



# 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

<b>Name:</b>	Gary E. Kopp
<b>Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name):</b> (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	
<b>Office Running For:</b>	Washington Township Trustee
<b>Are You the Incumbent for This Office:</b>	No
<b>Municipality of Residence:</b>	Washington Township
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Current Occupation:</b>	Retired - Engineering Manager
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## Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office? **With the resignation of Harold Miller, a midterm election was necessary. I am campaigning for the single seat, two year term. Washington Township has the highest property values, and one of the lowest millage rates in Macomb County. I am campaigning to keep the momentum moving forward.**

What skillsets and real life experience do you have that makes you the best candidate for the role? **I have over 40+ years of private sector business experience, as well as my experience as a drill instructor in the U.S. Army. I am currently on 4 boards, and the former Treasurer and resident producer at WBRW cable TV in Washington Twp.**

What are the top three issues you are concerned with for your district/municipality? **Water rates, Township growth, Board ethics.**

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected? Educate the community as to how the water rates are set, and why the costs are what they are. **Manage the growth of the Township, ensuring the master plan is adhered to, and again educate the community on how the growth process works. As a Trustee, ensure the Township Board members follow the laws of the community and the State.**

What specific measures will you take to maintain low taxes and less expensive, limited government? **Encourage manufacturing and industrial growth to help support the local tax base. Washington Township is primarily a bedroom community, with yet to be developed commercial areas. Although these areas will require infrastructure enhancements, I will work to ensure that the development occurs, while offsetting and reducing the tax load on the residents.**

If elected, how will you demonstrate accountability and transparency in government? **I will work to develop an ethics policy, and always justify my vote with an explanation of why I vote the way I do.**



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## Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican? **I am a Republican precinct delegate, and the Secretary of the RCNMC.**

What is your position on the life/abortion debate? **I am a Catholic, and Proud to be Pro Life.**

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment of the ? **I am a CPL holder and member NRA.**

What prior involvement have you had with the Republican Party or Conservative organizations/candidates? **I was elected precinct delegate in Shelby Township and Washington Twp. I have been a member of the RCNMC for 6 years, and am currently its Secretary.**

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

## 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. Roads, 2. Confidence in the Clerks Office.**

What would you do to fix the problem of broken down roads in southeastern Michigan and the funding to fix them? **Work to repeal Public Act 51. Change the formula on how the roads miles are funded.**



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Macomb County has been stained with public corruption arrests of elected officials. What steps will you take to prevent this from happening to you? **Transparency and accountability, and an ethics policy.**

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? **My biggest concern is the aspect of user driving while using. I have not seen any method to determine a level of impairment established.**

What should be done about the high rates of auto insurance in Michigan? If elected, what would you do to aid auto insurance consumers? **My election would have no authority, but I would work on the MCCA fund, to open its books. Also to move to a cafeteria style of insurance purchasing.**

Do you believe there should be accountability for those receiving government assistance? If so, how should this accountability be applied? **Yes. Verification of need, drug testing, and parental accountability.**