

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 will continue to work with the BOE as I have in the past to assure fairness in funding for Carroll County schools for operating and capital needs.

How would you rate Governor Hogan's performance? He has made considerable effort to address the needs of citizens throughout the state, including working with Carroll County leaders on transportation, economic development and education funding.

How do you plan on working with Governor Hogan to do what is best for Carroll County if you are both elected? Continue working with him for fair redistricting, lower taxes, improving our schools and reducing regulations that hamper business growth.

Is it fair to assume prior donations to individuals and campaigns reflect your character and values? I am pleased that contributors to my campaign appreciate the values I hold. Contributions do not influence my values.

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 a proven record of accomplishments and I will continue to work with legislators of both parties on important issues.

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 don't live in Carroll County, but I love representing the good people of southern Carroll County.

In three words, describe Carroll County Values. Honest, Hardworking, Family

When and why did you become a Republican? I became a Republican when I was in college, because I believe in limited government, federalism and individual freedom.

Are you pro-Life? Yes

Are you supportive of the Second Amendment? Yes

Are you in favor of any restrictions on the Second Amendment? Guns should not be in the hands of violent convicted criminals.