job opportunities - Providing better living conditions for all Hoosiers, we will see an economically stronger community better able to utilize local businesses.