

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 Overall taxes in Maryland are too high.

Would you support bringing all new taxes and tax rate increase for voter approval? Yes for many years I sponsored the Tax Payer Bill of Rights which requires voter approval of any tax increase, this bill is modeled after what Colorado passed many years ago.

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, a recent report by FAIR shows that we currently pay \$134 Billion dollars annually to support illegal aliens in the US, FAIR estimates the Maryland taxpayers currently pay \$2.3 Billion to support illegal aliens. You can read more about costs at [https://fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-**united-states-taxpayers**](https://fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-united-states-taxpayers)

Should Maryland be a sanctuary state? No we risk federal funding and create a safe haven for violent gangs like MS-13 that thrive in sanctuary jurisdictions.

How do you plan on working with the BOE to do what is best for students and tax payers? We have to carefully monitor BOE spending accountability and make sure that we are using the limited resources we have to achieve the best for Carroll Students.

How would you rate Governor Hogan's performance? Great, a real change from the eight years of Martin O'Malley running the State.

How do you plan on working with Governor Hogan to do what is best for Carroll County if you are both elected? I will encourage the Governor and General Assembly to resist the temptation to raise taxes and possibly find ways to spend less. I have also worked very hard to support legislation that encourages job creation and have consistently opposed bills that make it harder for businesses to stay in Maryland (ie increases in minimum wage, Paid Sick Leave, Living Wage and all other bills that put Maryland on an unlevel playing field with surrounding states).

Is it fair to assume prior donations to individuals and campaigns reflect your character and values? I try to support individuals that would benefit the citizens of Carroll County.

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 worked to highlight issues that should concern democrats too – when they attempt to harm taxpayers, jobs or employers I do everything I can to work against their legislative proposals, in many cases we have stopped or delayed implementation of many harmful bills on an annual basis.

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? It can certainly be difficult at times, I feel that a unified ticket from the top down really helps Republicans in contested parts of the State, when

down ticket candidates and elected officials publically disagree with the President it harms our party in the eye of the voter and diminishes turn-out on election day.

Have you ever been a named party in a lawsuit against the Maryland Republican party or one of the state's Republican central committees? To date I have not been named in any law suits.

Are you able to work with Republicans who have varying conservative ideologies? I try, but just like in every other walk of life it's not easy to get along with everyone all of the time and not every republican has conservative ideologies. One of our House members very strongly believes in Physician Assisted Suicide, I believe this is a horrible idea and find it very hard to work with this member due to his obnoxious approach to insisting that all support him with this awful idea.

What is your favorite thing about living in Carroll County? I love the fact that I live three short miles south of Carroll and that it does not struggle with many of the issues facing other parts on Maryland.

In three words, describe Carroll County Values. Conservative

When and why did you become a Republican? In High School the President was Jimmy Carter, the "Misery Index" sold me on the fact that democrat ideals don't work. I was very happy to vote for President Ronald Reagan.

Are you pro-Life? Yes and I have been endorsed by Maryland Right to Life

Are you supportive of the Second Amendment? Yes

Are you in favor of any restrictions on the Second Amendment? No, in 2013 I voted against the "assault weapons ban" which limited to sale of certain firearms due to cosmetic features. This year I consistently voted against HB1302 which would remove your second amendment rights under certain conditions if you are accused of having a mental disability.