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Questionnaire for District 5 Delegate Vacancy

Part I: Community and Civic Involvement

For the past 5 years I have been involved with the educational and athletic development of my two daughters. My involvement has been with their swim teams, the Green Terror Aquatic Club, the Westminster Riding Club, the Retriever Aquatic Club and the Central Maryland Swim League, and their educational institutions, Mt. DeSales Academy, Towson University and Iona College. Knowing that my time would be dedicated to family first I put off political ambitions thinking that it would not be fair to the citizens that I would serve if I could not give my position my full attention. Though I have no children involved I have helped to coach basketball for the last 2 years in the Central Carroll Recreation Council. My wife and I are regular supporters and participants of many nonprofit and charity events in and around Carroll County.

Part II: Previous Campaigns and Public Offices

I ran as a republican for Carroll County Commissioner in 1998, did not make it through the primary, (finished 7th out of 14 candidates). I ran for Carroll County Board of Education in 2000, (finished 3rd out of 11 in primary and 4th in general). My reason for running for BOE was to expose the character flaws of then Superintendent William Hyde and facilities supervisor Vernon Smith. I didn't win but I was eventually proven correct. At this time I do not have an established candidate committee or account.

Part III: Professional and Political Accomplishments

Professional and Personal

Working and paying my own way through college I was able to graduate debt free with a B.S. in Accounting and started my career with one of the largest accounting firms in the world, Price Waterhouse. I gained extensive knowledge in several different fields of industry and service. I was recruited by a client and moved on to work for the law firm of Piper and Marbury. My most fulfilling job has been that of a stay at home father. It gave me the ability to volunteer in Carroll County schools and with local recreation councils. I am proud of the work that the team I was a part of was able to accomplish in developing Sandymount Park. I am always delighted to see the young men that I mentored in elementary and middle school. I am proud of their accomplishments. It is humbling to have received the Carroll County Recreation and Parks, "Volunteer of the Year" award on 2 different occasions for work that I enjoy and when so many other people were major participants. Working 80 to 100 hours a week during tax season to meet and exceed client expectations seems too many people to be crazy but I find it rewarding. People need tax help and I am happy to provide the service.

Political

I have worked on many campaigns though the years. In the seventies, before I really understood politics, I was working with County Commissioner Roger Mann. I worked on campaigns for Donald Dell. I have worked at the polls and put up signs for Ellen Sauerbrey, Robert Ehrlich and Larry Hogan. I have worked on the Susan Krebs campaign committee. I have helped my brother with his campaigns for Mayor of Hampstead.

Part IV: District 5 Delegate Vacancy

At this time in my life I am able to commit my full attention and focus to the people of Carroll County and the State of Maryland. With my business and personal background I possess the real world knowledge that only comes from life experiences. These experiences have given me an understanding of the effect that laws and regulations have on the everyday lives of the citizens of Carroll County. My work on personal tax issues my experiences of working in many different industries and services, my interaction with different groups and organizations have given me a base and a network to draw from to acquire the necessary information to make informed decisions that will benefit Carroll County and the State of Maryland.

I live, I work and I play in Carroll County Maryland. It is past time to remove the political insanity that has driven so many of our best citizens out of the State. We need to encourage and incentivize hard work and success not demonize. We need to create an atmosphere in our education system that stresses the fundamentals, not indoctrinates falsehoods. We need to have a fair and understandable tax system that allows government to provide the necessary services for all citizens and a safety net to the helpless not the clueless or lazy.

In the words of Martin Luther King, "I have a dream". That dream is to see my daughters continue their growth and hopefully marry and have my grandchildren and remain citizens of Carroll County. My wife and I would love nothing more than to spend the remainder of our lives in Carroll County. Without major changes within our state government my dreams are becoming harder to achieve. I hope to make a difference. I need to make a difference.

If appointed and all things remain the same with my health and family life I would run for election to the office of Maryland District 5 Delegate as an republican in 2018.

Part V: Party Affiliation

I registered on my 18th birthday, for selective service and to vote as a republican.

Part VI: Background Questions

Criminal offense: Never

Professional or business license suspended or revoked: Never

Defendant to civil or administrative proceeding: Never

Bankruptcy petition: Never

I have no outstanding judgments.

Part VII: Stance on Issues

Role of Government: Government should protect and support the citizens that elect them. Policies and laws should encourage opportunity, promote success, provide needed infrastructure, maintain order and safety and allow for open dialogue within the structure of our constitution.

Economic Views and Influences: Simply put lower taxes and less regulation allow for greater economic growth and in turn greater tax revenue being collected by government. Kennedy knew it and proposed it, Reagan got it enacted. It has worked every time it has been tried. Government's biggest problem is spending. It needs to stop.

Second Amendment: Maryland has been eroding the rights of gun ownership for years. Every law or regulation passed has only hurt the legal non criminal gun owners. I would like to see many of the laws reversed and conceal and carry made available to all law abiding Marylanders. Crime goes down if the criminals are not sure if you are carrying.

Abortion and euthanasia: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", unalienable rights given to us by our creator, life is the first one mentioned so what right do I have to deny that right to anyone. Certain terms have been added to constitutional verbiage by judicial activism that does not appear within the constitution. With that said I do think that any women that has proven to have been raped or a victim of incest or has medical issues should be allowed to make their own decision.

Taxes: Lower taxes benefit everyone. But at the same time everyone needs to have "skin in the game". If one group is paying taxes and another is living off someone else's money there will be no incentive to become productive members of the community. Tax credits should only be available up to the amount of total taxes paid. The tax code needs to be simplified with less social engineering and more promotion of success.

Common Core: Education should be about fundamentals and life skills. Indoctrination of political falsehoods or items outside the traditional norm of society should not be introduced in the classroom. Teachers need to be given more of an opportunity to teach and less administrative mandates.

Job Creation: Reducing regulation and lowering taxes will create jobs in the private sector. The only direct way that government can increase jobs is to provide contracts for completion of government paid infrastructure.

Healthcare: The best way to reduce healthcare costs and increase its effectiveness is to remove government from the equation. As soon as a bureaucracy as big as the state or federal government is involved the costs are automatically going to go up and service is going to go down because the

incentive has been removed. Government has proven to be ineffective in every major program they have ever attempted. Social Security is financial disaster, Medicare is broke, 5 to 6 trillion dollars has been spent on welfare over the last 40 to 50 years and we have more people on food stamps than ever before. Why would anyone want the government to make their medical decisions, whether it is the type of insurance coverage you need or if you are able to get a needed surgery. Obamacare/O'Malley-Brown care must be repealed. Big government solutions never work.

Commissioner vs. county executive government: It seems to me that the best government is the government that is closest to its people. When the new legislators were seated in January Carroll County is now represented by 3 state senators, 8 delegates and 5 commissioners. Sounds good, but if you are a citizen you are saying to yourself, who is accountable. There is no one person to which the citizens can look to for leadership on issues that affect Carroll County. Instead our state representatives have to go to Annapolis and beg or trade votes with other representatives from Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County or Anne Arundel County just to get our basic needs pasted to run an effective county. Why should we have liberals that don't care about Carroll County, except for the tax dollars they can extort from us, vote on issues that are only important to Carroll County. This does not make sense.