

John Daniel answers to DC4D questionnaire

1. What in your background and experience qualifies you to serve in this office?

From a very humble beginning, i managed to start a few companies out of nothing at a very young age, which grew to successful businesses, that managed to grow with no loss, and have a few exists. I work, and do business around the globe, and see the amazing opportunities that our district can have with the right leadership. I am very appreciative for the opportunities that this country and people have giving me, and i want to give back!

2. What particular skills do you bring to the job that would complement those currently or previously serving in this position?

Managing number of businesses, I learned how to bring people together from different walks of life and economic backgrounds. Having them work side by side, taught me that anything is possible if you have common goals. I want to bring that experience to the Senate seat. It doesn't matter how or where you were raised. When we have a shared interest in our case DC Statehood, we can all be very successful to move the needle forward much, much faster, with very promising results.

3. What motivates you to want to serve in this office?

What motivates me, is that DC is the only place in the US that does not have a say in any major policy. It bugs me that a politician from a different state has more power to dictate on how DC residents should live than a DC resident. I was really motivated a few years ago for example when the government shut down because of Congress, and DC residents suffered. I say NEVER AGAIN! It shouldn't be government for the people, unless its DC residents! We should be the ones, who get to decide if we want to shut them down!

4. What have you done to date to promote statehood for the people of the District of Columbia?

I have been going to gatherings, debates, talking to DC residents, educating myself on what has been done so far, and where can we potentially add more power to the DC Statehood Coalition.

5. If elected, what would you propose to do in the short term to build momentum for the movement for statehood?

I believe that we need to have a peaceful, massive rallies around DC that cannot be for one or two days. It should go on, until we get Statehood. It should be around the Capitol, and White House. I understand that people have jobs, and need to make a living. But with good organization, we can distribute turns, and duties. We need to have heavy nationwide coverage that will get other districts, states, understand that this is not fair. Along with a major marketing campaign that will engage outside voters to put pressure on their elected leaders in congress to feel our struggle.

6. Does the Shadow Delegation have any responsibility to educate those outside the District as to why they should support statehood for the District? If so, how would you propose to do so?

Of course. A big rally that should have nationwide coverage, will put pressure on elected leaders to act.

We need to involve more of DC private sector companies, organizations, to be more involved and help out with advertisement, and marketing campaigns. Our marketing campaign should be along the lines of "How would you feel, if you don't have a vote?" or "One more vote can change the world?"

7. The Shadow Delegation receives no pay and controls very limited resources currently. How would you propose to operate under these circumstances?

Involving more of DC private sector companies, organizations, to be more involved and help out with advertisement, and marketing campaigns. With good organization, we can take turns and duties, in the rallies. We cannot take our grip off, not now!

8. What, if anything, would you propose to do about the current budget for the Shadow Delegation?

I dont want to count on Federal budget in the future. We can and we need to get the people involved around the Statehood issue. The Senate seat should be a model for the nation. I believe it should be part-time, non paid by the FED, and with a 2 term limit. That will bring new confidence in elected officials. If i do not bring Statehood in my first term, i will and should not run for re-election.

9. What strategy or strategies do you believe offer the greatest chance of success in the fight for statehood?

Best strategy is to have a serious, continuous, national coverage with massive rallies along a smart marketing campaign that will touch hearts of the American people. We need to make this a center issue, that people can understand, that we pay the same taxes they do, but we do not get a say in policy as they do. I believe that most Americans are fair, and they will come to our defense!