

# 2010 candidate questionnaire

**NAME: Lisbeth “Liz” Carter**

**PARTY: Republican**

**SEEKING: U.S. Congress, 4<sup>th</sup> District**



## **Why are you seeking your office?**

As a business owner and executive with over 18 years in the private sector, I have had enough. Less than ten percent of our current congressional leadership has ever owned a business or balanced a multi-million dollar budget as I have. The issues that face our country today need to be approached with best business practices and common sense. We need an honest leader who has integrity and who will roll up her sleeves to work, build consensus and serve the people - I am that leader.

## **What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I expect to bring accountability to my fellow congressional leaders. Accountability means we stop and think about the full impact legislation will have on the economy and each citizen. It also means we work collectively for the people, instead of political party and special interest. It means we start to enforce our laws and policies. We must take on the hard issues and start developing complete solutions that include truthful implementation time lines, cost and benefit. We must make sure money is spent where it was intended. I also expect to work to unite my district and deliver incredible service.

## **What distinguishes your candidacy?**

Honesty, integrity and respect for process and law. Our government is complex, but when working properly, protects our nation and us. It was developed to have checks and balances. Americans are angry with leaders who do not read legislation and ignore constituents. Campaigning is a job interview - candidates should follow process and understand what the job entails. I am the candidate who read the FEC laws and followed them from day one. I am the candidate who read the healthcare bill and other legislation. I take the responsibility seriously and know what I will be working to improve.

## **What are the key issues in your race?**

District 4 is experiencing higher than average unemployment with more jobs leaving, an education crisis, immigration issues and our community is experiencing division.

Businesses and citizens are concerned about the cost and intrusion of our government into healthcare. We have an incredible diverse district with individuals concerned about the future of their children, due to the deficit and out of control spending.

**Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

Even before entering the race, I was sending ideas to our representatives to address escalating healthcare expenses and fraud. Our nation needs healthcare reform; it does not need more bureaucracy and expense. We must address the \$150 Billion in annual fraud in Medicare and Medicaid on the federal level. We can do so by implementing a health information technology system. We need Tort reform that includes professional court trials, where rulings are made on fact and not emotion. We need free market insurance solutions that drive premiums down, not government run competition.