



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.

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. 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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| Name: | Karen Potchynok-Lund |
| Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name): (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only) | |
| Office Running For: | State House 36 |
| Are You the Incumbent for This Office: | No. |
| Municipality of Residence: | Shelby Township |
| Marital Status: | Married |
| Current Occupation: | Podiatrist |
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Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office?

As a doctor in the community for 29 years, I have listened to thousands of patients and understand their concerns and their values. Our government is too big, too powerful and wastes taxpayer dollars. Government overreach is negatively impacting healthcare, education, agriculture, insurance and many other industries. I am running for this office to limit regulations and promote growth. I want to improve educational opportunities for our children. Government should be accountable and transparent, and I will work to promote these principles.

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

In my career as a doctor, small business owner and mom, I have developed the ability to make quick and sound decisions, communicate effectively, work under pressure, pay attention to detail, manage time effectively, self-motivate, resolve conflicts and work as a member of a team.

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

1. Repair and maintenance of roads and infrastructure.
2. Auto insurance rates.
3. Medicaid expansion and health care costs.

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

1. Target more of the existing budget to roads and infrastructure and ensure all tax revenue from the sale of gasoline is dedicated to roads and infrastructure. Mandate accountability with guarantees and warranties.
2. Offer consumer choice by removing health care from auto insurance policies. Allow the purchase of a rider for health coverage including home care and durable medical equipment above limits of health insurance policy.
3. Reverse Medicaid expansion, tighten eligibility requirements and mandate work requirements. Redefine "groups" for the purchase of health insurance. Decrease the number of benefit mandates.

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

I signed the Americans for Tax Reform "No New Tax Pledge." No new money means no expanded government. In addition to no new taxes, I will work to lower existing taxes.

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

I will work to make every expenditure available on-line.



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Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican?

I take a conservative stand on issues and support The Constitution. I believe in smaller government, lower taxes, and reduced spending on social programs. I support a strong military and care for our veterans. Leaders should serve the people and people should be free from government overreach.

What is your position on the life/abortion debate?

I am pro-life and am a former board member of RTL Central Macomb.

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?

I support the 2nd Amendment, and I am a member of the NRA.

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

I have been involved with campaigns for my husband, former County Commissioner and former State Representative, Pete Lund.

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. Crumbling roads and infrastructure.
2. High auto insurance rates.

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

1. Dedicate more existing revenue to roads and infrastructure and mandate all of the gas tax revenue be dedicated to roads and infrastructure. Also, require warranties and guarantees on workmanship with more risk absorbed by contractors.
2. Create consumer choice for auto insurance policies and create a fee schedule for auto insurance claims.

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 promote transparency and access to information. It is essential that corrupt officials be visibly punished to discourage future criminal wrongdoings by officials.

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?

As a doctor and a mom, I am not in support of the legalization of marijuana. Just look to Colorado for the negative impact of legalization on society . . . automobile accidents on the rise, auto insurance rates on the rise, juvenile marijuana users on the rise, drug related student suspensions on the rise, hospitalizations and emergency room visits on the rise. It took many years to understand the negative consequences of smoking tobacco. We do not know a lot about the long-term side effects of marijuana use. Making it legal doesn't make it free of catastrophe.

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

1. Implement consumer choice. You are able to choose your car; therefore, you should be able to have choice in insurance coverage for your car. Your auto insurance should insure your auto, not be a second unlimited health insurance plan. Three policies should be offered. The first should be insurance for your car only utilizing your current health insurance for treatment of injury. The second should be insurance for your car utilizing your current health insurance for treatment of injury with a rider that could be purchased to cover expenses above limits of your health insurance plan. The third would allow purchase of insurance as it exists in the present system.
2. Create a fee schedule for health care services provided.

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

Yes, there should be accountability for those receiving government assistance. Able-bodied adults should be required to work. I support the Senate bill.



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