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Q1 Candidate Name and Party

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Political Party	United Conservative Party

Q2 What inspired you to put your name forward as a candidate in this election?

I firmly believe that the best place for government is in the most limited capacity because Albertans, individually, can manage their own finances, businesses and families better than anyone else. I was alarmed by the changes brought in by the NDP government that concentrated power in Edmonton and took individual responsibility and ability away from local decision makers and common people. I want to bring new energy and a principled perspective to the constituency of Brooks-Medicine Hat. Ultimately, I want to be part of a government and a team that is able to say that they left things better than the way that they found them, limited the burdens on every day people, and brought common sense governance back to the Legislature. Brooks-Medicine Hat deserves representation that gives them a seat at the table and I know that, under Jason Kenney's leadership, we will have that.

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Q3 What experience do you have that you feel will assist you in being an effective elected representative?

I have dedicated my life to advancing conservative causes at home and across the country. I have cultivated relationships with many federal Members of Parliament as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and fellow candidates, here in Alberta.

I have a degree in Political Science from the University of Lethbridge. During my time in Lethbridge, I was a key part of Rachael Harder's campaign team, taking part in strategic planning, organizing and assisting her in her strong victory.

In 2017 I was honored to have been asked to speak in the House of Commons. Following that I tabled a successful petition (e-1310) with over 25,000 signatures, in Ottawa that called on the Trudeau Liberals to recognize Female Genital Mutilation as a barbaric practice that endangers women and girls. The petition had such wide spread support that the Liberal government capitulated and, therefore, committed to keeping FGM listed in the citizenship guide, warning newcomers of its harms.

In 2018, I was flown to Ottawa again and invited to speak before a parliamentary committee as a witness. I was honored to be able to speak about the merits of women in the conservative movement and denounce quota systems in favor of approaches that reward the hardworking women and men who run in nominations and for elected office.

For 3 years I also worked for Cypress Medicine Hat MLA, Drew Barnes as his Press-Secretary as well as oversaw various portfolios including Health, Energy and Finance. I was also able to work in his constituency office assisting constituents with their needs and navigating government bureaucracy which proved to be both challenging and very rewarding.

I am proud to have been a volunteer in the Unity movement that united the Progressive Conservative and Wildrose parties. I have also served on Jason Kenney's leadership campaign.

In my spare time, I have been heavily involved as an executive member, and director at large, in legacy Wildrose Constituency Associations, Conservative Party of Canada Electoral District Associations, Youth Advisory Boards and United Conservative Party Constituency Associations.

Currently, I own and operate a consulting business in Medicine Hat.

Q4 What do you see being the most important issues facing our region?

I have been doorknocking for over a year for this campaign -- first with my nomination and, finally, in preparation for the general election.

The stories that I have heard have touched my heart and motivated me to be the best representative that I can be, if granted the opportunity on April 16.

Largely, the concerns here in Brooks-Medicine Hat mirror the concerns of the rest of the province. Constituents are concerned with the mounting debt accumulated by the NDP -- a projected \$95B by 2023 -- as well as the reality that someone will have to pay for this fiscal mismanagement in the future.

I have also run into many people who are unemployed. They are concerned that, with Alberta's current fiscal situation and general lack of competitiveness for our energy sector, that jobs will not be easy to come by, in Alberta, if the NDP get another term.

Constituents are also concerned about the lack of access to markets for our regions. More than once a day, I hear from the people of Brooks-Medicine Hat about the dire need to build pipelines to tide water. They know that we need a government that stands up to Justin Trudeau as well as foreign funded groups who are trying to block our pipelines.

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Q5 What does your party believe are the most important issues facing our province?

We believe what we hear from everyday Albertans on the doors and in conversation at coffee shops across the province. The most important issues facing Albertans in this election are jobs, the economy and pipelines.

Q6 What policies in your party platform will benefit and improve the lives of your constituents? How?

I firmly believe that all of our United Conservative Platform points will positively impact Brooks-Medicine Hat.

In my time on the doorsteps, there is over-whelming support for scrapping Rachel Notley's Carbon Tax. As we know, the Carbon Tax punishes everyday Albertans for things like heating their homes, driving their kids to hockey practice and heating their barns in the cold months to keep their calves alive.

In the following questions, I will outline, more specifically, elements of our platform that will benefit Brooks-Medicine Hatters.

Q7 What is your party's plan to equip secondary and post-secondary students for their future roles in the workforce?

We believe in the potential of the next generation but know that they need the support to be able to come into the workforce and pursue their passions. We are proposing to:

- Increase support for Skills Canada Alberta, a non-profit group dedicated to the promotion of careers in technology and skilled trade, so that young Albertans can participate in its Skills Canada National Competition and demonstrate their skills and talent on the national and world stage.

 - Support the creation of an Alberta Trades Hall of Fame to honour Albertan tradespeople who have made a difference in our province.

 - Expand the Women Building Futures program to support women who wish to pursue opportunities in the skilled trades.

 - Work with other provinces and territories to better harmonize provincial mobility for apprentices and skilled tradespeople.

 - Expand the apprenticeship model to other careers such as coding, green technologies, and others.
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Q8 What is your party's plan in regards to our health care system and how it will serve Albertans into the future?

The NDP have seen wait times grow across the board, while spending nearly \$3 billion more on health care.

A UCP government will commit to reducing surgical wait times to no more more than 4 months.

A United Conservative government has committed to a Public Health Care Guarantee Maintaining or increasing health spending in a universally accessible, publicly funded health care system. We will also commit to improving the system to deliver the world-class health care systems Albertans deserve. As such, UCP Leader Jason Kenney has previously announced a comprehensive review of AHS performance. Any savings found through this review will be re-invested back into the healthcare system.

The UCP will spend \$100 million on a new mental health and addictions strategy to help fight the opioid crisis in Alberta. The UCP will tackle the most serious challenges in our health care system, and build a system that delivers better outcomes for Albertans. Those facing addictions, especially to opioids, need compassionate care and more resources focused on getting them out of the cycle of addiction.

Drug consumption sites are a proven harm reduction strategy and existing sites would remain under a UCP government. Further sites will require research, and community consultation so that the impacted communities are not left dealing with the types of challenges that have emerged around existing drug consumption sites

The UCP will ensure that Albertans are getting the best value and outcomes for the money that they spend on health care.

Albertans deserve the best healthcare in the world. A UCP government will be focused on results.

Q9 Does your party have a pathway to balance the provincial budget? If so, can you explain your party's plan?

Alberta's spending has been out of control. Multi-billion dollar deficits each year mean that Alberta is heading toward a \$100 billion debt wall. It is not right to burden our kids and grandkids with this government's mismanagement. Their debt and deficits are crowding out spending on essential services. We now spend more on interest than 17/21 government departments. We have a credible, costed, independently verified plan to balance the budget within our first mandate.

Q10 Does your party have a plan to reduce reliance on royalty revenues? If so, explain how.

Our energy sector is a remarkable success story, a global leader in environmental standards, labour standards and technological innovation. Unlike the NDP which has shown their underlying opposition to the development of our resources, a United Conservative government will proudly stand up for 151 000 energy workers across this province.

Q11 Describe your strategies and policies for Business Competitiveness:

We know that business competitiveness is essential to a thriving economy and a thriving Alberta. The Job Creation Tax Cut is the centerpiece of our platfor which lowers corporate tax from 12% to 8% over 4 years, reigniting the economy and creating 55,000 jobs. We also know that over-regulation has killed projects in Canada, and Alberta, specifically Energy East. It is essential that we get our regulatory process under control. The Open for Business Act will address red-tape and reduce our regulatory burden on business by 1/3

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Q12 Describe your strategies and policies for Provincial Trade:

The United Conservatives understand how important it is to get our resources to market. We need a Premier, and a government who will stand up to foreign funded interests that influence public opinion in places like British Columbia and Quebec, that run down our ethical oil and gas sector. We also plan to partner with Premier of Manitoba, Brian Pallister, as a relentless champion of unfettered free trade, labour mobility, and regulatory harmonization by pressing the federal government to adopt a Charter of Economic Rights which would, “clarify the vital rights of Canadians to sell their goods and services and exercise their trades and professions in every part of Canada”

Q13 Describe your strategies and policies for Healthy Communities:

We believe in predictable, long-term funding for municipalities. We know that decisions are best made at the local level and that we need to empower our communities. We also recognize the role that compassionate and dedicated volunteers and charities play within our communities. The get ‘er done spirit of Albertans means that we get involved, volunteer and contribute more to charities than any other province. Civil society should come before government and we need to empower local people to make the best decisions for their communities.

Q14 Describe your strategies and policies for Government Accountability:

Leadership starts at the top. Our platform outlines that MLAs and the Premier will take a pay-cut to signal to Albertans that we understand that they have been hit hard in trying economic times. Our platform proposes sweeping democratic reforms to strengthen democracy and accountability in Alberta including banning floor crossing, recall legislation, getting big money out of politics and encouraging decorum in the legislature.
