



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

Name:	Mary Treder Lang
Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name): (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	Mary Treder
Office Running For:	Secretary of State
Are You the Incumbent for This Office:	No
Municipality of Residence:	Grosse Pointe Farms
Marital Status:	Married
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Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office?

I am running to be the next Secretary of State (SOS) to ensure that Michigan keeps driving forward and that the “Lost Decade” remains in the rear view mirror. I have a background in cyber security which is critical asset for a Secretary of State to have in today’s modern age. In Candice Millers endorsement she was quoted to say that I am “the only candidate who can defeat Benson in the General Election this November”. We are up against Joslyn Benson who is backed by George Soros and we need to put the best candidate up to defeat her and her radical agenda.

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

My background in cyber security and technology, make me uniquely qualified for this job. No other candidate has the career experience that I bring to the table. Additionally, I’m a CPA and that brings with me the knowledge to protect your tax dollars and to do more with less. I have real world experiences and ideas that will drive the department forward. I will bring to the office technology, a business mind, innovation and a thinking out of the box mentality on top of a strong and welcoming leadership style.

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

Security – Protecting the integrity of the vote and information within the SOS from cyber threats.
Optimization – Providing optimal customer service while saving tax payer dollars.
Stability – Continue the forward motion of the SOS department and building on the successes of the office.

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

I will work to partner with Michigan based companies to install SOS Kiosks in locations other than the branch offices during business hours. I will work to roll out the MI-Time to the remaining branch offices across the state. I will also partner up with organizations, like service organizations, to recruit and train poll workers for Election Day. Additionally, I will introduce my plan to have an ExpressSOS.com App on your smart phone to do SOS transactions anytime and anywhere. I will expand the current services available on ExpressSOS and make it more user friendly.

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

As a CPA, I have the knowledge and experience to protect your tax dollars and do more with less. I will work to assemble an internal audit team to assess the department and work to make cuts where we are able to save tax payer dollars. I will work with a Legislative Team to create bills to reduce fees associated with the SOS office.

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

I will work to assemble an internal audit team to assess the department and work to make cuts where we are able to save tax payer dollars. As Secretary of State, I will hold myself and my staff accountable to all Sunshine Laws. A Strategic Plan will be created and maintained representing short-term and long-term goals. I will have monthly and yearly metrics for each department and I will make reports available to the public on our achievements.



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Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican?

I have been active in the Republican Party and I share the values that the Republican Party stands on and I feel that less government is the best form of government.

What is your position on the life/abortion debate?

I am Pro-Life.

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?

I believe that law-abiding citizens should be able to possess handguns in their home or place of business as well as guarantees their right to keep and bear arms.

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

I was the Republican nominee candidate for State House, District 1 in 2008. I have served on the MRP State Committee and was the Budget Committee Co-Chair with now Speaker Tom Leonard. I have been very active in supporting and organizing republican candidate fundraisers in the past, including Governor Rick Snyder and Congresswoman Candice Miller.

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

Yes. I have been friends with Curtis Hertel Sr. for many years. Because of our friendship, I attended a fundraiser for his son, Kevin Hertel, when he was running for State Representative in 2016.

As a Wayne County resident, I have supported Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Additionally, I, along with several other CPA's, served on a taskforce put together by then Mayor-elect Duggan to help review Detroit's finances before he took office. As Michigan's largest city, Detroit needs to rise again in order to make Michigan's comeback more secure and permanent.



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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. Public Corruption, it is important to have leaders with integrity
2. Infrastructure, (Water and Roads) as a resident who lives along Lake St Clair, I would continue to support the water quality license plate to raise awareness around the state. The road conditions in Michigan are a great concern to Michigan residents and need to be addressed.

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

As I travel around the state, I consistently hear from citizens that the SOS fees are too high. I will not and do not support increasing fees to fix Michigan 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?

As a CPA, I hold myself to a high sense of integrity. I will not take part in any "business deals" that are unethical.

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 am not in favor of legalization; however, if it passes, I will work with our legislature and law enforcement professionals to make sure our roads are safe from those that would operate their vehicle under the influence.

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

As Secretary of State, I can continue to shutdown fraudulent and unauthorized insurance providers. While it is a small piece of the pie, it is something under my responsibilities where I can reduce insurance rates.

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

The government's role should be to provide a Hand Up, not a Hand Out. I want our citizens to be able to pull themselves back up to lead fulfilling lives to be able to contribute to society. My work with Vista Maria has allowed me to see firsthand what a Hand Up can provide. With that, I believe that a work requirement should be in order. We cannot allow our most vulnerable citizens to remain in a cycle of poverty.