

Senate District 6 covers the eastern part of Laramie County, plus a thin section of Goshen County along the Nebraska border and a section of northeast Cheyenne.

It includes Albin, Pine Bluffs and Burns as well as Anderson, Buffalo Ridge and Dildine elementary schools and the King Soopers plaza in Cheyenne. The seat is currently held by Sen.

Wayne Johnson, R-Cheyenne, who is not running for re-election. The winner of the Republican primary will be unopposed in the November general election.

Election 2016 Q&A

Senate District 6



ANTHONY BOUCHARD (R)



LINDI KIRKBRIDE (R)



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Q: What do you think are the biggest issues Wyoming faces?	Did not respond.	Thoughtful "right size" budgeting; perhaps further cuts, examining revenue options and defining criteria for "rainy day" funds use; keeping Wyoming tax dollars at home by expanding Medicaid, especially for citizens losing jobs; diversifying the economy, including finding sustainable uses for Wyoming's energy resources and encouraging technology initiatives.	The biggest issue centers on the budget and how we reduce spending to correspond with lowered revenue streams. The state is charged with providing the best education to our students. We must maintain our highways and continue to attract new businesses to diversify our economic base.
Q: Do you support or oppose Medicaid expansion? Why?	Did not respond.	Medicaid expansion is a win-win-win proposition. In the current economic environment, it would assist low-income working adults who have lost jobs or whose jobs don't provide health insurance plus communities and hospitals struggling with uncompensated health care. It would keep Wyoming tax dollars and save community jobs.	If we can find a Medicaid solution that does not bind future legislatures with a financial burden and still provide our citizens with health care, then yes. Remember, it is not free and the federal government is "us." Participants need to have skin in the game to make it work.
Q: Do you support the development of alternative energy in Wyoming? How?	Did not respond.	Sure! Employing complementary and collaborative efforts would result in greener jobs that encourage outside investment and contribute to Wyoming's tax base.	I like the Wyoming landscape. However, if a percentage of energy coming out of Wyoming must be alternative in order to sell our carbon-based energy, then so be it. More work needs to be done to make our coal even cleaner. Our federal government needs to be supporting us.
Q: How should Wyoming compensate for lost revenue from the fossil fuel industry?	Did not respond.	Encourage economic diversification that nurtures our entrepreneurial spirit and maintains a level playing field for citizens and communities. We could continue to support community colleges so that displaced workers can stay local and re-tool skills; consider all revenue generating options for the long term.	It is a complicated formula of less government spending, streamlining programs and possibly using a bit of savings until we get everything back into sync. The state of Wyoming is well positioned to handle the downturn for a few years until we get the solution worked out.
Q: How do you think the state should respond to major infrastructure issues, such as roads and building maintenance?	Did not respond.	Look at adopting a user fee for highways and evaluate gas taxes. Public safety is always a priority. Scheduled maintenance is preferred and is more costly if deferred.	We recently began a new policy of maintaining our infrastructure, which has greatly reduced the cost of keeping it functional. The federal government needs to support our interstates so we can concentrate on our state highways. Our Department of Transportation does an excellent job of using limited resources.
Q: Why should voters select you over your opponents?	Did not respond.	I'm positive, I listen well, have enthusiasm and heart for Wyoming's land and people. I'm politically experienced but not a one-issue candidate. I will bring diversity to the Senate as a Republican woman with my parents' generation's brand of "healthy conservatism."	I believe I am the best choice for this office because of my experience, my seniority in the Legislature and my long-term business background in Cheyenne. These attributes will help me in making sound decisions to get us through the upcoming downturn of Wyoming's economy.
Q: Do you support or oppose a ban on discrimination in housing and employment for LGBT Wyomingites? Why?	Did not respond.	Support: lifestyle is personal; equal employment and housing are law.	I would like everyone to have the same rights.
Q: What are your opinions about marijuana legalization, whether for medical or recreational use?	Did not respond.	Watching legalized states' examples with sales revenue, etc. Medical marijuana has data, question recreational on user health, especially teens. Guarded.	I am in favor of medical marijuana when prescribed by a physician and ordered via a pharmacy; against recreational use.
Q: Do you think marijuana possession should be decriminalized for small amounts?	Did not respond.	If decriminalized, then only if it's used for personal use.	No.
Q: Describe your political views.	Did not respond.	I'm a pragmatic, moderate and thoughtful Republican. Fiscally conservative, compassionate and believe spending within our means. I'll guard	I want to do the best for Wyoming, making sure we save for our future and live within our means.