

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?

I'll do everything I can to drive down taxes to include looking at how we execute the homestead tax exemption. Citizens have to apply for the Homestead Property Tax Credit and the fact that we don't live in the 21st Century for Government services is frustrating as a cyber professional. In our capabilities in big data, I will introduce new ideas to approve those eligible by default. The idea is to change the burden of proof to the Government versus the Citizen.

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

Yes! I have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. While the incumbent has been in the Senate, our budget has grown from \$41-\$44 billion a year and she has voted for those increases. I would not.

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 and I testified against the bill this year.

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

Often times there is a lot of capability for better educational environments through using tax payer money more efficiency but also making partnerships with businesses in Carroll County. I know that we have a strong industrial base that would step up if engaged. If money spent per student was directly tied to higher outcome, the best schools would be in larger cities. We know there is more complex factors involved and I plan to help investigate those innovative connections.

How would you rate Governor Hogan's performance?

Doing well and much better than any Democrat.

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

I will be Governor Hogan's largest supporter when he is re-elected and proposes conservative ideas to support Carroll County.

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

As a first-time candidate, I have not taken a donation yet, I am funding myself for as long as I can. I think it is unfair to pin all candidates to what money they have taken but you need to look at specific votes also.

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've spent the majority of my professional career at the Pentagon, who literally invented bureaucracy and red tape. The key to moving any old, tired, entrenched organization is to outwork them. I plan to move every important vote to the right and ensure that the true conservative voice is heard in Annapolis.

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?

My wife and her family! She is a graduate of Westminster HS and my in-laws are still in Finksburg. I spend almost every weekend between Howard and Carroll Counties driving up 32.

In three words, describe Carroll County Values.

Community, Independence, Strength.

When and why did you become a Republican?

Probably from birth. My grandfather told me stories of playing cards in the White House with President Eisenhower. He had met every President through President Reagan before my grandfather passed. More importantly, if I was ever going to attend college I had to get good grades and go through Air Force ROTC. I truly believe that we should all be allowed the opportunity to succeed and through our own merit we can succeed.

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.