

Maternal Mortality Candidate Questionnaire

This form has been created to address your candidate's stance on maternal mortality. There are five sections of the questionnaire, with a total of 16 questions. It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Please fill out the form as completely as possible to outline the knowledge, beliefs, actions and future plans of your candidate regarding the public health issue of maternal mortality. Responses will be made public on our website. Please complete the questionnaire by September 18, 2020.

Candidate first and last name *

Rik Mehta

What race (election) and/or district is your candidate running for? *

U.S. Senate

What are the city and state of your campaign headquarters? *

Chester, NJ

Who is the best contact for the campaign? (Name, phone, email) *

Rich Castaldo, 718-717-3958, rich@rikfornj.com

Knowledge and Awareness of Maternal Mortality

Please complete to the best of your ability.

Is your candidate aware of public health initiatives to address maternal mortality in their state?

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- Yes
- No
- No position

What is your candidate's level of knowledge about maternal mortality in their state? Please respond on a scale of 1-5, with 1 = no knowledge to 5 = very knowledgeable about this issue. *

- 1 - No knowledge about issue
- 2 - Limited knowledge about issue
- 3 - Some knowledge about issue
- 4 - Knowledgeable about issue
- 5 - Very knowledgeable about issue

Support of Maternal Mortality Initiatives

Please complete to the best of your ability.

Does your candidate support legislation related to addressing maternal mortality health disparities? *

- Yes
- No
- No position

How is your candidate supporting maternal morality in their state? Provide any additional information about their current support for this public health issue.

Dr. Mehta's story is like a lot of people in New Jersey. Humble beginnings. Hard work. And a belief that the American Dream is available to anyone willing to chase it. His father legally immigrated here 50 years ago with only a \$100 in his pocket while his mother worked two jobs and managed the household. Through grit and perseverance, Rik achieved two doctoral degrees (pharmacist and law), joined the FDA as a Consumer Safety Officer to fight the unapproved opioid scourge, started 3 successful companies in the private sector, took an academic appointment as a health law professor and is now the nominee for U.S. Senate. Rik was also the Senior Deputy Director of the Department of Health in DC where he worked as a public health executive and a member of the task force addressing the maternal and infant mortality rates in the District. In the U.S. Senate, Rik will be focused on legislation to create actionable steps to stop the determinants of infant/maternal mortality.

Actions Taken in Support of Maternal Mortality Initiatives

Please fill out to the best of your ability.

Has your candidate addressed maternal mortality in their campaign platform or do they plan to do so in the future? *

- Yes
- No
- No position

If your candidate has addressed maternal mortality in their campaign platform, please provide link to campaign platform page.

<https://www.rikfornj.com/issues>

Has your candidate made a public statement about maternal mortality? *

- Yes
- No
- Not yet, but we are planning to.

If your candidate has made a public statement about maternal mortality, please provide a link to the statement.

Has your candidate voted in favor of maternal mortality related bills or public health measures in their current role or past positions? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

If your candidate has voted in favor of maternal mortality bills or measures, please provide applicable link(s).

<https://doh.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/DC%20Board%20of%20Medicine%20Physician%20and%20Physician%20Assistant%20Workforce%20Capacity%20Report%203.0%20-%202015%20dec12.pdf>

Future Plans and Actions

Please complete to the best of your ability.

If elected, will your candidate support policies that address the maternal mortality rates in their state? *

- Yes
- No
- No Position/Unsure

Is there anything else you would like to add about your candidate's support of policies aimed at addressing maternal mortality rates?

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