



Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

MARK SULLIVAN – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/District 3

Age: 63

Hometown: Doniphan, NE

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years in Current Office: N/A

Congressional Committees on which you serve:

N/A

Education: Doniphan High School, Nebraska Air National Guard (6 years)

Prior Public Offices Held: None

Political Heroes: George Norris, Harry Truman, Teddy Roosevelt

1. There's been a great deal of debate concerning the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Why is it, or is it not, a good program for Americans?

The ACA is certainly flawed and the rollout was poorly executed. But we need affordable health care for everyone. Congress needs to get to work and fix the parts that don't work well and keep those that do – especially coverage for pre-existing conditions.

2. What would you say is a fair and reasonable policy toward illegal immigration in this country?

I believe we must enact a comprehensive immigration bill. We can tighten the border and at the same time streamline legal admissions to provide a reasonable timeline for admittance. Illegals should be allowed a path to citizenship after proving they hold productive jobs and are law-abiding.

3. Since September 11, 2001, our nation has made public safety from terrorism a high priority. Have we achieved a sustainable level of public safety or are more steps necessary to protect public safety?

We have been reasonably successful at preventing attacks. Recent revelations about NSA eavesdropping make us think about what price of privacy and freedom we will pay to ensure our safety. Perhaps the price of freedom is worth some risks?



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4. As we witness the current unrest in places like Syria, Iraq and the Ukraine, America must decide the nature and depth of our involvement in foreign affairs. What parameters should guide us in making those decisions?

We always must respond to a direct attack. Our involvement in foreign conflicts should be restricted to our own national interests. If we try to aid nations with civil wars and internal terrorism we should enlist the help and strength of our NATO partners, the U.N. the Arab League and all of the civilized nations.

5. Many young people only have a general understanding of the dynamics of politics and elective government. What steps could and should be taken to help people appreciate their freedoms and encourage them to become civic-minded adults?

I applaud the Secretary of State's office for this project to help educate students. Education all through high school should include civics and history, of course. I would encourage young people to read and watch many sources of news and information, especially opinion or editorial comments.