

In an effort to help promote our Republican candidates and give visitors to our website a more comprehensive understanding of the candidates, the Carroll County Republican Central Committee would appreciate your responses to the 8 questions below. These responses will be posted word-for-word on our website and other candidate promotion material.

Please answer all questions as they are applicable for all elected offices.

Responses need be no longer than a sentence or two. An unanswered question will be noted as "declined to answer". Please email us back your responses by Sunday April 13 at CarrollMDRepublicans@gmail.com. Thanks, and good luck on the campaign trail!

1) When did you become a Republican and why? I became a Republican in the mid-sixties after I began watching Bill Buckley on [Firing Line](#). I began reading the works of everyone he referenced -- both liberal and conservative, and realized that I agreed with Buckley's positions on almost everything-- ergo, I must be a conservative and a Republican.

2) What is the primary reason you chose to run for this particular position? During my four years in the Ehrlich Administration, I found that I can work with Democrats, not by giving in, but by finding compromises that satisfied both sides. Restoring a two-party system in Maryland is vital!

3) What does the term "efficient government" mean to you? An efficient government must also be an "effective" government. An "efficient" government performs its functions (whatever they may be) in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort. An "effective" government ensures that the functions it performs are most likely to produce the best results.

4) Are you

A) In favor of Common Core?

B) Opposed to Common Core? At this point, with what I know from first- or second-hand sources, I oppose common core because of the way it has been hurriedly foisted upon our schools and our teachers without their input and without training. I am skeptical about the new way of teaching that Common Core is using, but I am open to learning more about it.

5) Cite one example of a regulation which you feel intrudes unnecessarily upon our privacies and one that you feel is a necessary function of government.

- The most intrusive regulation of government is the requirement that passengers go through the "scanners" at the airport.
- I believe that government regulation of the roads and highways is essential. Establishing speed limits, regulating the weight of vehicles, establishing safety standards in the construction of roads, bridges, etc. are appropriate for government.,

6) How much freedom do you believe parents should have in determining the education of their children? I would pose this question the other way around: what restrictions should there be on a parents' right to determine the education of their children. The government's role should be to set overall standards at various stages of schooling that all children must meet.

7) Should Carroll County expand government services? Yes or No. If yes, please give a brief explanation. It depends upon what "government services" are being considered. The first threshold would be, "is this something that citizens have been asking the government to do," or is it a government-sponsored solution in need of victims. If the need is sincere, the second threshold is to determine that the government is the appropriate entity to provide the service. Finally, the cost for the service must be balanced against the cost of other needs in the context of the County budget..

8)What have you been doing to support the Republican Party and our Core Principles? I have been involved in volunteer Party activity, held office in Republican clubs, been elected to the Howard County Central Committee, written a weekly political column for two years, run for office, supported the Party financially, and held the posts of Deputy Secretary of Transportation and CEO of the Maryland Transportation Authority in Governor Ehrlich's Administration (during which time we attempted to limit the size of government, eliminate senseless regulations, and balance the budget by refusing to overspend.)

Also, make sure you have Tuesday May 20th saved on your calendar.

The Carroll County 4H Club, The Carroll County Sportsmen's Association, and the Carroll County Republican Party are partnering together to bring Carroll County the largest candidate meet-&-greet before the primary election. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, May 20th at the Carroll County Ag Center. This will not be a forum event where candidates answer questions from a moderator; rather each candidate will have a table set up in the meeting hall and people will come up to you and ask questions one-on-one. Specific times and other details for the event will follow soon.

This is a free event for both the public and the candidates.