

Dan Zwonitzer R-Cheyenne, who is running for re-election. The winner of the Republican primary will be unopposed in the November general election.

House District 43



DAN
ZWONITZER (R-I)



**LARRY
SHEPARD (R)**

Q: What do you think are the biggest issues Wyoming faces?

Lack of retaining our youth, especially after giving them a high-quality education. Lack of economic diversity in many Wyoming communities. Increasing insurance premiums. Increasing incarceration rates. Decreasing federal funding. Lack of a stable tax base. Declining fossil fuel revenues and demand. Lack of vision or visionary leadership.

Did not respond.

Q: Do you support or oppose Medicaid expansion? Why?

Support. We are being held hostage by the federal government and being double-taxed already on Medicaid; it's truly financial coercion with minimal benefit to Wyoming. However, we do have the highest premiums in the lower 48 states now, this will at least partially alleviate rate increases.

Did not respond.

Q: Do you support the development of alternative energy in Wyoming? How?

Of course. We need a total energy strategy of fossil fuels and renewables. We are a great state for wind, solar, geothermal and biomass alongside oil, gas and coal. Having multiple sources of power options attracts both diverse businesses and allows us to sell premium alternative energy for higher prices.

Did not respond.

Q: How should Wyoming compensate for lost revenue from the fossil fuel industry?

We will continue to reduce/streamline government personnel, programs and services. Fewer K-12 schools will be built or remodeled. We will no longer be able to save at substantial levels, but spending down our LSRA will mitigate extreme effects to the economy. We have long planned for this scenario.

Did not respond.

Q: How do you think the state should respond to major infrastructure issues, such as roads and building maintenance?

Continue what we're doing. We have a major maintenance formula in effect to maintain our buildings, and an adequate tax structure in place to continue improvement of our state and county roads. Any new state building or road project should be heavily scrutinized during our economic downturn.

Did not respond.

Q: Why should voters select you over your opponents?

I have served 12 years, have extensive knowledge of state government and a strong leadership position in the House. I work with/for everyone and try to find solutions, not promote ideology. I work hard to generate ideas and review legislation to ensure quality laws and accountability for taxpayers.

Did not respond.

Q: Do you support or oppose a ban on discrimination in housing and employment for LGBT Wyomingites? Why?

Yes. These protections already exist for every other minority.

Did not respond.

Q: What are your opinions about marijuana legalization, whether for medical or recreational use?

Legal for established medical need.
Decreased penalties for under 1 ounce
possession; no felony charge under
1 ounce possession.

Did not respond.

Q: Do you think marijuana possession should be decriminalized for small amounts?

No. We should reduce penalties to misdemeanors for small possession.

Did not respond.

Q: Describe your political views.

Western Libertarian Republican (live and let live mindset). Maximized freedom. Limited government. Common sense solutions. Responsible budgeting.

Did not respond.