

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, Kevin R. Utz, residing at ██████████ Westminster, Maryland 21158
(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.



2-21-2015

Applicant's Signature

Date

Kevin R. Utz

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. Maryland Municipal League**
- 2. Westminster Volunteer Fire Department**
- 3. Attending West Carroll Republican Club**
- 4. National Association of Realtors, Carroll County Association of Realtors and Maryland Association of Realtors**
- 5. Fund Raising Events through business, to include:
Habitat for Humanity, Carroll County Hospice, Carroll Hospital Center Cancer Center, Youth Softball clubs.**

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).

- 1. Westminster City Council – 2005 – elected**
- 2. House of Delegates District 5A – 2008 – Republican – unsuccessful**
- 3. Westminster Mayor – 2009 – elected – non-partisan election**
- 4. Westminster Mayor – 2013 – re-elected – non-partisan election**
- 5. House of Delegates District 5 – 2014 – Republican - unsuccessful**

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).

- 1. Friends of Kevin Utz - \$500.00**

PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

I was born and raised in Carroll County and during my childhood I worked from the age of 12, serving in different labor type of jobs. My career as a public servant began at the age of 18 just out of high school when I joined the Maryland State Police. I had dreams of being a Trooper and not only did I succeed, I rose through the ranks of Sergeant, became a flight paramedic on the world renown helicopter system and supervised a team of investigators through my career.

I volunteered from the age of 18 at the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department, rising through the ranks to Chief of the Department and administratively through the ranks as 1st Vice President. I retired from the MSP in 2002 with a 28 year career and currently volunteering at Westminster Fire Department with 39 years of service to my community.

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

When taking office as Mayor in 2009, the city was in a critical budget crisis, as the Governor slashed over 1.4 million dollars from our budget through the elimination of the highway user funds and the state aid to police. The city also had looming issues with over 25 negative audit findings in how business was being conducted. At the time, the city did not have reserve funds, nor any other sources to draw upon to balance the budget. As roads were crumbling from blizzards and harsh winters, the following actions were taken. The structural deficit was reduced by elimination of un-filled positions; no positions refilled; major reduction in staff spending; no pay raises for employees for over 6 years; removal of take home cars for police; and elimination of a police executive position. Even with all of this, the city fell short of its ability to balance the budget requiring a tax increase. Within a two year period, the audit findings were reduced in half; city revenue increased and expenditures continued to decrease. Within a three year period, the revenues increased, taxes were returned to citizens twice and audit findings were eliminated completely. While we suffered tremendously, the City of Westminster is now in excellent financial standing with over \$600,000 in reserve; roads are being maintained and resurfaced. I consider this a monumental success.

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 lived and worked in Carroll County for my entire life. I raised three children who are now raising their children in Carroll County. I have made a difference in Westminster and I have saved lives throughout the state of Maryland throughout my adult life as a volunteer Fire Fighter, Paramedic, State Trooper and Mayor. Now I wish to make a difference for the Citizens of District 5 and continue my service to the community. I have 10 years of successful Bi-Partisan experience and tremendous confidence that I can use my skills, knowledge and experience to be able to successfully represent our citizens in Annapolis. In addition to my ability to be a strong leader, I am also a hard worker and have a very strong work ethic.

As an experienced public servant, politician and business owner I have learned the skills necessary to listen to constituent's needs and concerns, and respond appropriately. While I understand that I would represent my local constituent's, I will also have many legislative issues to address and will utilize my broad knowledge base and level headed approach to policy to make decisions based on what is best for our citizens.

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 _____

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, accept divorce _____
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's role is to protect the rights and freedom of the citizens of the United States of America. The value of local government officials is to be able to undertake this task at the lowest possible level such as the local city, county or state elected officials.

2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences

I believe government should maintain a balanced budget utilizing conservative principles in preparing and implementing a spending plan. I have served on the Westminster City Council and as Mayor for the past 10 years and believe in prioritizing spending based on revenue projections balanced with the needs of the City. My local top priorities for the City of Westminster are public safety, infrastructure and economic development.

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

I believe in the 2nd Amendment rights of citizens to carry fire arms. I do have a concern in the safety aspect of being a gun owner. As a retired police officer I cannot carry a weapon without an annual certification.

4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia

I oppose abortion and euthanasia. While there are many very convincing arguments involving these issues, I have some understanding of abortions occurring after a crime of force on females and related decisions to abort. I would take into consideration any legislation that had these types of stipulations as they present.

5. What is your position on taxes

I am opposed to raising taxes as a general rule. As Mayor I was in a position where we had no choice but to raise taxes due to a \$1.2Million shortfall. In our case the State Government reduced highway user funds and police aid and we had no choice but to increase taxes to balance the budget. Going back to my belief in the role of government; “we have a responsibility to protect the safety of our citizens”.

6. What is your position on common core

Parents and teachers have shared with me that they have very little understanding of the program requirements and the funding needed is not being provided to implement all appropriate classes and class sizes to meet common core requirements. I don't support ANY unfunded mandates that have the lingering effect on tax payers from higher government entities.

7. How would you work to create jobs

Government creates business opportunities. Jobs are created by entrepreneurs, small businesses and those who believe in capitalism. Government can be the support mechanism for business owners to provide necessary infrastructure to include, roads, water, sewer, broadband services and similar types of supportive roles.

Local government officials should work to bring business to Maryland to employ our citizens and feed our local, regional and state economy. The Governor and Legislators can work together to create a business friendly atmosphere with lower corporate taxes; and grant opportunities for job creators and start-up entrepreneurs. The Governor has submitted legislation to support this effort and I would support his current bills.

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

I am opposed to government at any level interfering with the healthcare industry. Capitalism works and if competition across state lines were allowed, the art of finding the most appropriate, cost effective level of healthcare services could be an individual decision once again. There will always be a need for states to provide the guided resources to gain care for the less fortunate. However, Obamacare provides a loophole for some business owners to hire employees for limited work schedules to avoid providing health insurance while middle class families are paying a disproportionate share of the costs of healthcare. What is the incentive for citizens to pay for government healthcare while those without jobs can receive healthcare for free?

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

At this point, I don't believe the citizens are ready for the Home Rule form of government with a County Executive. While I see each of the eight municipalities working extremely well with this type of similar government, many don't see the need to expand the roles of our current elected officials. My concern is that county staff directors have 5 leaders who have varying opinions and their leadership can be very confusing when trying to implement strategic plans and carrying out daily operations.