

**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, John W. Carver, III, residing at ██████████ Manchester MD 21102  
(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.

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Applicant's Signature

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.**

Speech Pathways Board Member (2010 to Present)  
Laila Rose Foundation – Advisory Board Member (2008-Present)  
Faith Outreach Chapel – Pastor (1994 to Present)  
Lansdowne High School Advisory Board  
Nightlight Christian Adoptions Advocate (2004 to Present)  
Team StrongHope.org - Board of Directors (2012 to Present)  
American Red Cross - Board of Directors (2013 to Present)  
Children's Cancer Foundation – Board of Directors (2013 to Present)  
Dave Wallace's Congressional Campaign – Treasurer (with substantial help from my wife)  
Million Dollar Round Table  
Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow

### **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).**

I have never run for public office.

### **PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

There have been several major accomplishments in my life. Growing up I had a severe stutter which kept me from being brave enough to go for my goals and dreams in life. In 1988 I was offered the opportunity to be hired into the Financial Services industry. I was terrified as I would have to speak to people all the time. This terror pushed me to take the chance of being laughed at, scorned and rejected as a result of my speech

impediment. As a result, and with lots of practice, the stutter is under control and I have been very successful in the Financial Services field.

In 1998, after nine years of trying to have children my wife and I decided on International Adoption. Since 1998, we have adopted six children from Russia and Belarus. The adoption journey has changed our lives.

Starting in 2007, while my youngest daughter Juliana was struggling with cancer for the first time, I started writing my first book (*Rising from the Hood-The Cure for America's Cities*) with the purpose of sharing the keys to rising above mediocrity and dependence on the government. Since then I have written three more books with the purpose of sharing the tools needed to achieve your goals and dreams in life.

Thousands of people, around the world, read my weekly inspirational email and my daily (or almost daily) Blog Talk Radio Show that I do online. The purpose is to share my knowledge and experience for others to stand on my shoulders.

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

Applying for the District 5 Seat will be my first launch into the political field. Politics has interested me for decades and I have very strong feelings in many areas.

#### **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.**

There is a Biblical story of Queen Esther when she was placed in a situation that challenged her to step up and make a difference in the face of some terrible consequences. Her uncle suggested that she was given the opportunity "for such a time as this." For decades I have studied and leveraged the wisdom of some very smart people. My Financial Services career has placed me in thousands of homes where I've witnessed both the best of worst of people's lives. Witnessing the struggles, hopes and pain of my fellow citizens has prompted me to step up to this opportunity to continue to make a positive difference in the lives of people. I believe no government is big enough to solve every problem but when done well it can alleviate many problems.

Serving as a Delegate extends my passion for serving others. This is true leadership at its core. Lifting others up has been my daily agenda for decades and would love to extend that servant-hood to Annapolis and the residents of Carroll County. I want to fight for people who think they have no voice and no one is listening. I strive to unlock the greatness in every, willing, individual and help build a foundation for them to grow.

Serving as Delegate will enable me to help influence the fact that government is supposed to work for the people and be driven by the people and people are not to be ruled by the government. My "WHY" is to be part of a dynamic team of fellow Republicans where one of my biggest jobs will be to listen to what is being said and what is not being said in order to serve those in the community. **More than 20,000 already read my inspirational articles in the Northern News several times a month.**

I feel my life journey has led me to influence thousands of people's lives, all over the world, and the position for which I am applying will enable me to extend that to a macro level and help bring back a system that encourages personal responsibility, creativity and a government that gets out of the way of its citizens so they can thrive.

Finally, I believe that the current "tax and spend" structure has to be overturned. I liken it to me going to the community and stealing all their credit cards, maxing them out and making them pay the bills. To me, it's robbery and it must be stopped. There is no excuse for our state government to pass laws that take money from my neighbors because they refuse to stop their wasteful spending.

**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? YES \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **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)? NO \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **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? YES \_\_\_\_\_**

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** – Government is be subservient to the citizens that it serves. For decades many governments have used a triangle as their method of ruling. That is, the few in political leadership being supported by the many at the bottom. In my view it should be an inverted triangle where the majority directs the actions of the few who serve in political positions. This is why listening to those I serve will be the foundation of my role if chosen to fill this seat. Government has instituted so many roadblocks to businesses that make it very difficult to thrive, hire more people and expand. Removing these road blocks is paramount to getting our economy growing. Government does not have all the answers.

2. **Please explain your economic views and major economic influences** – In order for our economy to grow there needs to be an expansion of the entrepreneurial spirit. This is how America was founded...by people with big ideas and a work ethic to make their inventions and ideas a reality. The economy is not to be driven by the government but should be driven by businesses, communities and by people.

The very foundation of a positive economic influence is the abundance of jobs. Jobs create tax revenue and revenue creates opportunities to continue the circle of progress. In conjunction with this idea there needs to be more focus on leveraging the talents and expertise of businesses in the area then sharing that information with the world which would, directly, drive revenue and encourage more hiring in communities in Carroll County.

It is, also, paramount that wasteful spending be stopped. If there is no “return on investment” I believe that it should be reconsidered. If a business were to spend its money like the government spends money, no business would keep its doors open.

3. **What is your position on gun control and the Second Amendment** – I am against gun control and would be very interested in Maryland becoming an “open carry” state. Gun Control encourages crime. It tells the criminals that, by the law of averages, the people they are targeting will not be armed. If Maryland would reduce the hoops for, law abiding, citizens to own and carry firearms the crime rate would drop tremendously because the criminals will be afraid of getting killed. If the government can restrict or eliminate the right of its citizens to bear arms they will have the power to overrun the will of the people at any time.

- 4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia** – I am TOTALLY AGAINST abortion and euthanasia. The baby, inside a mother's womb, is a unique human being with the same rights as a child already born. We owe it to those children to be able to be born and live a healthy life. Citizens in both the very early stage and very late stages of life deserve to be treated with the same dignity as those in every other stage of life.
- 5. What is your position on taxes** – Taxes are an essential part of keeping the "Government Machine" moving. There are, however, many times when the revenues from such taxes have been abused and not viewed as "the people's money." If taxes are kept reasonable there is more money in the economy to start and run businesses, buy products and services and enjoy the American Dream. The "Rain Tax" is one glaring example of the government over stepping its bounds to raises taxes.
- 6. What is your position on common core** – It needs to be REPEALED. Common Core is creating an environment where young people HATE school. If this is not changed soon that attitude will impact their entire lives. People, in my age range, were taught a system that made sense and has worked for generations. Common Core even confuses the educators. Once a generation of students is lost future generations pay the price. Education should be fun and set the stage for greatness in life. Common Core CRIPPLES that foundation.
- 7. How would you work to create jobs** – I would bring the brightest minds and business owners in for regular meetings to find out what they are trying to accomplish and find out ways that our government can **get out of their way**. Visiting with businesses will be a key part of my role. I would help create a database (if one doesn't exist already) illustrating the unique strengths that businesses have and how that can be leveraged for expansion which drives revenue.

Reducing the administrative process must be part of this solution. When a business owner tries to open or expand and the government makes them wait for bureaucratic nonsense it cripples communities which handicaps business owners from hiring. It's almost as if certain parts of this process are in place to protect a position or department. Why not streamline departments and make it easier to companies to expand and hire people. Also, I have zero tolerance for undocumented and illegal aliens from taking Maryland jobs from Marylanders.

8. **Please explain your position on Obamacare and healthcare in general** – It must be repealed. It terrifies me that the government is in charge of our healthcare and the IRS is in power to enforce it. Health Care should be open and be shared across state lines and the responsibility to get health insurance should be on the individual. My, personal, health insurance premiums have jumped from \$672 a month just a few years ago to over \$1050 a month after ObamaCare was implemented. Obamacare is a train wreck and many people are going to die as a result of it.
9. **What is your stance on converting from a commissioner form of government to a county executive form of government**

I believe the Commissioner form of Government is an ideal model of Executive Leadership. It is very difficult for a County Executive to maintain an “ear” to all the people’s needs while the current system allows for the people to be heard and served. In addition, the current system allows for synergy which leverages the entire team of Commissioner’s wisdom and experience. The Commissioner system provides for representation right in the local neighborhoods. The current system should not be replaced by a County Executive form of government.