

Carroll County Republican Central Committee Questionnaire for General Assembly Candidates - 2018

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Would you support a reduction in the cap on property tax assessments?

I have been the primary sponsor to lower the cap on state property tax assessments to 5%, from the current 10%, for many years. I have also requested that the Hogan administration take the lead on this in the future in order to get some more attention and traction.

Would you support bringing all new taxes and tax rate increase for voter approval?

Yes, I also have supported legislation that would require a 3/5 majority to approve all increases in tax rates or new taxes.

Would you support a Maryland Taxpayer Bill of Rights?

I have cosponsored legislation for a Maryland Taxpayer Bill of Rights and have signed the ATR tax pledge.

Would you support a citizen's right to carry firearms for personal protection?

Yes, I have sponsored legislation for many years that would allow citizens the right to carry a firearm as is stipulated in our U.S. Constitution.

Would you support taxpayer funded benefits for illegal aliens?

I do not support any taxpayer funded benefits for those people who enter our country illegally and I have voted NO on all legislation that accomplishes that- including in-state tuition, allowing college scholarship money to be available, eligibility for free health care, housing or food stamps, etc.

I support restricting resources to any jurisdiction whose policies allow the harboring of illegal aliens.

Should Maryland be a sanctuary state? NO

How do you plan on working with the BOE to do what is best for students and tax payers?

We need to be problem and solution driven without the politics and all three entities – the BOE, BOCC and Delegation- need to work together and take responsibility in developing a plan of action. The finger pointing and lack of direction from our local leaders has been crippling in the ability to make fact-based decisions and to get things done that are accountable to our constituents throughout the county. The community must be engaged in this decision-making.

We must first work with the Board of Education and the County Commissioners to focus on priorities within our availability of funding. The BOCC must give the BOE clear direction when it comes to the affordability of Capital Projects. We should NOT build any more schools or classrooms when we are still considering closing schools and they are about to sell a beautiful existing facility for a fraction of the cost of a new school – New Windsor, and have no plans for a partially used high school sitting idle. Look at reusing buildings FIRST before spending taxpayer money on building unnecessary schools – it is fiscally irresponsible and is what has put our school system and county in the financial situation they are now in. County taxpayers and our students deserve better.

The priority needs to be transforming education and focusing every component of our education system centered on student success. Real impacts on students consist of getting back to basics and implementing comprehensive early literacy policies to ensure improvements in reading and encouraging college and career incentives that help students earn industry certifications so that they are employable. Focus needs to be on improving student achievement and not on school buildings.

How would you rate Governor Hogan's performance?

A+. Governor Hogan has done a fantastic job despite the roadblocks the Democrats have put in front of him, but he still has work to do. We need four more years of his leadership to put our state on a path to prosperity and accountability.

How do you plan on working with Governor Hogan to do what is best for Carroll County if you are both elected?

I will continue to cooperate and compromise to get things done and cut through the government rules and red tape and focus on results and accountability to help Carroll County and our school system.

Governor Hogan and his staff has been good to Carroll County and held his regional cabinet meeting at Carroll Community College last year and then spent the day scattered throughout the county visiting schools, businesses and non-profits. We were only the 2nd county to host this very visible event in the state.

Is it fair to assume prior donations to individuals and campaigns reflect your character and values?

Yes, I support candidates who I think reflect my conservative values and will work well with me to achieve results based on those values. I have had a few disappointments in my choices along the way but have had a pretty high success rate of supporting strong, effective candidates. At the local level, community engagement is very important to me.

Although Carroll County is run overwhelmingly by Republicans, the General Assembly is controlled by the Democrats. If elected, how do you plan on working with Democrats when it comes to resolving issues that have to be addressed at the state level?

I have always been respected by both my Republican and Democrat colleagues in the Maryland General Assembly as a person who does her homework, defends her position and is able to cooperate and compromise to get things done. I represent the views and values of my constituents in a respectable but firm way and fight for the priorities that are important to Carroll County.

Governor Hogan and President Trump are both Republicans. However, they have two very different approaches when it comes to governing. As a Republican, do you think that it is possible to be a supporter of both Governor Hogan and President Trump?

Of course we can support both Governor Hogan and President Trump. While they both have very different personalities and ways of governing, they both reject the status quo in politics and are trying to change the bureaucracy to work for the people. They are both problem and solution driven and have a clear mission to focus on the future and prepare for it. They are both game changers and communicate directly to the people.

Have you ever been a named party in a lawsuit against the Maryland Republican party or one of the state's Republican central committees? NO

Are you able to work with Republicans who have varying conservative ideologies?

I am willing to work with anyone who shares our basic principles of personal responsibility, personal & economic freedom, fiscal responsibility, constitutional government, God and country.

What is your favorite thing about living in Carroll County?

The hard working service- minded people who live here

In three words, describe Carroll County Values.

Family, Faith, conservative

When and why did you become a Republican?

I registered as a Republican when I turned 18 and dated the President of the Western Maryland College Republican Club –plus, my parents were both Republicans. I didn't really understand why at the time, but have always been comfortable in the Republican party- even in my youth.

Are you pro-Life?

YES- from conception until natural death

Are you supportive of the Second Amendment? YES

Are you in favor of any restrictions on the Second Amendment? NO

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