



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:	Paula Verticchio
Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name): (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	n/a
Office Running For:	Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds
Are You the Incumbent for This Office:	No.
Municipality of Residence:	Washington Township, Macomb County
Marital Status:	Married
Current Occupation:	Macomb County Circuit Court Finance Manager & Century 21 AAA North - Michigan Realtor
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Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office?

When I see a problem, I tend to want to be part of the solution. Being an employee of Macomb County Circuit Court and having daily dealings with the Clerks Office/Register of Deeds, over the last two years I have seen first hand the horrific drama and dilapidation of a once award-winning office. I have an incredible push to fix this and make this once great office better than ever before!

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

I am the only current Macomb County employee running. I have 11 year's experience as the former Clerk/Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh's Administrative Assistant and 14 years as the current Circuit Court Finance Manager. I am also an active licensed Michigan Realtor in good standing since 2005. As Administrative Assistant I wore many hats with numerous responsibilities including Acting Deputy Register of Deeds and Acting Chief Election Clerk. Not only managing those areas I was responsible to create training manuals, streamlining and cross-training employees for all divisions and boards that fell under the Clerk/Register of Deeds offices. My 25 years of employment with Macomb County Government gives me an advantage over other candidate because I know the staff, processes and procedures. See attached resume'.

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

1. Employee security/safety.
2. Improving morale/communication.
3. Increasing training opportunities.

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

Open communication and teamwork! The employees have suffered for so long without leadership, praise and acknowledgement it has destroyed the morale. The public's perception of this once award-winning office has been damaged. This destruction needs to be reversed with solid and knowledgeable leadership. A candidate without any experience or knowledge of the Clerks Office and Register of Deeds functions and statutory requirements is not a qualified candidate!

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

Knowledge of the department's boards and commissions will give the ability to properly budget. A more often budget review on a regular basis will eliminate overbudgeting and wasting money. Working with the unions and Human Resources to review job classifications to make them more uniform and improve customer service without adding unnecessary positions.

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

An annual report should be published again to show the public what is going on in both the Clerks Office and Register of Deeds Office as well as all of the boards and commissions. This should be distributed online and have copies available for the public. A dashboard for each area can be published on the website to show the status of work flow. Revenue and disbursements are already published on the Finance portion of the Macomb County website. As always, have an open door to anyone interested in speaking with me.



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Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican?

My values are most aligned to the Republican party and everything they stand for. From economics to defense spending to immigration laws, etc.

What is your position on the life/abortion debate?

I believe in pro-life; to protect those that can't protect themselves. Abortion is not a method for birth control. I am opposed to abortion unless the life of the mother is in danger.

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?

I am pro 2nd Amendment.

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

None.

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. Integrity.
2. Compliance with statutory requirements.

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

Update studies for:

- Improving materials used.
- Traffic pattern.
- Climate.
- Vehicle/truck weight restrictions.

Funding suggestions would include:

- Transportation sales tax.
- Increase vehicle registration fees.
- If marijuana was legalized, the tax from the sales could be used.

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

Continue to abide by all laws.

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 in favor of the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes only. Public education is key to eliminate the fear and to provide the pros and cons of its usage.

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 company transparency should be mandatory and not continue to be a silent monopoly. The public should know what their earnings and profits are. Credit scoring should be eliminated. If elected, my voice and open support to do what is best for the residents would be expressed.

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

Yes, accountability should be mandatory. Government assistance (financial, health, housing or food stamps) needs to be better defined for disabled, poor, elderly or dependent children. There should be a tax benefit to an employer and a bonus to an employee if government assistance can be eliminated. If physically and mentally able to be employed, accountability should include drug/alcohol screening, required mental/medical evaluations and proof of regular application submissions.