

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? **We have been successful in securing hold harmless money for Carroll County through the Governor's budget. We need to keep a watchful eye on the Kirwan Commission to make sure Counties like ours are not denied anything.**

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? **I have a track record of working collaboratively with the Governor, and I promise it will continue.**

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

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? **You have to bring along at least 70 friends to pass anything in the House. I have been able to reach across the aisle to pass state-wide legislation on standardized testing in schools, and many Carroll County specific initiatives. It is not impossible, just difficult.**

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. I am.**

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? **The people.**

In three words, describe Carroll County Values. **Let me be.**

When and why did you become a Republican? **I had been voting Republican for years before formally converting in 2004. John Kerry inspired me to switch.**

Are you pro-Life? **Yes.**

Are you supportive of the Second Amendment? **Yes.**

Are you in favor of any restrictions on the Second Amendment? **No.**