



MCCC 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

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Office you are seeking: State Delegate **District:** D39

Years of residence in the district in which you are running: 20 years (new district in 1994)

Education Information

College, Post-graduate, Technical School or Certificate Program you completed and the degree(s) you attained.

Towson University, BS (Math & Sec. Education) McDaniel College, MS (Sec. Administration)

Employment Information

Current Occupation: State Legislator **Current Employer:** State of Maryland

How long have you been employed here? sixteen years

If less than two years, please provide immediate previous employer:

Questions

In your opinion, what are the key issues facing the business community in the district/county/state you seek to represent?

Regulations - local, state, federal. Taxes - too much and constantly changing.

What do you believe are the core responsibilities of the position you seek and what will you do to carry these out?

Represent the interest of the residents in my district and in Montgomery County as a whole.

Please explain your budget priorities and describe your approach to the role you will play in impacting the County/State budget.

Education is my top priority at county & state level. Need to provide jobs and help businesses to provide additional jobs.

What improvements do you believe are needed to the transportation infrastructure In Montgomery County and Maryland? Please list them in your priority order.

The CCT is my top priority. 2nd - the Purple Line. Need to provide more transit throughout the county. We need to keep up the roads and bridges we currently have in the County.

If elected, how do you plan to address the perception and reality of Montgomery County and Maryland having a less competitive business climate?

Unfortunately, it is hard to change perceptions. We need to work with businesses of all sizes to address the climate issue. Businesses have some good solutions if we listen.

How do you define economic development?

Economic development is attracting new companies and jobs to Montgomery County and the state of Maryland.

What role should government play to help attract, grow and retain business?

The State and the County needs to be recruiting new business. They also need to work with current ones to keep them here.

What current economic development initiatives do you support?

I believe many of the tax credit programs really help such as the Biotech tax credit and the R&D tax credit. The new Cyber Security center will help attract additional businesses.

What new economic development initiatives would you propose?

Reducing the tax burden would really help businesses to grow.

Please use this opportunity to provide any other information you would like MCCC members to know.

Please consider my record during my sixteen years in office.