

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

**Republican Central Committee of Carroll County
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I, Keith Whalen, 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.

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.

President of the Meadowbrook HOA (Feb 2014-Present)

President of the Professional Firefighters of Anne Arundel County (July 2013-Dec 2014)

Board member of the TAYB (Taneytown Athletic Youth basketball) (Jan 2015-Present)

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 never run for political office.

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).

n/a

PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

I find myself very accomplished in my 42 years. I have become extremely diverse in both public and private sector work. I have a family of five and I am completely dedicated to my immediately family, extended family and friends. I have had the privilege of working for and

building business in the private sector all the while serving as a firefighter/paramedic for Anne Arundel County of which I recently retired. I have volunteered my services locally in that of being a basketball coach, numerous political transition committees and have recently applied for several commissions/boards where I would like to volunteer my personal expertise to aide in a better Maryland.

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

Truly having no political background, I have not aggressively been involved with campaigns where my input was significant to produce results. The recent freeing up of time for me came this past January when I retired. I like to put forth 110% effort in what I do. Thus, I have not had the time to commit. However, I have worked for and aided the election of a few elected officials. Steve Schuh, The Anne Arundel County Executive, and I have worked well together during his campaign but I would be disingenuous to label my contributions to him as a “major political accomplishment”.

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.

Since moving to Carroll County a decade ago to pursue a more rural, scenic and safer place to raise children I have always wanted to do more to serve my community. I have a gift that allows me to communicate and reach resolve that could put our area initiatives on the path of accomplishment. I am not a politician in that I do not have an established PAC, I have never held a state/local office nor have I ever run for one. I have contemplated running for office on several occasions, however, once I evaluated our current elected officials I came to the conclusion that we were well represented and I, myself, was fully committed in my career. However, those commitments have recently changed as I retired from the fire service this past January. I am now in a position to fully dedicate myself to representing the residents of District 5. I am quite certain that you will have many candidates that are qualified for the position. I am not going to pit myself or my talents against them. I strongly feel that this opportunity comes at just the right time for me. In that, I can learn and commit the time for success. I will vote for what I feel is in the best interest of the majority of the resident I represent. You learn that by listening to them, get5ting involved and being available to them. These positions should not be about a click, group or hand-picked by one or two people. This should be about you all selecting and delivering the best names to the Governor. I trust in each of you and still hold faith in that process.

I look at this opportunity and have many thoughts. I would like to share some of them with you. I want to make sure that is abundantly clear, I will not compromise my values, morals or principles. If that in and of itself eliminates me from this process then I am accepting of that. I am not someone who will go-along to get-along. I will not be bullied or swayed by anyone. Often it is harder to make the right tough choice then it is to make the easy wrong choice. I **WILL** make the tough choices should I be blessed with the opportunity to represent you and the

other citizens of our great county. I will work tirelessly to sift through the many differing opinions to seek out what the majority may be. I realize that may be harder at times on the more controversial issues. Having no extended political background leads me to owe nothing to anyone. I am and always have been a proud member of the Republican Party since registering as a teenager. My resume is extremely diverse and that has allowed me to build a strong base of knowledge in several diverse areas. I do support our new Governor and his fiscally prudent attempt to reel back in our out of control tax and spend policies, entitlements, government regulation, etc.

I am extremely confident that my positive and energetic personality will allow me to pioneer our local initiatives and ensure that Carroll County has a voice in Annapolis. My diverse background and experiences will afford you the opportunity to recommend, with confidence, a true professional who understands how to conduct business and has built success through effective communication. I am a quick study to learning new things but have a strong knowledge of the inner workings of Annapolis. By no means, am I saying that I know everything about the delegation and the legislature. I have a foundation of knowledge that gives me a unique perspective which will make my freshmen legislative session an impactful one in Annapolis.

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! I understand this appointment is a privilege and a blessing. I would immediately become a candidate for 2018 and hopefully have provided to the residents a 3-4yr history of good sound and trustworthy representation in Annapolis.

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. Always Republican

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 _____

- 1. Have you ever filed a petition for personal bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11 or 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code? NO _____**
- 2. 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

I believe the role of Government has greatly expanded far beyond what our forefathers intended it to be. I hold firm that role of government is to protect individuals' rights and society as a whole. Government has become an enabler for those to do less. Government often hinders and cripples new and small business through regulation, taxes, mandatory wages, etc.

2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences

I believe that we all have been afforded by our founders to own, invest, build, and prosper. I feel like the government continually creates new departments and regulation that aide in their attempt to control industry. This is not job creation. These are government jobs which will need to be funded and paid for time and time again by taxes as opposed to private sector employment.

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

This is probably the easiest question in here. Gun control is a clear violation of our rights! Guns save lives.

4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia

Human life is the most sacred gift that God has given to us. An unborn child has a fundamental right to life. However, I am willing to listen and entertain those individual circumstances where one life is clearly in danger by the birth of a child. I am for making resources available that provides education and knowledge to the young Mother contemplating abortion. I have given my view based on the current laws but generally stand opposed to abortion. I clearly support those who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.

5. What is your position on taxes

I support making taxes simple, transparent, and fair. I feel that everyone should pay the same % in taxes. Our income is taxed coming, dormant and going. Something has to give. Our state taxes are obviously out of control. We need immediate repeal to many of the tax and spend measures that currently exist.

6. What is your position on common core

I believe the initial building blocks of common core was to ensure that all states established a baseline of math and language standards, to be assessed by standardized testing throughout students' K-12 years. However, once again, I feel we have clearly veered off track in that this has become another political fighting ground where government wants involvement and takes measures to get what they want by providing education monies for those who support common core. This needs a lot of work despite I think globally we as a nation do not make education a priority.

7. How would you work to create jobs

You create jobs by eliminating/reducing the tax and regulation of small business. You get out of it as much as you put into it. You make your city, town, and state a friendly place to build a business. This will grow small business and make large corporate business move into your area.

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

Obamacare is an epic failure in my opinion. I think this is yet again an area for more government controls. Obamacare is an attempt to make everyone pay more and in return enable those and entitles those who do not work and feel like healthcare is important. Healthcare is extremely expensive and costly for all of us. Healthcare reform is necessary. Reform, which through sheer volume, make providing health care less expensive. We must address our local hospitals being there for advanced medical care and not doctor visits for the uninsured.

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

I support a system where the Legislative powers and the Executive powers are separated. I feel this gives us a more balance of power as opposed to one body performing most duties/responsibilities. I think the size of our County as it sits today has grown in population where this balance would be beneficial to the citizens. However, moving to a chartered form of government comes with a hefty price tag. Frederick County government recently transitioned and their population is notably higher. I think this will come in time. I am not convinced that time is now.