



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:	Patrick Colbeck
Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name): (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	
Office Running For:	Governor
Are You the Incumbent for This Office:	No
Municipality of Residence:	Canton Township
Marital Status:	Married since 1995
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Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office?

Restore faith in our system of government by ensuring that the best interests of all of our citizens are prioritized over the interests of lobbyists.

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

I have over 2 decades of engineering, problem-solving experience including 11 years as a management consultant tasked with improving the business operations of my clients. Furthermore, I have served 2 terms as the State Senator from Michigan's 7th Senate District so I understand how government really works.

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

- 1) High tax burden upon our businesses and families
- 2) Poor quality of our roads and water infrastructure
- 3) High cost of auto insurance

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

The Top 3 are as follows:

- 1) Eliminate the state personal income tax and the senior pension tax right along with it
- 2) Promote higher quality road designs within existing budget constraints
- 3) Eliminate state auto insurance mandates while retaining a program to provide lifetime benefits for those needing long-term care

For a complete list of all of my Principled Solutions, please visit ColbeckforGovernor.com or my Colbeck for Governor YouTube channel.

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

- 1) Convert all state budgets to Service Level Agreements featuring cost by service and performance objectives for each service. Not only will I investigate how each service can be delivered more cost effectively, I will also encourage legislative budget chairs to perform such investigations as well.
- 2) Promote policies that will make Michigan the center of a free market healthcare revolution that will lower costs and improve quality. The cost of healthcare touches upon every budget area in state and local budgets.
- 3) Eliminate the state personal income tax and senior pension tax.

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

- 1) Normalize the 16+ charts of accounts into a single statewide chart of accounts to facilitate cost comparisons across departments
- 2) Create a data-mining friendly version of the state spending plans posted on mi.gov to encourage all citizens to investigate how the state is spending their tax dollars
- 3) Promote passage of my Enhanced-Michigan Education Savings Program which will show true costs of what it takes to educate a student in classrooms across the state.



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- 4) Restore legislative oversight of Michigan's public colleges and universities to ensure better accountability for expenses as tuition rates continue to climb at more than three times the rate of inflation.



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Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican?

The Republican platform best represents the limited government principles embedded within our U.S. Constitution.

What is your position on the life/abortion debate?

I am 100% Pro-Life with no exceptions and have been endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan. Furthermore, I have sponsored pro-life legislation such as the Choose Life license plate and Defund Planned Parenthood bills.

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?

I believe that we should honor our oaths of office and ensure that our policies reflect the rights captured in both our Michigan and U.S. Constitutions. As such, I am an advocate for constitutional carry and the elimination of so-called gun-free zones.

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

I currently serve as the State Senator for the 7th Senate District of Michigan. Previously, I served on the Steering Team of the Rattle With Us Tea Party.

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 infrastructure (road and sewer)
- 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) Improve road quality by applying advanced, long-lasting road design technology such as cement hydration catalysts and sealants that extend road life by 3-4 times the length of current technology for only 15% more construction cost. Overall maintenance costs would be lower and not require any tax increases.
- 2) Promote higher quality pothole repair techniques. Instead of traditional "cold patch" shoveling techniques, deploy longer-lasting Durapatch, Patchmaster or Jet Patch systems to repair 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?

- 1) Continue my daily calibration through prayers and reading of the Bible
- 2) Hire people of integrity

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?

- 1) I am opposed to the legalization of marijuana as I believe it will increase the dependence of our citizens upon government assistance as more people fail to pass drug tests necessary for employment.
- 2) If the people choose to legalize it, I will respect their wishes and seek to implement the legalization in a manner the best protects the rights of all of our citizens.

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) Eliminate state mandates (will reduce rates by minimum of 40%)
- 2) Retain lifetime benefits by ensuring that the MCCA investment interest be dedicated to future claims
- 3) Make Michigan the center of a free market healthcare revolution that will lower the cost of healthcare services. Almost 70% of current insurance premiums go to pay for healthcare-related services.

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

Yes. I believe that there should be a work requirement for able-bodied citizens receiving government assistance.