

**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, Joshua J. Stonko, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, Manchester \_\_\_\_\_  
(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.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
2/18/15  
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.**

Tri-District Republican Club-2014

North Carroll Soccer Club (Recreation Council) – Executive Board Member - 2012

Manchester Area Business Association - 2014

Vice-Chair Maryland College Republicans -2013

**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 previously ran for the Maryland House of Delegates as a Republican. My campaign started in May of 2013 through the June 24<sup>th</sup> primary election.

I finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 5,813 votes.

Name	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee / Provisional	Total	Percentage
Carmen Amedori	Republican	453	2,285	81	2,819	6.7%
Donald B. Elliott	Republican	601	3,334	129	4,064	9.6%
Susan Krebs ✓	Republican	1,262	6,186	217	7,665	18.1%
Justin Ready ✓	Republican	1,811	8,489	267	10,567	25.0%
Haven Shoemaker ✓	Republican	1,303	5,840	165	7,308	17.3%
Joshua Stonko	Republican	1,098	4,570	145	5,813	13.8%
Kevin R. Utz	Republican	807	3,075	142	4,024	9.5%

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**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 the campaign account “Friends of Joshua Stonko” open with approximately \$1,000 remaining. I also have roughly \$7,000 worth of campaign signs, supplies and materials.

### **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 a longtime resident of Carroll County and a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in economics. During my career, I have helped to build a successful small interpreting business, "Signs of Dawn, Inc.". We have grown to become one of the larger independent contracting interpreting companies within the Maryland market.

I have served on Congressman Roscoe Bartlett's staff learning the most efficient ways to assist constituents with their problems created by the government. I have also served on former State Senator Joe Getty's staff working on state legislative issues and the state budget.

I currently work at PNC Bank as a business banker and ACEEL associate. My roles are wide ranging but focus on the growth and retail aspects of consumer banking.

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

In my 2014 primary campaign I was unsuccessful in my campaign to be elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, but I was able to mount a strong campaign without previous name identification, self-funding, or the use special interest monies. In an internal poll from January 2014, I polled within the margin of error (less than 3.5% of the vote) and within five months received 13.8% percent of the vote. During the campaign I was able to raise over \$32,000, all of which came from individual contributors. These personal donations matched or far outpaced each of the six other candidates when excluding special interest or self-funding. While being outspent by tens of thousands of special interest dollars my focus on retail politics led me to 5,813 votes and a 4th place finish in the primary.

I also worked for the Bongino campaigns and the Romney campaign in Ohio during my time as the Vice-Chairman of the Maryland College Republicans.

#### **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 believe that serving in the Maryland House of Delegates would give me the opportunity work on behalf of individuals in District 5, Carroll County, and the state of Maryland in a way that is impossible outside of state politics. I view the House of Delegates as a unique position that connects constituents and their representatives, while providing a platform to put forward a strong agenda with an impactful voice. I wish to serve in the House of Delegates so that I can put forward a clear conservative vision for the state as a representative of the people of Carroll County.

As a delegate, I would have a wide range of issues that I could influence that are very important to me. I would focus on ending the tax and spend policies that have plagued our state, repealing SB281, and continuing my commitment to traditional family values and protecting the unborn.

With the recent changes to the House Delegation, with regards to both size and members, I believe that it is important for the committee to send a true conservative that will put forward a strong vision for the state and for the county.

The Maryland House of Delegates is going to have a very big impact on the success of the Governor's anti-tax agenda and I would be honored to serve as a voice on behalf of the tens of thousands of individuals across District 5 that turned out in the November election demanding lower taxes.

I have a passion to serve and a passion for conservatism that I believe would be a strong asset to the Republican caucus and the Maryland House of Delegates.

**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**

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#### **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**

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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**

“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

More explicitly, the role of government is to protect the unalienable rights of its citizens.

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

I am a strong supporter of free and open markets. I believe that the most efficient way to encourage innovation and job creation is for the government to stay out of the way and allow the laws of supply and demand to dictate market choices. When government gets more involved in the economy, natural market forces are disrupted and often lead to long-term failures in the market.

My major economic influences are F.A. Hayek, Milton Friedman, and Thomas Sowell.

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

“A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

I believe in the strict definition of the text in the Constitution. The Second Amendment guarantees each of us our Constitutional right to defend ourselves. Governor O’Malley and the Maryland General Assembly have taken unconstitutional measures to take away this right. It is our responsibility to respond to these restrictive actions. I believe the SB281 is unconstitutional and needs to be repealed.

- 4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia**

I believe that life begins at conception and from that moment forward life should be valued and protected. When elected, I will fight to uphold this moral value in the General Assembly. I am 100% pro-life. I am also against any form of euthanasia.

- 5. What is your position on taxes**

Taxes have increased at an alarming rate in Maryland. In the 2013 session alone we saw an astronomical 86% increase on the Maryland gas tax and the implementation of a Rain

Tax. It is time for Maryland's elected officials to advocate for a pro-growth economy that focuses on bringing business back to Maryland while protecting the middle-class from high and unnecessary taxes. I will advocate for a lower corporate income tax and work with the other caucus members to implement a far-reaching tax relief package.

Maryland's high taxation has put an unnecessary burden on our residents and slowed job creation. I will do everything in my power to fight for lower taxes.

**6. What is your position on common core**

I am against common core and believe we should remove it from Maryland schools. I believe the best education comes from localized control and parent choice.

**7. How would you work to create jobs**

I do not believe that the government should create jobs, but should move out of the way of business owners and the private sector so that they can create them. I would focus on removing many of the regulatory burdens and taxes that makes the cost of business in Maryland uncompetitive. Many of the environmental regulations have been the most hostile to job creation for the agricultural and fracking industries.

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

I believe in the full repeal of Obamacare, but also see a need for other changes in health care law. I believe that the most effective and important reforms that can be easily made are the introduction of tax-free health savings accounts and tort reform that limits the waste, fraud, and abuse that is very common in health care.

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

I prefer the commissioner form of government because it provides for stronger checks and balances than charter government does. Checks and balances are crucial in order to keep lower taxes and smaller government in Carroll County. A prime example would be the transfer tax debate from several years ago. The commissioners were in favor of the transfer tax, but due to a majority of the Carroll County Delegation opposing it, we were able to avoid the tax.

If the county were to move to charter government, the implementation of a tax cap would be more than necessary to prevent higher taxes.