



IMAN
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2024 Primary Election Voter Guide: Attorney General's Race



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Election Basics, FAQ, & Voter Guide Policy

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana
- You will be at least 18 years of age by the election date, **May 7, 2024**
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election
- You are registered to vote

What do I need to vote?

- A valid, government issued, photo ID.

Can I vote for Democrats and Republicans in the Primary Election?

- No, you must choose a party ballot for the Primary election. This will allow voters to choose the best candidate from either the Republican party or the Democrat party.

Can I write-in a candidate on my ballot?

- No, write-ins are not allowed in the Primary. If you choose to write-in a candidate on your ballot, your ballot will not be counted.

Can I choose an “uncommitted” option if I don’t agree with the candidate choices?

- Unfortunately, Indiana does not have an uncommitted option on the ballot. You can however, SKIP voting in a specific race, like the Presidential race, if you feel that you cannot vote for either candidate. You will still be able to vote in the rest of the races on your ballot.

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***Note for anyone who is considering running for a local office at any level:** Pull the party ballot of the party that you would run as yourself as a candidate. Parties (Democrats and Republicans) want to establish a vote history for anyone who wants to run for office to make sure anyone who runs on their ticket is invested in the party.

The following Voter Guide policy was shared with all candidates before receiving their responses:

- The Candidate Questionnaire was sent to all candidates from both the Democratic and the Republican party
- Candidates replies are printed without editing or verification
- Candidates are listed in no particular order



What to Know Before Going to the Polls

Who is on your ballot?

- Based on your address, you will have different candidates for specific Indiana House and Senate districts.
- Some candidates will be on everyone's ballots such as the President, Governor, and Attorney General.
- Use this guide to make an informed decision about your Indiana Attorney General's race based on their answers to a few questions about key parts of our community
- You can go to indianavoters.in.gov to find out:
 - What district you live in
 - Your closest early voting site, and election day voting site location
 - Voting site hours
 - Who will be on your ballot or a "sample ballot"
 - Check your voter registration status



Democrat and Republican Candidates for Attorney General

Todd Rokita (R)
No response received by deadline

Destiny Wells (D)

Beth White (D)
No response received by deadline



Questions Sent to Attorney General Candidates

1. **Qualifications:** Why do you believe you are qualified to be the next Attorney General of Indiana?
2. **Priorities:** In a few words/bullet points, what are your top three campaign priorities?
3. **Islamophobia:** In the most recent months after October 7th, we've seen a rise in Islamophobia and antisemitism around the country. How do you plan to address these sentiments if elected?
4. **Free Speech:** This legislative session we saw HB 1002 pass through the House, become amended in the Senate, before the Governor vetoed, and instead passed original language as a Proclamation. This bill sought to define antisemitism by using the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism. This definition was accompanied by 11 examples of contemporary antisemitism, where 7 out of these 11 examples defined certain criticisms of Israel and its policies as antisemitic. This created cause for free speech concerns and the Senate amendments rectified IMAN's free speech issues. Though the Governor's Proclamations do not hold the same weight as the law, IMAN and our constituents are still concerned about the free speech aspect of this action after the Proclamation disregarded the compromise made on this bill by the IGA. **How will you commit to protecting freedom of speech in schools and college campuses, especially if we see another version of this bill proposed in next year's legislature?**





Destiny Wells

Democrat

Qualifications:

My life's path has been rich with diverse experiences, notably including serving in combat in Afghanistan. These firsthand encounters have deeply ingrained in me a sense of duty and a profound appreciation for the importance of upholding justice and safeguarding the rights of all individuals.

Moreover, my extensive travels and time spent living abroad have broadened my perspective, fostering a deep inclusivity toward people of various races, cultures, and religions. Recognizing the significance of diversity, I am committed to ensuring that every voice is heard and represented within the legal system.

My professional journey, encompassing roles such as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and various legal positions like Indiana Deputy Attorney General, has equipped me with the requisite skills and knowledge to effectively lead the Attorney General's office. While working under Curtis Hill's administration, I knew I could make the office a better place for both its employees and the clients it supports. My dedication lies in serving the people of Indiana, steering the office toward benefiting the community rather than serving personal or partisan interests.

Furthermore, my campaign priorities underscore my unwavering commitment to addressing critical issues facing Indiana residents, from safeguarding medical privacy to championing workers' rights and upholding ethical standards. By proposing innovative solutions and fostering collaboration with state agencies and local law enforcement, I am resolute in my pursuit of positive change for Indiana.

Despite the inherent challenges of running as a Democrat in a historically Republican state, I remain steadfast in my belief in the potential for meaningful impact. Backed by a strong legal background, a firm dedication to public service, and a clear vision for the future, I am fully prepared to step into the role of Indiana's next Attorney General.

Priorities:

- Women's Reproductive Health and Medical Privacy
- Protecting Workers Rights
- Restoring Integrity to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General



Destiny Wells

Democrat

Islamophobia:

To effectively combat Islamophobia and antisemitism, we need a comprehensive strategy that combines education, stronger laws, and enforcing existing ones. As Attorney General, I would focus on these key areas:

1. Building Understanding: We'll partner with community organizations already doing the work to enhance the existing outreach and provide the legal community with resources to promote acceptance, mutual respect, and appreciation for all religions and cultures. Think workshops, talks, and community events aimed at breaking down stereotypes and encouraging open conversation.
2. Strengthening the Law: I'll champion legislation that toughens hate crime laws and ensures those who commit Islamophobic or antisemitic acts face serious consequences. We will do this while also upholding the principles of free speech. This means working with lawmakers to pass bills that specifically address religious bias as a motivator for hate crimes, but ensure they don't stifle open and honest conversation.
3. Enforcement and Support: We'll make sure law enforcement has the training they need to identify and investigate Islamophobia and antisemitism. This might involve collaborating with local police to establish clear procedures for responding to hate crimes. Additionally, the Attorney General's office will be a resource for legal action against those who promote hate speech or religious discrimination. This includes offering legal guidance to victims and advocating for justice in religious discrimination cases.
4. Community Collaboration: We'll build partnerships with faith leaders and community organizations to show solidarity and support for those targeted by Islamophobia and antisemitism. We'll also encourage reporting of hate crimes and provide resources to help victims.





Destiny Wells

Democrat

Free Speech:

Protecting freedom of speech is essential in any democratic society, especially on educational campuses where diverse viewpoints should be encouraged and respected. While the intention behind bills like HB 1002 may be to combat antisemitism, it's crucial to ensure that any legislation doesn't inadvertently restrict legitimate criticism or expression of political opinions.

Moving forward, it's essential to engage in open dialogue and collaboration to draft legislation that effectively addresses concerns about antisemitism while also safeguarding free speech rights. This could involve working with stakeholders to develop language distinguishing between hateful speech and legitimate criticism, ensuring that the latter is not unfairly targeted or suppressed.

If a similar bill is proposed, I commit to advocating for amendments that protect freedom of speech, whether that involves clarifying language or adding explicit safeguards against the suppression of legitimate political expression. Additionally, I will promote education and awareness about the importance of free speech rights on campuses and in society.





Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network and IMAN Advocates, strive to provide an organized, educated, and amplified Muslim political voice, advocating for positive civic and political changes in the state of Indiana.

Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network and IMAN Advocates urges all Muslims registered to vote, to vote by **May 7th, 2024.**

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