



# 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>   | Douglas Wozniak  |
| <b>Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name):</b><br>(will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only) |  |
| <b>Office Running For:</b>   | 36 <sup>th</sup> District, Michigan State House of Representatives       |
| <b>Are You the Incumbent for This Office:</b>  | No   |
| <b>Municipality of Residence:</b>  | Shelby Township  |
| <b>Marital Status:</b>   | Married  |
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## Section B: Campaign Issues

### Why are you running for this office?

I have been very blessed to have raised a family as well as owned and operated several businesses in northern Macomb County. I believe in giving back to the community. I also feel that our government leaders should have a real world business background to make smart decisions for families and businesses in the state. As a township trustee, the board and I have done remarkable things in terms of building a surplus and expanding community services without raising taxes. I believe I am very qualified and will continue to be an effective public servant.

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

As a small business owner who understand the law as an attorney, I believe that I will be a very effective advocate for small businesses. I understand how health insurance, unemployment fees, and other local and state fees directly affect the small business owner. As a trustee, I understand that less is more to allow small businesses to thrive and grow and what is important to families. I've been part of a board that has built a financial surplus while expanding important community programs. Finally my knowledge as a realtor and insurance agent give me the experience to make common sense conservative decisions for businesses and families.

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

1. Auto insurance, medical auto billing (much higher when auto accidents are the cause), and the MCCA Fund
2. Roads and Infrastructure repair and maintenance. Prop 1 was a strong NO. We do not need to raise taxes and fees based on what the public voted on.
3. Small business regulation and overregulation.

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

1. Look at the MCCA Fund and make the books open to see how this fund contributes to higher auto fees and insurance payments. Get insurance and medical representative to explain the fees and billing processes and why their costs and rates are so much higher when an auto accident is involved.
2. Do a thorough analysis of the state budget and find where money can be moved to take care of the roads and infrastructure. Try to get road funding to be cost per mile and number of lanes and not just per mile. Heavily traveled areas are not being given enough funding where areas with much less traffic get the same amount per mile to fix a road.
3. Small businesses needs less state regulation to continue to grow and employ people. I would look at existing regulations and see if any are outdated and not relevant to save small businesses money.

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

I have a record of doing this as a township Trustee. Cutting any wasteful spending. For example, the legislator found several million dollars "sitting around" to help fund some of the recent road repairs? I would like to know how much extra money sits there. I am not a tax and spend person, but I want to make sure that programs are prioritized and money spent in a conservative fashion.

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

I believe in an open door policy for any constituent to walk in and ask tough questions. I plan on using technology to let the public know how I voted, why I voted the way I did, and get their feedback and comments. I also plan on making my legislative calendar public and in-district calendar public so tax payers know that I'm working hard both in Lansing and in the district.



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## Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

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

I have a strong voting record of being a Conservative Republican. I agree with the GOP platform – less spending, less control over small businesses. I'm Christian / Catholic. I am Pro-Life. I believe in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and having the right to protect our personal and private property. As a township Trustee I have been able to expand programs without raising taxes.

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

100% Pro Life.

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

100% 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment for responsible gun ownership and not having restrictions on many existing gun laws and policies.

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

Macomb County Executive Committee Member

**Have you ever publicly affiliated, donated or supported organizations or candidates of political parties other than the Republican Party?**

Not to the best of my knowledge. I have donated to many Republican candidates and office holders.



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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?**

Paying for roads without raising taxes. Prop 1 was a very strong NO in Macomb County.

Lately water quality issues. Lake St. Clair which makes up the eastern border of much of county has major environmental problems.

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

I would push to end or amend PA 51. We should get road funding based use and number of lanes, not just by the mile. I would also look into funds like the MCCA Fund because safer roads means less accidents which means less need for such an outrageous amount of money sitting there and money being managed by out of state handlers.

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

Open bidding process where the public can see the overview or basics of each bid. This will keep everyone on the up and up when bidding big jobs. Recently the Legislator took swift action regarding the unfortunate events at MSU. The Legislator should consider bills where punishments and fines are set for corruption. This will give judges more teeth when ruling and implementing sentences to those office holders who break the law.

### **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 feel there are a lot more questions that have to be answered, including how will this affect medical marijuana which is legal and controlled. Will a free for all system with recreational marijuana harm medical marijuana. What are the results in other states? It's not all about the "increased taxes" because from what I have read many states don't get anywhere near what they feel they will get due to it being sold illegally.

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

High auto rates are in part due to the medical profession charging exorbitant amounts of money for auto related injuries as opposed to injuries occurring elsewhere. That needs to be looked. The MCCA Fund has to be reviewed and made transparent. We need a system that prohibits people from buying insurance by the week because too many let it lapse once they get their plates. Uninsured drivers cost everyone else a lot more money.

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

I understand some people cannot work due to health reasons. However, I hear stories of perfectly abled bodied people who just collect government assistance. This is not fair to those who work each and every day and pay taxes. The benefits of working, having a job, and being a positive contributing member to our society are much greater than sitting at home and sponging off the system. I believe there should be some vetting system and review system to get benefits and continue benefits.