

APPENDIX A - Declaration of Intent to Apply for House of Delegates District 5

Republican Central Committee of Carroll County Declaration of Intent to Apply for House of Delegates District 5

I, Joseph Burns, Jr., residing at [REDACTED] Westminster, Maryland 21157
(Print or type name) (Address, City)

Hereby declare my application for House of Delegates District 5. It is my wish that the Carroll County Republican Central Committee (hereinafter "CCRCC") consider me as a candidate to fill the vacancy.

By signing this declaration, I certify that I meet all the constitutional eligibility requirements to serve as the Delegate for District 5. I acknowledge that the CCRCC will release my name as a declared candidate and my answers to the attached questions.

In addition, I acknowledge the CCRCC, its members, officers, and persons affiliated therewith will not be liable for any other damages incurred by myself or any other party as a result of my application for the House of Delegates District 5 vacancy.

Joseph F. Burns, Jr.
Applicant's Signature

February 21, 2015
Date

APPENDIX B - Applicant Questionnaire for District 5 Delegate Vacancy

PART I: COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please list all community and civic organizations (e.g., community associations, political clubs, religious organizations, etc.) in which you are currently or have been involved during the last five years. List any offices held in such organizations and dates. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- 1. Carroll County Republican Central Committee - Former Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, Committee Representative for two State By-Law Committees. 22+ year County Voter Registration Campaign Leader, Organizer, Staffer, on multiple carnival schedule season. Organized and staffed election poll sign crew. Organized & promoted various petition ballot signature drives, for ballot issues.**
- 2. Multiple terms State GOP Carroll County delegate. Very active at all by-annual conventions, organized presentation of 1st revised By-Laws to the convention, and defense of County & Party positions, plus officer ejections at various State conventions.**

3. South Carroll Republican Club - Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, for multiple terms for each office. By-Law Committee Chairman, Multiple event Chairman of annual Ol' Glory Days fundraiser/dinners.
4. C-3 Organization - Assisted with creation of independent group dedicated to bringing additional candidate and voter information to the general public.
5. Cub Scout Pack #321 - Long term Pack Cubmaster and Committee member. Organized membership campaigns, parades, Halloween floats, Cub Scout Memorial and fundraiser, 'Scouting for Food' campaigns, 'Wounded Soldier' Christmas drives, Mother's Day Spaghetti dinners, both Pack & District Pinewood Derby races, Blue & Gold dinners, Pack movie nights, Space Derby races, and Raingutter Regattas.
6. Boy Scout Troop #321 - Troop Committee member, merit badge counselor for Rife, Shotgun and First Aid badges. Assisted with Klondike Derby cooking, organizing, transportation, and support staff.

PART II: PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS AND PUBLIC OFFICES

Have you ever run for public office or held public office? (For each public office for which you have previously run, please state the office, date of campaign, political party, if any, and outcome of election; attach additional sheets if necessary).

1. Carroll County Republican Central Committee - Member for 2 full and 1 partial terms. Appointed for opening for one term as replacement, Elected for two full terms, serving for total of 11+ years.
2. Carroll County Clerk of the Court - Lost.

If you have previously run for county and/or state elective office in Maryland, do you currently have a candidate committee and campaign account? (If yes, please state the approximate balance of your campaign account).

No.

PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please state your major professional and or personal accomplishments. Confine your response to 250 words or less.

In general, please refer to my political resume.

However, some of the highlights I am most proud of would be as follows:

1. Organized and managed the Voter Registration carnival efforts in Carroll for 22+ years, meeting and getting citizens involved, registered to vote, plus educating many as to their responsibilities and duty to vote! Building awareness of these points in our citizens.
2. Assisting the Westminster Owl Band Boosters in raising funds, running their Orioles Stand fundraiser program, to represent Maryland at the 72nd Pearl Harbor Memorial event.
3. Serving on and with the Carroll Central Committee, on behalf of the citizens here, representing their interests, as a local elected official.
4. Serving as a Pack Cubmaster, educating and teaching young boys with the skills and information, and guidance they need, as they grow up into young adults.

5. Serving in a variety of positions as a Maryland Jaycee, raising money for various projects, assisting with the 'Needy Kids Christmas Party, 'Ident-A-Kid' photo I/d events, Westminster Fireworks projects, their many Luxury Banquets, and other similar projects.
6. Serving on the first State GOP By-Laws Committee, responsible for a comprehensive updated rewrite of these, plus presenting these to, and detailing all changes for passage at convention.
7. Standing up in defense of the State County Central Committees on two separate occasions, beating back against overwhelming odds, by filibuster and parliamentary expertise; putting together a small dedicated team of representatives, to preserve justice, integrity, and the independence of individual county central committees.

Please state your major political accomplishments. Confine your response to 250 words or less.

A small sampling of some political accomplishments would be as follows:

1. Ran security staff, field investigations, and partially the Sauerbrey voter fraud investigation
2. Assistance with various national, state, and local campaigns, with campaign strategy, P/R, volunteer co-ordination, fundraising, signs, poll organization, etc.
3. Assisting with all levels and details involved with the '1988 Question #3 Gun Ban campaign.
4. Helping organize our first large 'Pro-Gun Rally' in Annapolis.
5. Helping organize our large 'Second Amendment Rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.
6. Working with mainly the younger students interested in participating as new voters.
7. Establishing first Baltimore City voter registration event held at Fells Point Festival.
8. Created and ran the 'Joe Curran Memorial 4 Gun Raffle' in conjunction with the Carroll County Gun Raffle, garnering national and international press attention.

PART IV: DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE VACANCY

Please state why you wish to serve as the Maryland House of Delegates for District 5. Confine your response to 500 words or less.

Carroll County needs effective and steadfast representation in Annapolis, not just for county issues, but also for those items in the best long term benefit for Maryland. I enjoy an intense interest and long term expertise with many types of legal and legislative issues over many years, with a track record of consistently getting things accomplished, on multiple levels, especially when the odds are long, or a beneficial solution is not readily apparent.

Additionally, with some of the various divisions and personality conflicts occurring, or likely to continue occurring, both in Carroll and Annapolis, I believe I am uniquely gifted and talented enough to pull multiple sides together in the interests of accomplishing progress for the greater good of all our citizens. I am practical enough to find proper solutions, skilled in locating answers, and yet tenacious enough, and to fight for the correct resolutions.

If appointed as the Maryland Delegate for District 5, do you intend to run for election to the office of Maryland House of Delegates for District 5 in 2018?

At present, Yes, I would!

PART V: PARTY AFFILIATION

Have you ever held a different party affiliation (e.g., if you were previously a Democrat or Independent, but are now a Republican, please state as such and provide details about when you changed your party affiliation)?

When I first registered to vote, many, many years ago, I had registered as a Democrat, because my parents were registered that way. Once I started working and paying my own taxes, I saw the error of my ways, and changed my registration to correct this! Plus, since registering to vote, I have never missed voting in any elections!

PART VI: BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Please answer "yes" or "no" to each of the questions below. For any questions to which your answer is "yes", please provide details on a separate sheet.

1. Have you ever been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of any criminal offense excluding minor traffic violations? No
2. Have you ever had a professional or business license suspended or revoked? No
3. Have you ever been a defendant to a civil or administrative proceeding? No
1. Have you ever filed a petition for personal bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11 or 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code? No
2. Do you have any outstanding judgments against you? No

PART VII: STANCE ON ISSUES

1. Please describe what you believe is the role of government.
All governments, local up to federal, are granted those powers which 'We the People' allow them to exercise in the interests of the common good, as outlined in both the U. S. and Maryland Constitutions. Of course, the best government, is that which is closest to the people they serve, is thus more representative, while at the same time, holding the various levels of government separate from intruding into other governmental jurisdictions, outside of, or expanding their own authority. In general, smaller government is better, plus while government almost always will not be better than the private sector in finding solutions, there are some functions which can only be handled, such as national defense issues, by government departments, while still being held answerable to an informed citizenry.
2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences.
In short, the economic strength of this county has always been demonstrated best, when governmental regulations and roadblocks are removed, allowing small businesses to evolve and expand. Trust in your citizens will always be proven beneficial.
3. What is your position on gun control and the Second Amendment?

As a longtime pro-gun advocate, lifetime NRA and Maryland State Association member, serious competitive high-power, smallbore, pistol and casual shotgun shooter, long term Junior Rifle Team coach, Match Director, Scouting rifle and shotgun Merit Badge counselor, plus having testified at various bill hearings many times in Annapolis, I believe my defense of our Rights under the Second Amendment are quite clear!

4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia?

Personally, I am opposed to both issues! As Ronald Reagan once observed, all those who had opinions concerning abortion, were already alive! The same holds true for euthanasia, on a slightly different note, as we all will die, but this is God's choice, and not ours to alter.

5. What is your position on taxes?

You have to pay them, but they should be just, small, equal in their division among citizens, with the spending of them both frugally handled and those doing so held strictly accountable to those citizens paying them! Not fostering any 'special tax categories' makes for a simpler, fairer, more easily understandable tax code, plus equal representation, and taxation, under the law! If a tax 'break' is good enough for one individual or segment, it is thus good enough for everyone to enjoy equally!

6. What is your position on common core?

I find no real use for such an unproven, speculative program. Our teachers, when unfettered by excessive rules, programs, and regulations, are quite capable of educating our young very well. We also will improve more as a society, if we reward and recognize the 'Steve Hawkins' types in the world, rather than holding the gifted children to the levels of those less talented. Help all, but lack of talent or competition only hurts the top students, and does not aid those who are not as talented!

7. How would you work to create jobs?

As a delegate, my direct ability to do so would be limited, unless I wished to hire more people to work for government, which we have too much of now. However, by working to reduce intrusion in, and unwarranted 'governmental solutions' for problems best resolved otherwise, this outlook would serve to create many more jobs, than any governmental policy ever could, plus help everyone equally, through a better economy, and lower taxes.

8. Please explain your position on Obamacare and healthcare in general?

'Obamacare' should be repealed. Healthcare in general is a function of the private healthcare providers, and insurers, which cannot be effectively managed or monitored by government. At best, they should work to eliminate the exceptions, such as the 'lack or transportability' of policies, than an unworkable plan to take choices out of citizens' hands!

9. What is your stance on converting from a commissioner form of government to a county executive form of government?

While there are potential benefits from both our current form of Commissioner government, and those possible under a charter form, I do not see where there are reasons for change necessary at present. Many of the complaints from those disliking our current form of government, in my observations, stem from some wanting to work less hard, and take an easier way out of working needed solutions through the present system, by just

changing to a new system. Like many things, we should consider the qualities of those being elected, being distinct from limitations inherent with the present system of government.