

U.S. Congress District I

National Office Candidate Report Card

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YES
NO
Not Sure (NS)

Focus Area: *Fiscal Responsibility* – “Will you commit to the following?”

Specific Question Topics	Rep. Walt Minnick	Vaughn Ward	Raul Labrador	Dave Olson	Mike Washburn	Harley Brown
Balanced Budget Amendment	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Permanent ban on all earmarks	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	NS
Audit the Federal Reserve	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Conduct and publish to the public, independent 3 rd party cost/benefit analysis of all federal agencies, programs & departments	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Reduce ALL federal salaries immediately, by 10%, except for the military and Homeland Security, until national unemployment is below 6%	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Mandate a force reduction of federal employees of 25% across the board, except for the military and Homeland Security	OPTED OUT	No Response	NS	NS	No Response	Y
Require that NO bill be scored by the CBO until it is in final bill form and free of “cost gimmicks”	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Return our currency to the gold standard	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Replace the current progressive tax system with a “fair”, “flat”, or “consumption” tax system	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Eliminate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Publish budgets online for ALL federal departments, agencies, programs and initiatives	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Replace federal employee pension plan with 401K	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	N	No Response	Y
Require Congress and all federal agencies to adhere to the same strict accounting rules and practices required of the private sector	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Limit Congressional use of private or military air transportation to official overseas travel ONLY	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	N
Freeze ALL discretionary spending for 24 months	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	N
Vote “NO” on any “Cap & Trade” legislation or bill	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	NS
Vote to block funding for the approximate 16,000 IRS employee hires that are designated to enforce the “Mandatory Health Insurance” law	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y

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Focus Area: *Corruption & Ethics* – “Will you pledge to do the following?”

Specific Question Topics	Rep. Walt Minnick	Vaughn Ward	Raul Labrador	Dave Olson	Mike Washburn	Harley Brown
Vote “NO” on any bill or measure that allows one state to gain advantage over another	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	NS
Vote “NO” on any bill or measure that artificially combines non-related legislation, regardless of political implications (e.g., Hate Crimes legislation in a Defense Bill or School Loans in a Healthcare Bill)	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any bill that has not been read and understood by YOU and published on the web for at least 7 days prior to the vote	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Refuse to accept ALL gifts, entertainment, favors, transportation or lodging offered by industry lobbyists, corporations, foreign governments, and any other advocacy group	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Host a minimum of 4, in person public town hall meetings per year, to answer unscripted questions from your constituents	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Disclose all Congressional office and travel expenditures on your website	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Publish all campaign donations on your website, including date, name of parent organization as well as the donating entity, and the amount of the donation	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Refuse to request earmarks for any reason	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	N	No Response	NS
Support Constitutional Amendment creating term limits for Senators (2 terms) and members of Congress (3 terms)	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Declined	No Response	Y
Impose strict, private sector accounting rules on all proposed legislation before voting on them, to validate true and actual cost to the taxpayer	OPTED OUT	No Response	NS	Y	No Response	Y
Use Congress’ power of the purse to reign in the Executive Branch’s power and use of “Czars”	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Declined
Immediately launch a full investigation of the payoffs, special deals and outright bribes used by the President, Speaker and Majority Leader	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Immediately investigate connections between President Obama, Unions and ACORN	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y

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Focus Area: *Sovereignty & State's Rights* – “Will you commit to the following?”

Specific Question Topics	Rep. Walt Minnick	Vaughn Ward	Raul Labrador	Dave Olson	Mike Washburn	Harley Brown
Vote to repeal the 17 th Amendment to the Constitution, effectively returning the selection of U.S. Senators to the individual state legislatures	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vote to repeal “Obamacare”, as passed into law in March, 2010	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Challenge the mandatory health insurance law, at the federal level by blocking funding for additional IRS staff needed to enforce the law	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Investigate racial quotas and preferences currently incorporated into the healthcare law	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to eliminate the federal Department of Education, returning all control of public schools to the individual states	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vote to revoke funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if they attempt to enforce “cap & trade” policy that has not been passed by Congress	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to return control of endangered species listing to the individual states affected	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vote to return all federal land to the states, upon request of the state government	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	N	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any legislation granting a path to citizenship to illegal aliens, without first returning them to their native country, and requiring them to go to the back of the line for legal immigration	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any agreement or treaty that surrenders any degree of U.S. sovereignty, including climate change, use of international precedents in U.S. courts, or U.N. agreements	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any climate change agreement that requires or commits the use of taxpayer money to fund non-U.S. efforts or projects	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to withdraw the U.S. from the United Nations	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y

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Focus Area: Liberty – “Will you pledge the following?”

Specific Question Topics	Rep. Walt Minnick	Vaughn Ward	Raul Labrador	Dave Olson	Mike Washburn	Harley Brown
Vote to amend the Patriot Act to comply with the 1 st and 4 th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any bill or measure restricting our right, as individual Americans, to keep and bear arms	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any form of “National ID Card”	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “FOR” legislation requiring public education tax dollars to be assigned to the “student”, rather than to the “district or zip code”, enabling true parental school choice	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vote to abolish the use of the “American Community Survey” as part of the U.S. Census?	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” or “repeal” any bill or law that allows taxpayer money to be used, directly or indirectly, to fund abortion	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to guarantee a person’s right to exercise their “right of conscience”, without penalty, including the right to refuse to perform abortions, fill “morning-after” prescriptions or sanction gay unions	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any form of union “Card Check” legislation that eliminates the secret ballot	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to repeal the government takeover of the student loan program, contained in the Healthcare Reform Law	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to repeal the Hate Crimes Law	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote “NO” on any bill that uses terms like “Social, Economic or Environmental Justice” to justify the provisions of the bill	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y
Vigorously oppose any bill or measure that violates either the provisions or the spirit of the U.S. Constitution (live up to your oath of office)	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	Y	No Response	Y
Vote to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and return public education to the states and parents	OPTED OUT	No Response	Y	NS	No Response	Y

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Focus Area: *Tell us where you come down on the following statements*

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1	Strongly Disagree
2	Disagree
3	Neutral
4	Agree
5	Strongly Agree

The following statements represent issues that are important to many Americans. We would like to know, on a scale of 1 to 5, whether you agree or disagree with the statements, and to what degree. These questions may touch on more than one key topic area.

Rate questions on a scale of 1 to 5	Rep. Walt Minnick	Vaughn Ward	Raul Labrador	Dave Olson	Mike Washburn	Harley Brown
The right to own and bear arms is an individual right	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	5	No Response	5
Our rights are granted by our Creator, NOT by men, or by the government	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	5	No Response	5
I believe the "Career Politician" is bad for America	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	5	No Response	5
Our progressive tax system needs to be replaced with a "fair, "flat", or "consumer" tax	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	5	No Response	5
The "Commerce Clause has been abused by the federal government	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	4	No Response	5
I support a repeal of the 17 th Amendment to the Constitution, returning to the states, the right to appoint U.S. Senators	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	3	No Response	5
I support term limits for Senators (2) and members of the House (3)	OPTED OUT	No Response	3	5	No Response	5
Voters should vote their principles, not just their "party"	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	4	No Response	5
I support a force reduction in federal employees by at least 25%	OPTED OUT	No Response	3	3	No Response	Declined
I will NOT request or use earmarks for any reason	OPTED OUT	No Response	5	2	No Response	3