



## **2021-22 ABC PAC CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE\***

*\*Must be completed and signed by the candidate.*

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Candidate's Name

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Candidate's Professional Experience

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Candidate's Past Political Activities (Office Holder, Candidate, Volunteer, Etc.)

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Candidate's Issue(s) of Expertise

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What Committees Does the Candidate Hope To Be Assigned To?

### **Campaign Information:**

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Campaign Committee Name

State/District

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Headquarters Address (physical address)

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Phone

E-mail

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Name(s) of Key Campaign Staff Contact(s)

**Information on Opponent:**

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Opponent's Name

Is the Opponent an Incumbent?      Yes      \_\_\_\_\_      No      \_\_\_\_\_

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Opponent's Political Party

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Opponent's Past Political Experience

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Opponent's Issue(s) of Expertise

What are the key issue differences between you and your opponent?

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## **GOVERNMENT-MANDATED PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLAs)**

ABC is strongly opposed to government-mandated project labor agreements (PLAs) on federal and federally-funded construction projects because these special interest requirements violate the practice of full and open competition. PLAs not only drive up the cost of federal construction by reducing competition, but also put merit shop contractors at a big disadvantage (almost 87% of the U.S. private construction workforce does not belong to a union) when competing for government construction contracts funded by their own tax dollars. A PLA requires all construction companies to sign a contract with a union in order to work on that job. These special interest agreements also require that contractors obtain all or most of their employees through the union hiring hall, contribute to union benefit plans that their current employees will never receive unless they join a union and abide by outdated and inefficient union work rules and job classifications that increase the cost of construction. Construction contracts subject to government-mandated PLAs are usually awarded only to unionized contractors and their all-union workforces. In short, government-mandated PLAs are bad public policy and have no place in a competitive marketplace. President Obama's Feb. 6, 2009, Executive Order 13502 encourages federal agencies to require PLAs on federal construction projects exceeding \$25 million in total cost. This anti-competitive and costly policy has led to waste and fewer construction projects and construction jobs.

I oppose government-mandated PLAs

I support government-mandated PLAs

A bill called the Fair and Open Competition Act (H.R. 1552/S. 622) has been introduced in both the House and Senate. If signed into law, it would prohibit the federal government from requiring or prohibiting government-mandated PLAs on federal and federally-assisted construction projects. This legislation will increase competition, reduce costs and create construction jobs.

I support legislation like the Fair and Open Competition Act

I oppose legislation like the Fair and Open Competition Act

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## **PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES**

Currently, the preferred method for determining whether or not employees want a union to represent them is a private ballot election overseen by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The NLRB provides detailed procedures that ensure a fair election, free of fraud, where employees may cast their vote confidentially without peer pressure or coercion from unions or employers. Yet, union leadership now claims to find private ballot elections an impediment to unionization, preferring "card check" elections, where employees are forced to cast their vote in front of union organizers, their employer and fellow employees. ABC strongly opposes any effort to overturn the established NLRB procedures that guarantee a fair union election through private ballot voting.

I support the rights of employees to vote for union representation using a private ballot

I oppose employees use of a private ballot to vote for union representation

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## DAVIS-BACON ACT

The Davis-Bacon Act, as currently administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), unnecessarily hinders economic growth and stifles contractor productivity by mandating wage rates on federal construction projects that fail to reflect true, market-based rates. The main culprit for these frequent discrepancies is the flawed, unscientific wage survey process DOL uses to calculate these so-called “prevailing” wages. A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report found widespread errors in the Davis-Bacon wage determination process, and noted that it suffers from a serious lack of transparency. Even more troubling is GAO’s finding that DOL is simply unwilling to address these problems on its own. DOL’s handling of the Davis-Bacon wage determination process is not just bad for construction—it’s bad for taxpayers as well. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that the Davis-Bacon Act will raise federal construction costs by \$15.7 billion over the next ten years.

ABC supports the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, as well as legislative and regulatory efforts designed to improve federal wage determinations and limit the negative impacts of DOL’s current policy.

*(Select all that apply)*

Question 1:

- I support repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act
- I oppose repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act

Question 2:

- I support reform of the federal construction wage determinations process
- I oppose reform of the federal construction wage determinations process

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**This information accurately reflects my position on the issues. I, the undersigned, recognize that the material contained in this questionnaire may be used in ABC voter education and GOTV campaign materials by ABC.**

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**Candidate’s Signature**

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**Date**

**If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:**

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