



# 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>Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name):</b> (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	
<b>Office Running For:</b>	State Senate 10 <sup>th</sup> District
<b>Are You the Incumbent for This Office:</b>	No
<b>Municipality of Residence:</b>	Macomb County
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## Section B: Campaign Issues

### Why are you running for this office?

To make a positive difference and be a true voice to the families and tax payers of my district. We need common sense solutions to our problems not more compromises.

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

Homeland Security – Operations – Project Management – Small Business Ownership – Intelligence Analysis – Computer Science – Social work.

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

1. Roads and infrastructure (water and sewer next big issue for Macomb). 2. Education that meets the needs of today and tomorrow's workforce. 3. Attempts to get around Right to Work by writing too much of the employer/employee relationship into law.

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

Multilateral approach, there is always more than one solution to every problem, we must find and employ people with out of the box ideas. No one has a foolproof plan to solve every problem, variables and issues are constantly changing, however I'm hopeful that I would be evaluated based on my past performance, character and my critical thinking abilities.

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

This is a compound question; however, I pledge to raise no more taxes, re-evaluate current spending, open books at all levels of government to achieve optimum transparency, and shrink the size of the Federal government as much as it would be practically possible.

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

Simply compel officials, committees and organizations to open books at all levels, there is no reason why such information shouldn't be public record, this will eliminate the need for FOIA and enhances trust.



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## Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

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

I'm a Family man who loves and places God and his country first. I'm a fiscal and social conservative who understands that freedom isn't free and that we must uphold our traditional values, keep the government small and make sure that our children understand and appreciate our flag, constitution and our military. I believe in lowering taxes, and preserving life, and our constitutional rights and that only by protecting our 2<sup>nd</sup> we will guarantee the 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

I believe that life begins at conception, and that we must defund planned parenthood for their participation in ending life.

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

I'm a proud member of the NRA and responsible gun owner and have used it in combat. Our second Amendment is exceptionally important to our citizens as it guarantees their constitutional rights.

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

I have served as a precinct delegate and have been a county and State delegate, I'm an active member of the Macomb county republicans and Michigan State Republican. Republican Coalition, Republican Assembly and Trump Republicans.

**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?**

Corruption and roads.

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

End corruption will resolve some of the problems we have with our roads. But more importantly we need to renegotiate contracts, I believe that contracts must be placed for rebidding to contractors who have track record of successful engineering with longevity by using higher quality material, enhanced technologies and more importantly more effective implementation strategy, one that does not cripple traffic around the clock for months if not years.

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

Compel them to answer to their employees and residents by eliminating their multilayer of protection. Money is the root of all problems and some official are very hungry for money and power. I believe that officials have been running the county including municipalities like a 1950s mafia style, they are connected beyond partisan affiliation which makes it near impossible to get them to turn on each other. They are like a house of cards, we must eradicate the core for the problem and open new chapter with new blood. We must allow for employees and residents to question officials and require them to open books and be very transparent.

**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?**

Will have more to say when the people and our state make a final decision.

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

Auto insurance is too high, it must be addressed, I have a plan but I need to study it from the inside and speak to representatives from the healthcare industry to have a better understating and present a more practical solution.

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

**I believe in #choicesnohandouts I believe that ALL able adult bodies should work. We must end welfare fraud!**