

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:	Tom Stanis
Other Names Used (Including Maiden Name): (will not be published -- for endorsement evaluation only)	
Office Running For:	State House - 36th District
Are You the Incumbent for This Office:	No
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Marital Status:	
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Section B: Campaign Issues

Why are you running for this office?

I chose to run because I am very disappointed with the discourse of current leaders. I think Michiganders deserve better. As we enter the down slope of the natural resource parabola, I think we as a species should focus on how best to proceed. I see no such conversation happening on/in the mass media (i.e. tv, movies, radio, news papers, et al.) or in the political circles.

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

I have been a problem solver since grade school. I have a strong mechanical mind and have fabricated/machined many tools and devices. See tomstanis.com.

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

Excessive suburban sprawl in Southeast Michigan's most prime agricultural areas. As an avid outdoorsman who also commutes from Romeo to Southfield for work, I'm concerned as I personally observe a never ending expansion of subdivisions and strip malls that are displacing natural areas and agricultural operations.

My primary policy goal is to establish the MICHIGAN FREEDOM BANK. See tomstanis.com for more information.

What are the solutions you will bring forward if elected?

Please see tomstanis.com.

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

The MICHIGAN FREEDOM BANK will save Michiganders millions of dollars in interest expenses.

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

I am all for transparency. Perhaps one such reform in favor of transparency would be to make public all Legislators' emails one year following legislators' exit from government. I support expanding Michigan's FOIA rules.

Section C: Party Involvement/Issues

Why are you a running as a Republican?

Because I am a real conservative. The Republican party is in a stage of transition and I am excited to be a part of it. As an avid fisherman and all around outdoorsman I seek to conserve Michigan's finite natural resources so future generations can enjoy what those of us alive today currently enjoy. I also could not run as a Democrat because I am fundamentally PRO-GUN (I am the most pro-gun Republican running in the 36th hands down, i.e. Ronald Reagan was a big anti-gunner in my opinion because he banned the sale of new full-auto guns to law abiding citizens). I support eliminating Michigan's so-called "gun free zones" because this would allow law abiding students (18+) to open carry guns in school and protect other students from school shooters.

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What is your position on the life/abortion debate?

I am comfortable with the current legal structure.

What is your position on the 2nd Amendment?

Of the five Republicans running for the 36th district, I am undoubtedly the strongest supporter of the 2nd Amendment. I support eliminating the need for a CPL to carry a concealed weapon as well as passing a resolution denouncing the the Federal 1986 ban on the sale of full-auto guns.

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

I served as the President of the Libertarians of Oakland University from 2006-2008.

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

Yes, back in 2006 I hosted a campaign event for Scott Boman (L) at Oakland University.

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) Roads and suburban sprawl (poor land-use planning)
- (2) there are more people than natural resources, i.e. Michigan's coal production peaked in 1907 and ceased by 1950. Michigan's oil and gas production is long past peak as well. Without fossil fuels, humans will likely revert back to human slavery. See Bill Gates top energy advisor, Vaclav Smil for more information as well as tomstanis.com.

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

First, stop building new roads. Second, establish the MICHIGAN FREEDOM BANK. Third, encourage more telecommuting.

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 am not corruptible. As you can see from my responses above, I speak my honest mind and do not merely parrot back the typical manchurian candidate talking points. But remember, Michigan is the one state that still allows for up to \$50,000/year in legal "bribes" via the legislator expense account system. See the Steelcase building/data center as a case study.

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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?

As a conservative who believes in free markets and small government, I would seek to minimize the regulatory structure. The main issue that is raised by voters in my experience (whether they use cannabis or not) is "intoxicated driving." I am of the position that a standard, non-mechanized, traditional sobriety test (e.g. walk a straight line, etc.) is sufficient. I am also concerned that the licensing fees are/will be so great that many small growers will continue to operate outside of the new legal market. As a general rule, I support freedom of consciousness.

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

To be honest, I do not have a defined plan for this but as an owner of multiple vehicles, I too am struggling to pay several thousand dollars a year for auto-insurance.

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

It depends on the assistance. Back during the bailouts for bankers, I supported mandatory drug test for all executives at banks receiving government funds because I suspected that many of them would test positive for cocaine. When it comes to things like food stamps/.bridge card, the majority of recipients are elderly. That is the reason random drug testing for bridge card recipients did not pass the MI legislature, i.e. many people like me care for elderly relatives and the thought of having to drive an elderly relative to a drug testing facility so they can continue to buy food to live was unthinkable.

I support some form of a universal basic income at the Federal level (as do many other conservatives such as the Heritage Foundation) but not at the State level because the State of Michigan cannot create money at the stroke of a pen like the Federal government can. See tomstanis.com for information.

I am available to meet with you in person.