

# 350 Action 2019 Candidate Questionnaire

## Kara Eastman

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### About You

**Your Name:** Kara Eastman (NE 04)

**What office are you running for, and as which party?:** *US Congress NE-04*

### Policy Positions

**Do you support a Green New Deal that ends fossil fuels and provides an immediate and just transition to 100% renewable energy? Explain what that means to you.**

Yes! Climate change is our number one national security threat and we must act immediately.

**How will you center racial, economic and social justice in your climate policies?**

I have worked in the field of environmental justice for 13 years, in the field of children's environmental health. I also believe that economic equity should be a cornerstone for development in economically hard-hit areas.

**Do you support a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure, including pipelines, fracked gas and oil, compressor stations and coal power plants? Please tell us with specifics what you'd do, if elected to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and keep fossil fuels in the ground?**

Yes, I will be a leader in this issue. We must transform our economy to end fossil fuel use and I will partner with allies in Congress, nonprofits, and business to ensure this happens.

**Do you support investigation of the fossil fuel industry's role in causing climate change, blocking climate action, and misleading the public? If so, do you have plans for a process to hold the industry financially accountable for that role and related harms?**

Yes, I will support legislation holding the fossil fuel industry accountable for their lies and obfuscation.

**Do you pledge to reject any contributions from the fossil fuel industry, as defined by the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"?**

Yes

**Do you support plans to create an immigration policy that allows a path to citizenship for undocumented people?**

Yes. My campaign Field Director is a DREAMer and she attended yesterday's Supreme Court DACA hearing. You can read my press release on this issue on our Facebook page.

**What are your specific plans on addressing the refugees and other migrants at the US borders?**

I visited the border three months ago with my brother, a federal immigration court interpreter, to bear witness to what is going on. I feel like I can be a leader on this issue.

**How do you see climate change impacting mass migrations and what are your plans to address the increase in refugees as a result of the climate crisis?**

I agree that this is a crisis, which is why we need to work with our international allies to increase our support for climate refugees.

**What are your plans for criminal justice reform?**

I have spent my career fighting for racial and social justice, working in blighted communities, and running nonprofit organizations that center on empowering communities of color. In Omaha, I have focused my work on jobs creation and economic and community development, specifically in North and South Omaha. In Congress, I will work to repair the systemic inequalities people of color face in our district. This includes focusing on economic inequality, access to reliable transportation, healthy, affordable housing, debt-free education, and workforce development. This will also include reforming our criminal justice system by ending the school to prison pipeline, through bail reform and by the decriminalization of marijuana.

**Do you support a worker's right to unionize?**

Yes.

**Do you support a \$15/hour minimum wage?**

Yes.

**How do you plan to address the resurgence of white supremacy in the public discourse? Please tell us your plan to respond to white nationalist terrorist acts in this country?**

Yes, this is a huge problem. We must call out and punish purveyors of white nationalism and hold accountable their enablers, including social media.

**What is your plan to reduce gun violence and mass shootings?**

As a mom, I am outraged by the lack of movement we have seen in the country on this issue. Groups like the NRA have commandeered the discussion. This is a public health menace, and the common-sense solutions are supported by 85 to 90% of Americans. Universal background checks, mandatory waiting periods, smart technology, age requirements, and a ban on the sale of weapons of war would help ensure our children are not gunned down in their schools or playgrounds.

**Do you support the payment of reparations and/or related structural adjustment to remunerate the descendants of enslaved African Americans to addressing America's history of codified and systemic racism?**

I think we need to invest in housing, health, education and economic development (including infrastructure) to help address the massive economic disparities between whites and African-Americans. I do not believe the best approach is direct payments.

**Do you support the return of unceded lands and territory or related royalties to Indigenous Populations as a form of redress for America's history of codified and systemic racism?**

I believe there are major economic opportunities we can encourage to empower Indigenous Populations, such as regenerative agriculture. I have not researched the issue of returning unceded lands.

**Do you support Medicare for All?**

Yes.

**Do you support a woman's right to choose?**

Yes

**Race:**

White

**Gender:**

Female