

CD 18 Potential Nominee Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Timothy Butts

If you currently hold or have previously held public office, please list and describe those positions here.
Community council and school board- Wilkinsburg PA

Are you currently a resident of the 18th Congressional District?
No

If you live in CD18, how long have you resided there?
NA

If you are not currently a resident of CD18, which Congressional District do you reside, and how long have you lived there?
CD 9 ten years

Background, Education, and Qualifications

High School attended and date of graduation
Wilkinsburg High School, 1981

College attended, degree obtained, major, and year of graduation
Duquesne U. BS. business/Legal/infosys 1985

Graduate or other degrees obtained and year of graduation
University of Pittsburgh, Info System, Policy 1995

Any Board Certifications. If you are an attorney, please list the states in which you are admitted to the bar and years admitted.
Six Sigma, certified project management, AMIA Information systems professional, CPHIT, DPI, Health Information professional

What uniquely qualifies you to represent the constituents of CD18 as their Representative in Congress?
community coordinator in CD-18 on North MacGregor Way for eight years, Lay leader, mentor, TMCx TMCi champion of innovation, committed to an inclusive society. Tech leader. Successful as NAACP president, former TMCx and American Fed of Teachers regional advisor. Univ lecturer, Pct Chair, Deacon,

What is your best quality or attribute? What is your least favorable trait or working habit?
I am an excellent listener, an engaged communicator, and an accountable leader.

I am willing and tend to travel far and wide to get problems identified, and solutions accomplished

What prior elective office have you run for and what was the result?
City/borough Mayor: lost election, served on staff.
Council: won and served a term
Precinct chair: -won and served two years
NAACP President: won. served two year terms

Describe any community service you have been involved with over the past ten years.

Founded or led several non profits and funded STEM/AI and robotics education for community youth

Business mentor: developed tech talent pipeline and new jobs in tech industry

Rotary: - service project mentor to youth

National VP of BDPA (STEM and cyber mentor)

Academic mentor and tutor

Prayer warrior

Habitat for Humanity volunteer

Community food drive volunteer

Security volunteer

Public speaker re human rights

Suits for sons speaker and volunteer

Legal aide

community advocate for commercial loans

golf coach

basketball coach

Vacation bible school teacher

Affiliations, Tributes, and Awards

Are you a member of or affiliated with any professional organizations? Please list here.

NAACP,

NBMBA

National Medical Association

INROADS

United Way

BDPA

Have you held any leadership positions with those groups, and if so, what was your position?

President NAACP

Alumni President - INROADS

Community service hall of fame

Have you received any honors or recognitions that may be relevant to the positions of United States Representative? If so, please describe here.

Citizen of the year

Rotarian of the year

Scholar of the year

Philosophy and Issues

Should you become the Representative for CD18, what do you hope to accomplish during your first term in office? Before the completion of your service as a member of Congress?

cultivate federal resources and support the needs of community at large

If you are elected to this position, on which committee(s) of Congress would you most like to serve and why?

Appropriations - fair and equitable distribution of funds , foreign affairs committee, Homeland security- leverage my innovative tech and health skills, energy and commerce, transportation, commodity and digital assets.

In what way do you believe your individual philosophy may impact your service as a member of Congress?

I am a father and a businessman who is community focused. I will share my experiences in government, community leadership, as an educator, as an innovation funder

Why do you want to be a member of Congress?

Continue a great legacy diverse experience, business savvy, technology leader, communicator for community

In what ways do the principles of the Democratic Party inform or reflect your personal philosophy?

I believe, live, and breathe " community at large" values. I mind my own business, but I also work to maintain and build an economy that works for everyone. I believe health care is a right, diversity is a strength, and democracy is worth defending. I am a public servant. I pray for my fellow man, i am my brother's keeper; I serve, share, value, uplift, comfort, educate, and learn from others daily.

What are the three most important issues Congress must deal with and what is your proposal for doing so?

Education , healthcare, and innovative economic growth

How can Congress (with Presidential support) better and more humanely control illegal immigration across the Southern Border or elsewhere?

pass the bipartisan border security and foreign aid bill

What, if anything, should Congress do to restore and protect abortion rights and rights of reproductive autonomy?

Restore legislation and laws

Codify abortion rights laws at federal level

Educate people to respect the rights of others. We must respect the right to healthcare and our own bodies.

Don't penalize Doctors for trying to save lives

stop tracking and chasing women

Families should make private deceptions for their families

don't protect rapists and Pedophiles

What do you plan to do to protect and expand voting rights and protect the basic tenets of democracy?

continue to register people to vote by educating them on the importance of every single vote. Share the history of voting rights. work to make Election day a day of nation-building education

What policies and initiatives will you advocate to reduce student debt? What would be your approach to making higher education more affordable and accessible?

partnering with HISD and other schools to target the support of tax breaks? tax credits for low income families and tiered systems based on household income.

ask schools to sponsor community high school to close the achievement gap. embed STEM into middle and high school that boost the aptitude students performance. Have teachers help students write school applications and scholarship applications

What policies will you advocate to reduce poverty in our district? What are your strategies for economic development to lift individuals and families out of poverty?

TIRELESS policy development, such as :

Education

All students in low-income countries must have basic reading and writing skills, Studies link education to economic growth, and if all adults completed secondary education, poverty could be cut by more than half. Perspectives would be more optimistic and empowered.

Income

Enact policies to boost the minimum wage income of low-paid workers, and expand tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC).

Employment

Innovation jobs and policies that create good-paying jobs that meet family needs, and improve the unemployment insurance system.

Housing

Champion policies can help more households afford housing, and safe homeownership can help families build wealth. lobby and advocate for policies that address food insecurity, improve health coverage, strengthen pre-K and child care, and create a national paid leave program.

What can be done to lower the price of basic necessities such as food, shelter, healthcare, and other costs of living?

working with the government and companies to reduce costs of drugs, work with national purchasers alliance to create insurance plans with reduced deductibles, Value based healthcare. have all student lunches available for all students. alignment with Houston food bank to reduce and gamify school based after school credits to earn supplies, meals, supplies.

partner with local restaurants to do grants for suppers (or meals) and receive a tax break .

advertise the grants to make schools and communities inclusive (Gates Foundation for example)

Have an inventory or ready to eat meals

Create Houston school bank- pool recycled supplies and have a inventory of supplies.

have regular community think tanks for creative ideas for sustainability.

have end of day "extra hour" after school in house study and lunch or supper time available.

What is your view about the necessity (or lack thereof) for gun safety legislation and what proposals would you support (and which, if any, of them would you oppose)?

Smart gun laws start with an honest assessment of our current status. use factual facts as a baseline. require that gun owners are responsible citizens and respect human life. All gun owners should be registered and have a background check for future purchases of ammo and guns and accessories.

The U.S. has used foreign policy to fight inhumane practices abroad and also to further our security and economic interests. What goals should the U.S. be furthering through foreign policy, if any? What tools should the U.S. use in accomplishing those goals (i.e., economic sanctions, military intervention, etc.)?

economic sanctions should be primary,
military intervention is a known capability

How, specifically, do you plan to help the people of CD18?

see my answers above and also

.. study trends around the country to inspire innovation.
have gamification credits for community input
Set up and attend think tanks and virtual town halls for all ages.
award mentorship and shadowing programs
Bring more support via SBA and funders to enrich community development
Restore arts programs and create safe spaces to partner with police and families

What do you plan to make your signature issue as a member of Congress and how do you plan to address it?

Restore CIVICS classes to all of our schools. its a part of US citizenship course- why not have all citizens refreshed on this?.

Campaign Plans

How will you convince voters of CD18 to support you before November 5, 2024?

Guerrilla marketing, small group conversations, business and innovation tech reputation, visits to small groups, and houses of worship, patronizing businesses, 1:1 chats, town hall, meet and create grass roots coalitions

How will you support down-ballot Democratic candidates?

I will advocate for them, educate voters and join other candidates on the campaign trail

How much money do you expect to raise for your campaign?

110 million dollars

How do you plan to raise the amount of money you have indicated in the previous question?

public contributions, PAC, healthcare, science and research communities, and community based organizations

Democratic Credentials, Experience

When and why did you become a Democrat?

I am a lifelong Democrat.

Which Democrat in your lifetime has most impressed you and why?

Barack Obama. He shares similar grass-roots experiences and values . I met him in 2007 and had a great conversation . My son and I (and the Philadelphia Boys choir) sang for his campaigning event.

What involvement have you had in grassroots Democratic activities?

I have led successful bipartisan initiatives. I have been a lifelong grassroots worker , mobilizer, educator, precinct chair, councilman, mayoral candidate, football coach, track coach, teacher, deacon, student council president, HS music conductor, choir director, lecturer, father,

Have you ever been a Republican or voted in a Republican primary? If so, when and why did you become a Democrat?

I am a lifelong Democrat.

Is there anything else about your background, experience, philosophy, leadership qualities, or skills as a campaigner which you would like to bring to the attention of the Democratic precinct chairs of the 18th Congressional District of Texas?

I am one of them. I share their work ethic and values

Is there any other question which we have not asked you but which, in the interests of understanding why you would be the best person to succeed Sheila Jackson Lee, you would like to address?

I am a tireless worker! I am a genuine creator of spaces for the community at large. can work with executives and the homeless, and I have. I am a doer and will do it as a committed, equity focused, innovative, business rainmaker via relationships and collaborations. I am a part of the community that built the ION. we can use these practices at grassroots and executive levels. Lets create it together