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Please answer the following yes or not. If you would like to explain further than space allows, do so in an attachment:

Have you declared bankruptcy? No

Have you ever been arrested for a felony? No

Have you held public office before? I was elected Mayor of the City of Montgomery in 1999, and am currently serving my third term.

Have you sought public office before unsuccessfully? No

If you are an attorney, have you ever been censured by the bar or court? No

At any time in the past 10 years has there been a tax lien against you or your spouse or a business owned by you or your spouse? No

Have you ever been censured or fined by the state Ethics Commission? No

Do you or a member of your immediate family or a business with which any of you are connected do business with the governmental body you seek to represent? No

1. What makes you the best candidate for this office? Please be specific.

Experience. As Mayor, I have faced many challenges and with the help of many good citizens, found creative solutions to bring prosperity and economic growth to Montgomery and the river region. We have revitalized our downtown; brought thousands of good paying jobs; boosted tourism; brought quality entertainment for our families; protected our military jobs; among other successes.

I am the only candidate who is making a meaningful commitment to rise above partisan bickering to put America first. I am committed to put party politics in the back seat and reach across the aisle to make things happen for the District and our nation.

I will be a strong independent voice answering to the good hardworking people of District 2. I am a product of this district living the first half of my life in rural Dale County and the latter in Montgomery. My values are the values of the people of District 2; and I will take those values to Washington.

I stand for a strong military defense and will fight to protect the military strength and jobs at Maxwell/Gunter and Fort Rucker. As the son of a sharecropper, I understand the importance of the family farms and will be dedicated to the needs of our farmers. I will be steadfast in the effort to secure our borders and remain opposed to amnesty for illegal immigrants. I am pro life and support gun owners' rights. I am a southern conservative who will take a strong voice of reason and common sense to Washington.

2. What do you see as the biggest issue facing the office that you are seeking, and how would you specifically address it if elected?

The economy. All across Alabama and America, people are feeling the effects of rising cost of gas, housing and healthcare. What we need is a member of Congress who will be a bold voice for Alabama's working families. I am going to do just that. Wasteful spending is out of control in Washington. This has resulted in record budget deficits. Our national debt is around \$9 trillion. That's a bill our children and grandchildren will be left to pay. As mayor, I have balanced the City's budget every year and been able to set aside over \$30 million in a rainy date account. I know how to eliminate waste and will do that in Congress.

I support an economic plan that puts America first by bringing opportunity and fiscal security to all and making America competitive in a world economy. When elected I will work to:

- Bring good high paying jobs to District 2;
- Build a skilled workforce in science, engineering, and information technology;
- Make college affordable for families;
- Make healthcare more accessible and affordable;
- Make home ownership more affordable;
- Achieve energy independence;
- End tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas and invest in high paying, knowledge-based jobs in Alabama.

Alabama's working families deserve real tax relief that puts more money back in their pockets – not more giveaways for big corporations and millionaires.

3. What do you see as the second biggest issue facing the office that you are seeking, and how would you specifically address it if elected?

The Iraq War. I strongly support our troops and am so proud of the men and women who have served our country heroically. They have done everything we have asked of them. We are in the sixth year of this war. There have been over 4,000 American lives lost and we have spent over half a trillion dollars. We must require the Iraqi government to take immediate steps to assume their rightful role as a sovereign nation. As long as they are allowed to remain dependent on us with an open-ended commitment to stay by the United States, it will be more difficult to formulate a plan for our departure. I support a responsible plan that will bring our troops home with dignity and honor. Any further resources which our nation spends for the defense and rebuilding of Iraq should be in the form of a loan secured by the vast petroleum resources owned and controlled by the Iraqi government. Our economy is being significantly impacted by the cost of this war. We need those dollars here in America.

The war in Iraq has had a serious impact on our military and our brave men and women deserve all the support possible. All activities of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) should be limited until the war is ended. The capabilities of our military should not be reduced or compromised during wartime. In Congress, I will be steadfast in my support for rebuilding and strengthening our military.

