

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

**Republican Central Committee of Carroll County  
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I, Bret D. Grossnickle residing at ██████████ Union Bridge  
(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.

Bret D. Grossnickle 2-16-2015  
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.

Member - Plymouth Lodge #143 AF + AM  
Member - Littlestown Eagles  
Social member - Union Bridge VFW

## **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 was elected to the office of Town Councilman in 1987. I was re-elected three times, serving until the fall of 2002 when I was selected to finish the term of then Mayor Perry Jones after he was elected to County Commissioner. I was re-elected to the office of Mayor in 2003 and again in 2007. I currently sit on the Board of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Union Bridge. I was a registered Republican throughout.

**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).**

I ran for Delegate in 2010. I closed my committee and account shortly after the election.

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

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

My wife, Dawn, and I have been married for 29 years and have raised two sons to be excellent young men and productive members of the community. I have never been unemployed and have worked hard to become the Superintendent of Westminster's Water Treatment systems. I have served my community and wish to continue to do so.

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

As a Councilman and Mayor, I was part of and instrumental to the planning and completion of many improvement projects within the town. We replaced water mains, built a new water treatment plant and water storage tank, and replaced the water meters to better track our usage and compute water loss. We completed a Main Street improvement project and renewed several streets including sidewalks and water sevices. Most importantly, we did all this without bankrupting the Town and we balanced our budget each year.

**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 want to help. I want to be a part of returning Maryland to a place where people want to live and raise their children. A place where business and industry want to locate. A place that we can be proud to say we belong. I believe this can be accomplished with hard work and compromise by all involved. I have always been able to work with anyone I encountered and honestly believe I can help.

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)? I registered as Decline to Affiliate at age 18. I changed that to Republican shortly after being elected to my first term as Councilman.

#### **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
4. Have you ever filed a petition for personal bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11 or 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code? No
5. 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**
- 2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences**
- 3. What is your position on gun control and the Second Amendment**
- 4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia**
- 5. What is your position on taxes**
- 6. What is your position on common core**
- 7. How would you work to create jobs**
- 8. Please explain your position on Obamacare and healthcare in general**
- 9. What is your stance on converting from a commissioner form of government to a county executive form of government**

## Answers to Part VII: Stance on Issues

1. The role of government should be national defense, law and order, education and transportation. Some social spending will be necessary until we find a way to get everyone working again, but it should have a time limit on it. The best we can do for our State is to reverse the trend toward unemployment and welfare.
2. Free trade has always been a hallmark of American economic policy and should remain so. Having said that, we also need to become better at being Patriots. A lot of regulation has come about as a result of unchecked greed and the willingness to do whatever is necessary to succeed. True patriots are those that don't rape the land or its people for the betterment of their bottom line. We need leaders in government and industry that care for the American way of life and include the vision of a viable, sustainable future in their business models.
3. I fully support the Second Amendment. Gun control is nothing more than an end to a means, total control over the people. We are better than that.
4. I am personally against abortion except in cases involving rape, incest or when the health of the mother is at stake. It should never be used as another means of birth control. By euthanasia I assume you mean the killing of the elderly or those that may be classified as a burden to society? I am totally against that. Again, we are better than that.
5. Unfortunately taxes are a necessary evil. They should however be reasonable and used only for their intended purpose. It seems the larger the government the more wasteful it becomes. We created this and we can fix it. Fiscal responsibility should be a way of life, not a campaign slogan to be forgotten once elected.

6. Unfortunately I know very little about Common Core as my sons are grown. If its intent is to better prepare our children to compete in today's tough jobs market, then we should pursue it. If it is flawed we should make it better. If it is beyond repair we should throw it out and start over. I do believe it is a conversation worth having as our kids need to be better prepared for life's challenges.
7. Unless we can bring the manufacturing jobs lost overseas back to America, it will be impossible to find work for everyone. There are only so many "high tech" jobs to go around and we can only utilize a finite amount of doctors and lawyers. That brings us back to manufacturing. We have to find a way to compete with the lower wage of the foreign worker.
8. I think the jury is still out on the effects and or benefits of Obamacare. Like Common Core, it is a topic that must be addressed as we should do our best to take care of one another. If it's broke let's find a way to fix it instead of simply arguing against it. I don't believe healthcare is a "human right" as some do, but I do believe that a civilized society can find a way to see that everyone has access to it. The only "rights" we have are the ones we give to and fight to retain for ourselves.
9. I would support the county executive form of government. We have the talent in Carroll County to better rule ourselves.