



# 2018 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Attached is a questionnaire the RCNMC is inviting candidates in races that impact residents of Northern Macomb County to fill out to provide information about their campaign and message. This information will be used as consideration for endorsement during the primary election by the RCNMC and will be published online at [www.rcnmc.com](http://www.rcnmc.com).

Note that completion of this questionnaire does not guarantee an endorsement. The RCNMC may endorse one, multiple or no candidates in any given race for the primary election.

Please complete the questions below and email to [info@rcnmc.com](mailto:info@rcnmc.com). This form can also be mailed to RCNMC, 21754 Kendyl Ct., Macomb, MI 48044.

**Deadline for submission is Thursday, May 31, 2018.**

## Section A: Candidate Information

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| <b>Name:</b>   | Brian Calley   |
| <b>Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name):</b><br>(will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only) | N/A  |
| <b>Office Running For:</b>   | Governor   |
| <b>Are You the Incumbent for This Office:</b>  | No   |
| <b>Municipality of Residence:</b>  | Portland (Danby Township)  |
| <b>Marital Status:</b>   | Married  |
| <b>Current Occupation:</b>   | Lt. Governor   |
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## Section B: Campaign Issues

### Why are you running for this office?

Over the past eight years Governor Snyder and I have worked together to bring Michigan back from the lost decade. Because of this work more than 540,000 have been created since 2010, Michigan is the number 1 Great Lake State for job creation, number 1 in the country for creating new manufacturing jobs and we are beating the national average for population growth.

I am running for Governor because I want to take the solid foundation we have built over the last eight years and take Michigan to the next level.

### What skillsets and real life experience do you have that makes you the best candidate for the role?

I was a community banker for 10 years working my way up from the mail room to vice president. I have served as a county commissioner, State Rep. and Lt. Governor. I am the only candidate in the race for governor who has worked with the governor to turn Michigan around and am the only candidate who can step in on day one and continue our plan for Michigan.

### What are the top three issues you are concerned with for your district/municipality?

- 1) Fill more than 800 thousand jobs in technical, professional and skilled trade fields by 2024
- 2) Increase the workforce by transforming the social service system into a springboard for employment
- 3) Make Michigan the best state in the nation for preK-12 education

### What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

- 1) I will implement the Marshall Plan for Education to fill those skilled trades jobs and reinvent our workforce
- 2) I will transform our social service system by focusing on people and removing the barriers to the workforce
- 3) Focusing on our students and putting them first will help us build the best education system in America

### What specific measures will you take to maintain low taxes and less expensive, limited government?

I was the driving force behind two historic tax cuts which resulted in increased prosperity and sustainable job growth. I was the tie breaking vote to balance the budget. During my time in office we have repealed a record amount of regulations and I have been a tireless advocate limiting state government.

### If elected, how will you demonstrate accountability and transparency in government?

Increase transparency by expanding the Freedom of Information Act, expose conflicts of interest and adopting the federal financial disclosure requirements.



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## **Section C: Party Involvement/Issues**

**Why are you a running as a Republican?**

I believe in the constitution, limited government, and that ALL men are created equal with certain unalienable rights from our Creator.

**What is your position on the life/abortion debate?**

I am 100% pro-life from conception to natural death and have been endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan in this election.

**What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?**

I am a strong supporter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. I have been given an A rating by the NRA. I will work to protect, promote, and expand 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.

**What prior involvement have you had with the Republican Party or Conservative organizations/candidates?**

I was the Chair of the Ionia County Republican Party, served as a County Commissioner, State Representative and Lieutenant Governor as a Republican.

**Have you ever publicly affiliated, donated or supported organizations or candidates of political parties other than the Republican Party? No**



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## Section D: State/County/Local Issues

*(answer as appropriate for the position you are seeking)*

**What are the two biggest issues you feel Macomb County is facing today?**

- 1) There are not enough people with the right skills to fill all the demand and we must focus on education and especially the skilled trades.
- 2) Macomb County is a center of high-tech manufacturing and we need to create and build on our environment for more of those jobs to be created.

**What would you do to fix the problem of broken down roads in southeastern Michigan and the funding to fix them?**

We have increased the road spending drastically and now we are starting to see those new projects happening. There will be more road work this summer and the increased funds that are resulting from our growing economy should go to roads.

**Macomb County has been stained with public corruption arrests of elected officials. What steps will you take to prevent this from happening to you?**

I will stand up to those bad actors that think they can buy off politicians to get contracts and I support full transparency from our public officials to help keep them accountable.

**What is your opinion on the legalization of marijuana? If it passes, what other considerations should you and your fellow office holders need to consider?**

I support our current medical marijuana system but I do not support legalization for recreational marijuana. However, if the voters decide in favor of recreational marijuana, I will do my best to implement a regulatory system that protects Michigan's families and communities.

**What should be done about the high rates of auto insurance in Michigan? If elected, what would you do to aid auto insurance consumers?**

First, we must have a fraud authority with real power to do something. Second, we have to implement a fee schedule with timely payment to providers to hold both sides accountable.

**Do you believe there should be accountability for those receiving government assistance? If so, how should this accountability be applied?**

The goal of all government assistance should be to get those receiving toward independence and a place in their lives where it is not necessary. Work is good for people and we should not be protecting anybody from work.