

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, James L. McCarron, Jr., residing at [REDACTED] Taneytown, MD 21787
(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.

James L. McCarron Jr. 2/20/15
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.

- 1) Mayor, City of Taneytown, (term expires 5/15)
- 2) Member, Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Council (current)
- 3) Maryland Municipal League (MML), President '97-'98 Legislative Committee Chair ('02-'03), Communication Committee Chair ('99-'00) Legislative Committee (current)
- 4) Maryland Mayor's Association (MMA) (current)

- 5) Board of Trustee's Mother Seton School, (current, term expires 2016)
- 6) Appointed member (Gov. Ehrlich) Governor's Intergovernmental Committee on Agriculture (GICA), [Current from Gov. Ehrlich's term]
- 7) Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, (current) (City of Taneytown & Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group)
- 8) Taneytown Chamber of Commerce (current) (City of Taneytown)
- 9) Civil War Heritage Trust (current)
- 10) Bread for the World (current)
- 11) St Joseph's RC Church (current), (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Director, Liturgy Committee Chair, Lector, Extraordinary Minister)
- 12) MD Retailer's Association BOD, Legislative Committee Chair (3x) (through 2010)
- 13) Taneytown History Museum Docent (current)
- 14) Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) (current)
- 15) Financial Planners Association (FPA) (current)
- 16) Society of Certified Senior Advisors (CSA) (current)
- 17) Carroll County Association of Realtors (affiliate Member) (current)
- 18) Million Dollar Real Estate Professionals (MDREP) (affiliate member) (current)

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 been an elected official to the City of Taneytown's City Council since 1985 (unbroken service). I have successfully been elected for each (four year) term and have served as Councilman, Mayor *Pro Tem* and Mayor (two terms). City Council elections are held on a non-partisan basis but I am a registered Republican. I did run for Clerk of the Court in 2004 but lost to the incumbent.

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 currently have no candidate committee or campaign account.

PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

I am the husband of Myra (Halik) McCarron, married for 48 years. We have four wonderful and accomplished, grown children and ten grandchildren. This by far is my highest accomplishment.

I was employed by Southern State Co-operative upon graduation from the University of Maryland (College Park) and began a thirty-five year in the Co-operative's management serving farmers in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware. I held various positions during my tenure (Store Manager, Petroleum Supervisor, Field Sales Manager, Operations Supervisor, Area Credit Manager and District Manager). I took early retirement at age fifty-five. Upon retiring I entered the mortgage business as a broker, in partnership with my son. I branched into the reverse mortgage side of the business eleven years ago and have helped numerous seniors achieve a comfortable retirement. I am currently a licensed mortgage professional in Maryland Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. I am a Certified Senior Advisor. I operate a branch office of Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group in Taneytown.

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

I have served the citizens of Taneytown as Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor continually since 1985. I have been an active participant in local government serving on several county boards and committees during this time (i.e.: Solid Waste co-chair, Carroll County Recycling Committee, etc.) I have served on State boards on behalf of the Maryland Municipal League and have been active in this organization throughout the years. I have served as Carroll County Chapter President (3 terms) District Vice President (4 terms, District 11) I have served a State President ('97-'98) and chaired the Communications Committee and the Legislative Committee

I am the recipient of a *Governor's Citation*, recognizing my accomplishments on behalf of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). I have been awarded the *Louis L. Goldstein Service Award* from the Maryland Retailer's Association (MRA) for my contributions to that organization, the organization's highest honor. I have received the "Key to the City" from Ocean City, MD awarded by then Mayor Jim Mathias. (Senator)

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.

With much of my life spent serving our county as an elected official and active participant in local government affairs through my involvement in various municipal, county and state boards. I have come to appreciate the impact a focused effort on a particular topic can have. Further, my entire adult life has been spent in service to my church, community and industry. I am an involved and engaged citizen on every level. The experience I have gained during my lifetime is a highly valuable commodity. It is my desire to put it to work, for the benefit of the citizens of the Fifth District. I would say the experience I would bring as Delegate from the Fifth District would be unparalleled among the current applicants. The Fifth District is unique among the legislative districts of our State. We are fortunate to be strategically located to the nearby metropolitan areas of Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and the York, Harrisburg, Lancaster metroplex. We are unique because, despite ever increasing development pressure, past District/Local Government leader have preserved much our District's rural character. A life time serving farmers, through my association with Southern States Co-op has given me an important perspective on our agricultural economy and the special opportunities that industry presents. My thirty plus years, as an elected official has given me an appreciation for the role of government and how it impacts the lives of our citizens has instilled in me a sense of responsibility and accountability. My years as a small businessman and my active involvement in the Maryland Retailer's Association (MRA) Carroll County Association of Realtors (CCAR) and the Chamber of Commerce has provided me with first-hand knowledge of what it takes to be a successful small business person and aware of the challenges in dealing with a cumbersome and overburdened regulatory environment we find ourselves in this state.

I present myself as a highly qualified candidate for the Fifth District Delegate seat. My wide range of experience, my ability to relate to the needs of the District and my life time of service to my community present a candidate that will be intimately in touch of the needs, and citizens of our District. I thank you for your support.

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)? When I first was able to register to vote, I registered as a Republican. I became caretaker of my adult sister after my mother's passing (early 90's). My sister had epilepsy and was mentally challenged. She was "high functioning" and lived alone, but could not work because of her handicap and required SSI assistance. This was a time of the great "welfare reform" movement within the Republican Party. Negotiating these reforms caused great hardship to me (and my sister) in providing for her care. I became disgruntled with the Party, based on my perception that the tightening of social assistance rules and the resulting hardships were a result of Republican policies. I registered as a Democrat. My political persuasion has always been to the right of center. I tried to justify my affiliation by proclaiming my conservative (Jeffersonian) ideas to Democratic associates (my responses to the questions below illustrate my conservative mind set). All the while trying to convince myself there was still room in the Democratic Party for a conservative voice. This did not prove the case, however. As Ronald Reagan said: "I did not leave the Democratic Party the Party left me". I don't remember when I rejoined the Republican Party exactly, but I think it was 2005-2008. It is good to be home!

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:**
Government should serve the people based on the structure established by the US Constitution. The government should be much less intrusive than it has grown to be. I prescribe to the adage "Less government is the best government"
2. **Please explain your economic views and major economic influences:**
Our country was founded on a capitalist/free enterprise system and is has provided a standard of living unparalleled anywhere in the world. Free enterprise, the ability for any citizen to accomplish whatever they desire by hard work and ingenuity is the American Dream that still may be realized today. We need to strive to become self-sufficient in all areas (including oil). Our abundant agricultural economy feeds the world. We need to continue to produce, export all that we can. By doing so the standard of living we have become accustomed to will continue to thrive.
3. **What is your position on gun control and the Second Amendment:**
The second amendment is a sacred trust handed down to all citizens by the founding fathers. It must be preserved at all costs. Attempt to weaken or restrict our right to bear arms must be resisted with all vigor. We need to return to a more constitutional government overall.
4. **What is your position on abortion and euthanasia:**
I believe life begins at conception. I also believe that it has a right to continue, unmolested, until the time of natural death. The heinous slaughter of millions of unborn children since Roe v Wade is America's biggest disgrace. I would do all I can to see that the right to life is restored.

5. What is your position on taxes

Taxes are a necessary function of government. They are the funds by which we provide essential services to our citizens. That being said, I am a firm believer we (Marylanders) are among the most overtaxed people in the country. As the Fifth District Delegate I will work with all diligence to help reduce our tax burden. Many of our businesses/employers have fled the state, no longer able to return an acceptable profit for their shares holders, or provide Maryland jobs for our citizens. This trend must be reversed. It is not only business taxes that are a burden, but individual taxes and fees have forced nearly one half of all Marylanders to respond to a recent Gallop, that they would relocate to another state if they could. As a lifelong Marylander, I find this shocking. We must find way to reduce the tax burden on our citizens. We must stop wasteful spending and eliminate unnecessary programs that line the pockets of a wide range of unchecked special interest groups.

In closing, as Mayor I am charged with submitting a balanced budget each year for the City of Taneytown. It so happens that my two terms have coincided with the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. During this time I have not submitted any new tax increases and have been able to operate the City's services at the level our citizens have come to expect. We have done this by efficient management of resources and our employees working for the good of our people.

6. What is your position on common core

The Federal Government has no business in public education. Public Education has traditionally been the domain of local government and should remain so. Our local school board should be the ones setting the curriculum for our schools, not Washington.

7. How would you work to create jobs

I have addressed this somewhat in by discussion on taxes. As a small business man I experience the over regulate environment we are force to deal with on a day to day basis. To create jobs we need to support our business community. Maryland has much to offer corporations that would like to locate in the state. Our proximity to large, affluent markets is among the best in the country. We have a superior education system (generally speaking). Our available workforce is second to none. However, taxes and over regulation cause too many employers to look elsewhere (e.g.: in surrounding states). This trend must be reversed. As Delegate I will work tirelessly to restore industry's confidence in Maryland and the Fifth District as the place to be.

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

Proper health care is essential for all. Heath care in America (and in particular our area) has been the envy of the world. Government's intrusion into the health care industry in the form of socialized medicine (Obamacare) has been a catastrophe. Our state, in particular has become the "poster child" of what is wrong with the whole socialized

medicine theory. The disservice that is called Obamacare must be overturned and we need to return to a privately operated healthcare system, while assuring all Americans can avail themselves of these services.

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

This question has come up several times in past memory. As an advocate of local government (the government closest to the people is the most responsive government), the charter form of government could allow us to have more direct influence on our local decisions. However, I have and remain opposed to this change. I fear a charter government will add levels of bureaucracy and increase the cost of government (taxes) beyond the value of what is received. I have said before "Less government is better government". I feel charter government will add unneeded government.