

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, Kathryn Freed-Collier, residing at [REDACTED] New Windsor, Maryland 21776

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.

Kathryn Freed-Collier

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.

Carroll County Bar Association 2001-Present

Frederick County Bar Association 2014 -Present

Mission of Mercy 2014-Present

Carroll County Humane Society 2014-Present

Frederick County Humane Society 2014-Present

St Paul Methodist Church, New Windsor, Maryland

First Wives and Husband's Club Divorce Support Group, Founder, New Windsor, Maryland 2006-Present

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 successfully ran for City Council in Cross Roads, Texas in 1992. I was then elected Mayor Pro Tempore, Republican Party
I was unsuccessful in running for Maryland State Senate, District 4 on November 2, 2010.
Republican Party

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.

Nine months after the death of my husband, in 1996, I began law school. I have worked to help people with my practice, since I moved here, in 2001. During this time, I raised a wonderful daughter, as a single mother. These are my greatest accomplishments. The fact that I was able to continue to strive, during times of tragic loss, while remaining committed to the public welfare and my family is my greatest personal accomplishment.

Professionally, I have successfully maintained my own practice since 2001. The Law Office of Kathryn Freed-Collier is a solution-oriented, Maryland based law firm committed to achieving optimal results for our clients. We assist individuals with all aspects of divorce, separation, child custody and visitation. Additionally, the law practice specializes in cases involving: Federal Issues, Supreme Court Appeals, Business Law, Family Law, Child Custody, Collaborative Law, Mediation, Civil Rights, Employment Law, Labor Law, Elder Contingency Planning, Elder Advocacy, Child Advocacy, Animal Rights, Wills, Contracts, Torts, Administrative Law, and Criminal Law.

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

In 1993-94, I led a community action in Cross Roads, Texas to stop a four story toxic waste facility, owned by Century Environmental, from setting up on core property, next to Lake Dallas. It was clear that over time, the contaminates would seep into the lake and surrounding ranches. I organized a community group called "Concerned Citizens of Cross Roads Texas" to raise money for legal fees, and to oppose a disannexation that was designed to allow the aforesaid corporation to use a mined-out brick pit as the site for this facility. I organized a newsletter for information, and a central committee to implement the various methods we used to expose the plan and send Century Environmental out of our state.

I have worked on several campaigns for the former Congressman Roscoe Bartlett to get him re-elected.

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.

I have always believed in the good of people, and the need for loyalty. As a guidepost, I look to Philippians 2:3-4 which states "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also the interests of others." I wish to serve the people of Maryland to the best of my ability. I am committed to do my best. I believe that my talents as an attorney, businesswoman and mediator can be utilized by the legislature for the betterment of the people of this state. I have wide experience in many countries, and in different states, because I was raised in the US Air Force, as my father was a Chaplain. As a result, I tend to think outside of the box. I am looking for creative ideas to solve issues that have become clear. I can build a consensus, and work towards moving others to a more moderate position.

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. I am a Republican Party Member

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.

" I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts. "-- Abraham Lincoln, American president, 1861—1865. The role of government is to secure the rights of its citizens in their homes, businesses and environment. This government represents the will of the people.

2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences.

I prefer privately held banks, and publically owned currency. When we need to implement "austerity" in order to get ourselves out of a financial crisis, here, too, lies a gaping chasm between the language and the reality. "Austerity" is one of those Orwellian terms that has been injected into our political discourse precisely because it is a nice-sounding word for a very painful reality. "Austerity" implies discipline, self-restraint, even nobility. "Austerity" is prudent. "Austerity" is

modest. "Austerity" is a virtue. It is an end in itself. The economic amputation that "Austerity" offers will be excruciating. There are other options, but it requires new solutions. Forming a state bank can triage Maryland's weak economy. It is time to look for new ways to solve these serious problems. I firmly support the Governor's efforts to cut the taxes which he has found to be a barrier to developing Maryland business and jobs. There is a point where the taxation exceeds the benefit, and I believe the Governor is on the right track to cut the taxes that are most onerous.

3. What is your position on gun control and the Second Amendment.

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." — Jefferson's "Commonplace Book," 1774-1776 I agree that guns are not for people who are not law abiding, however, the right to protect oneself and one's family must allow for law abiding citizens to own firearms.

4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia.

I am pro-life, unless the mother will suffer serious medical repercussions, or the child is a product of sexual assault, or the child would represent a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the mother. The law must reflect the reality of society. Under the US Constitution, a woman has a right to privacy in this matter. As such, the state can only protect her privacy, and can only reasonably intrude on this private decision. However, I support the current law, as articulated by the Maryland Legislature. I do not support euthanasia, unless the person has no chance for recovery, his suffering exceeds his ability to continue to live, and at least three doctors and his primary physician agree that this person has no quality of life and no chance of recovery, and is unable to have brain functions.

5. What is your position on taxes.

I do not support taxing business and citizens to the point where it becomes an inhibition to growth, and causes a loss of economic growth, either for individuals or corporations. I am in complete agreement with the Governor as to his effort to cut taxes to encourage business to thrive in Maryland.

6. What is your position on common core

The essence of "Teaching" is the aspiration of human beings to better themselves and to better all of life on this globe, bringing it to a state of peace, harmony and oneness, wherein creativity flourishes. We should all be teachers, in some role. Common core is a new way of teaching. However, many parents and educators are withdrawing their children from schools which teach using this new discipline in order to home school them. I believe that technology has changed the educational needs of the youth. I am not convinced that common core is a productive way to meet this challenge. I am uncomfortable with the Federal government's intrusion on our local school curriculum or lunch menu. This is a province of the local district, and it is the needs of the local community that should dictate the school programs of this nature.

7. How would you work to create jobs.

Local business creates local jobs. The promotion of grassroots entrepreneurship is essential to long term growth. Additionally, the legislature must be aware of the hardships imposed by excessive taxation. While it is important to create jobs, it is also important to create security for the counties who welcome new business with tax abatements. It is imperative that companies who go off shore be held responsible to their abandoned communities to retrain and attempt to integrate the employees left behind when such a company uses the resources of the community, and then leaves it dry. Additionally, cutting onerous taxes will encourage business to thrive. Maryland should be business oriented, as it has the most educated populace on the Eastern seaboard. These talented citizens should be 100% employed and will be, if business finds a positive environment to grow.

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

In a saner world, health insurance would be something that individuals buy for themselves and their families, just as they do with auto insurance. Now, adding to the insanity, there is ObamaCare.

Every year, we negotiate a renewal to our health coverage. This year, our provider demanded a 28% increase in premiums—for a lesser plan. This is in part a tax increase that the federal government has co-opted insurance providers to collect. We had never faced an increase anywhere near this large; in each of the last two years, the increase was under 10%. To offset tax increases and steepening rises in health-insurance premiums, my company needs sustainably higher profits and sales—something unlikely in this "summer of recovery." We can't pass the additional costs onto our clients, because the market is too tight and we'd lose our client base. Only governments can raise prices repeatedly and pretend there will be no consequences. And even if the economic outlook were more encouraging, increasing revenues is always uncertain and expensive. As much as I might want to hire new people, and marketing staff in an effort to grow, I would be increasing my company's vulnerability to government decisions to raise taxes, to policies that make health insurance more expensive, and to the difficulties of this economic environment.

A life in business is filled with uncertainties, but I can be quite sure that every time I hire someone my obligations to the government go up. From where I sit, the message is unmistakable: Creating a new job carries a punishing price.

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

A county executive form of government is a double edged sword. I believe that Frederick County just underwent such a change. It is good to have a county executive, as it creates a professional job with specific necessary skills. A technocrat can often be aware of pitfalls of urban planning; however, sometimes it can become blind to the needs of the community, and inflict harm in attempting to correct errors. On the other hand, the commissioners are responsive to the local needs of the county and can hire experts to assist them. More than any form of government, what creates

good government is good men and women and their desire to put their community needs ahead of their own. A governmental function is only as good as the people tasked with implementation.