



# 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

<b>Name:</b>	Scott Czasak
<b>Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name):</b> (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	N/A
<b>Office Running For:</b>	36 <sup>th</sup> District State Representative
<b>Are You the Incumbent for This Office:</b>	No
<b>Municipality of Residence:</b>	Shelby Township
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Current Occupation:</b>	Legislative Director, MI House of Representatives
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## Section B: Campaign Issues

### Why are you running for this office?

I am running for this office to put my 15 years of experience as a conservative Republican activist and legislative staffer to good use for the citizens of the 36<sup>th</sup> District. I want to take the conservative values I have espoused and put them into action as solid conservative public policy.

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

I am the only candidate in my race who has direct experience with the state issues facing Michigan given my 3 years as Legislative Director for the current State Representative. I will be ready on Day One to work on these issues, and with my knowledge of the system in Lansing I will be the most effective State Representative out of all the candidates running for this seat.

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

1. Roads
2. Cost of Auto Insurance
3. Taxes

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

1. Reform PA 51 of 1951, the current road funding formula, to ensure Macomb County is no longer a donor county to the rest of the state and direct a greater share of the money to counties and local governments, who have the lion share of the miles of roads.
2. We need transparency in the MCCA which sets the annual assessment, set to rise to \$192 in July, to see how they determine their projected costs, and reform our no-fault system to introduce more competition and free market elements to drive costs down.
3. Lower taxes, to begin we need to fulfill the delayed promise of ending the "temporary" tax hike from 3.9%., Returning to this rate is the absolute minimum we need to do, we should look at further reducing taxes and ending the pension tax.

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

We should be looking at duplicity and privatization where we can find it. We should also look at current government programs to see how we can reduce costs, also by creating a job creation environment in Michigan we would reduce government costs by getting people off assistance and into the workforce.

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

I would continue the push to make the Legislature subject to a form of the Freedom of Information Act, we should also have to have financial disclosure similar to what they do in Congress. We also need more frequent campaign finance disclosures.



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## Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

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

I have been a Republican since I have known what one was. I have been an active conservative Republican, and will continue to be win, lose, or draw.

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

I am pro-life with the only exception for the life of the mother.

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

I am a member of the NRA and Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, I support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and the stronger Michigan Constitutional guarantees on our right to keep and bear arms

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

State Committee Member, Michigan Republican Party, 2010-2012; Membership Chair, Macomb County Republican Party, 2012-2014; Executive Committee Member, Macomb County Republican Party, 2008-2016; Midwest Vice-Chairman, Young Republican National Federation, 2010-2012; Chairman, Michigan Young Republicans, 2009-2013; National Committeeman, Michigan Young Republicans, 2007-2009, 2013-2017; Chairman, Macomb County Young Republicans, 2007-2009; Treasurer, Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County, 2015-2017; Member-At-Large, Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County, 2017-Present; candidate for Macomb College Board of Trustees, 2010; Republican precinct delegate, 2006-16

As a political consultant I have worked on the following campaigns:

2004: Roger Deaton for State Representative

2006: Bill Kelly for State Representative

2008: Larry Leib for Oakland County Prosecutor, Natalie Miller for Woodhaven City Council

2009: John Cruz for Mt. Clemens School Board, David Magliulo for Sterling Heights Mayor

2013: YRNext Team for Young Republican National Federation Executive Board

2014: Peter J. Lucido for State Representative

2016: Peter J. Lucido for State Representative, Pamela Hornberger for State Representative, Lisa Valero-Nowc for State Representative, Linda Burns Torp for Macomb County Commissioner

### 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
2. Government corruption

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

I would work to reform PA 51 of 1951, the current road funding formula, to direct more money to counties and local governments. Currently, all counties in Michigan get the same amount of money under the formula as the state does, even though the counties have 10 times as many miles of road to maintain. Of the \$175 million which was supplemented a few months ago, only 2.5% went to the county, and 1.5% went to cities and villages in Macomb. This is unacceptable as Macomb is a donor county for road funding, this must end.

**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 not accept any funds or special perks from anyone outside of the legal campaign finance system.

**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 full legalization, however, if it comes we need to ensure we have controls similar to how we have controls on alcohol. We cannot have a "wild west" with marijuana grown and sold willy nilly.

**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 described above, we need increased transparency on the MCCA fee which is imposed without any idea of how the costs are determined. We also need to increase free market competition in auto insurance and end the one size fits all no-fault policy we are all forced to buy. We take calculated risks in other forms of insurance; auto insurance should be no different.

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

Accountability for every dime of government money is a must. We must ensure assistance is going to those who need it and not those abusing it. I support the work requirements being debated now in Lansing for those who are on assistance and able bodied. We also should look at other ways to ensure money is spent well on assistance.