

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, Brad Widner, residing at ██████████ Westminster, MD 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.

Brad Widner 2/21/15
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.

South Carroll High School Boys JV Lacrosse Coach 2008-Present

Liberty High School Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach 2010-Present

Carroll County Bears High School Ice Hockey Team Faculty Advisor 2014-2015

South Carroll High School Young Republicans Advisor 2010-Present

South Carroll High School Debate Club Advisor 2006-2008

Carroll County Debate Club Secretary 2007-2008

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).

None

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).

No

PART III: PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

I began my teaching career with Carroll County Public Schools in 2004. In the fall of 2007 I was selected at the South Carroll High School Social Studies Department Chairperson, a position that I still hold today. As department chair, I have increased the number of Advanced Placement (AP) classes as well as the number of sections of AP as well as overall test scores. As department chair several teachers have been nominated for Carroll County Teacher of the Year. As department chair, I have also hosted several Republican forums where several local politicians have shared their views and experiences with students. I have made civic awareness and participation a major cornerstone of the South Carroll Social Studies Department philosophy and mission. Several students from South Carroll High School have served as pages during the General Assembly.

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

None

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.**

As a member of the South Carroll community for 10 years, I feel that I can serve as a voice for Carroll County as well as strive to keep Carroll County a strong and vibrant community with rich traditions and tremendous pride. I want to keep Carroll County a rich agricultural area and create an environment conducive to improve business and job opportunities for the citizens of Carroll County.

As an educator, I want to keep CCPS one of the top school systems in the state of Maryland and bring the resources necessary to provide a top tier education program to meet the needs for our children today and our future generations.

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**
- 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

Simply put, the role of government is to allow people to be successful and reach their goals. The MD state government should create laws that create a framework and aide in the success for individuals.

2. Please explain your economic views and major economic influences

I believe that the government should allow as much of a free market as possible. While it is necessary for some government oversight and intervention, we should be wary of creating more government involvement and be cautious that there are always unintended economic consequences. Sometimes the government strives for too much protection and we have seen that the economy stalls or economic decline. My major economic influence is Milton Friedman.

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

I believe that citizens have the right to purchase firearms. I feel that the government has over legislated and over stepped on gun control. We have always had gun control in place, which enforcement has always been the key. The last legislative session arbitrarily established new regulations that have created numerous loopholes and only affected law abiding citizens. These new laws have not done anything to curb gun violence, which has been a result of poor enforcement philosophies and strategies.

4. What is your position on abortion and euthanasia

I consider myself to have pro-life views. I was born post Roe v. Wade decision and have heard this debate for years. The priority in the current political climate needs to be directed towards problems that can be solved and directly affect its citizens.

5. What is your position on taxes

All taxes are regressive in nature. Taxes are necessary to have a functioning government and society. I believe that taxes should be at the minimum whenever possible. We should not tax to change behavior, nor should we tax the wealthy to create equality. Businesses should pay taxes, however we should encourage the growth of business. When we tax businesses too much, they leave the state, cease their growth (including providing jobs), and sometimes close.

6. What is your position on common core

As a teacher, I have seen how much time, effort and money that the schools are forced to spend on common core related directives and PARCC testing. However this should be reformed on the federal level. Creating and reforms on the state or level will not improve our schools. I do not believe that Carroll County has the judicial or constitutional authority to change or amend common core. It is the right and in the best interests for local and state representatives to lobby officials on the federal level to reform or dismantle common core.

7. How would you work to create jobs

Number one: we should reduce the corporate tax rate to encourage private sector growth.

Number two: We should create tax breaks to encourage local and small business hiring.

Number three: Repeal the rain tax on small businesses that have been financially hurt.

Number four: The state should back small business loans that encourage growth or new hires.

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

Alot of people have argued that healthcare coverage (or Obamacare) as a right. However, we must first look at health care as an economic problem. I feel that we have increased the demand for health care by requiring health care for people without proportionally increasing the supply of available medical facilities. This infracture and economic problem must be addressed first and foremost.

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

Our current form of county government governs the county effectively. I believe that if there is to be a change in the way the government functions, it should be left up to a citizen's referendum and see that the citizens of Carroll county desire.

Republican Central Committee of Carroll County Instructions for Applicants for the House of Delegates Vacancy in District 5

Article III, § 13 of the Maryland State Constitution provides that a vacancy in the Maryland General Assembly shall be filled by the central committee of the party and county/counties from which the legislator was last elected or appointed within 30 days of the seat becoming vacant. The central committee forwards its selection(s) to the Governor, who makes the appointment within fifteen days.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED PARTS OF THE COMPLETE APPLICATION?

A complete application for the District 5 Delegate vacancy consists of three required parts (forms are included as appendices with this packet):

1. Completed *Declaration of Intent*
2. A Resume
3. Completed *Applicant Questionnaire for District 5 Delegate Vacancy* (Appendix A) –
Due via email by midnight, February 21, 2015

Please note that applications lacking any one of the enumerated items above will be deemed incomplete. All completed application materials will become the property of the CCRCC and will not be returned. **All application materials and the responses contained therein will be used solely for the purpose of evaluating candidates for the Delegate vacancy in District 5, and for no other purpose.**

The CCRCC, its members, officers, and persons affiliated therewith will assume no liability for any damages incurred by applicants in connection with the process to fill the Senate vacancy, including but not limited, any information in the application materials becoming public.

WHAT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact Chairman David Jones at gopcharlie@qis.net or via phone at 410-875-2748, or email CCGOPapplicants@gmail.com