

Carroll County Republican Central Committee Questionnaire for General Assembly Candidates

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

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

Would you support a Maryland Taxpayer Bill of Rights? Yes

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

Would you support taxpayer funded benefits for illegal aliens? No

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? I have always tried to balance the school board needs with demanding the kind of accountability that should come with hundreds of millions of tax dollars. Conversation is very important and some give and take is critically needed for the future of our school system in the county.

How would you rate Governor Hogan's performance? Very good.

How do you plan on working with Governor Hogan to do what is best for Carroll County if you are both elected? There are a lot of issues that are both state and local issues. I will continue to work with Governor Hogan to support education, veterans, farms and our family values.

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

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? As a legislator representing all my constituents, I will work with anyone in either party on ideas that improve our state and advance common sense, conservative principles. There are times when I've been able to do that and, obviously, times where I find myself completely at odds. Arguing and debating persuasively and effectively is very important as member of a party that is in a big minority position. Often, working strategically to simply keep bad bills from passing is the best outcome we can achieve. I am optimistic about the chances we have in several key legislative districts that could bring more Republicans to the House and Senate. This, along with Governor Hogan's re-election, would allow us to keep making real changes and reforms in Maryland.

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? Yes.

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? Yes.

What is your favorite thing about living in Carroll County? I was born in the South and love the rural flavor of Carroll County.

In three words, describe Carroll County Values. Family, Honesty, Frugality

When and why did you become a Republican? I registered as a Republican when I was first eligible at age 18. While I consider myself a conservative first, the Republican Party is, I've found, the best vehicle for advancing those principles.

Are you pro-Life? Absolutely. This year, I sponsored Laura & Reid's Law that would allow the prosecution of two murders when a woman carrying a child under 20 weeks gestation is killed. I've consistently supported the right to life for the unborn and compassion and care for life all the way through, including end of life.

Are you supportive of the Second Amendment? Yes.

Are you in favor of any restrictions on the Second Amendment? No. It's an individual right to keep and bear arms, I do favor the current restrictions on convicted felons and those who are mentally ill possessing firearms.