



MCCC 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

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Office you are seeking: State Senator **District:** District 16

Years of residence in the district in which you are running: 14 years

Education Information

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

University of Central Arkansas, B.A. Political Science Georgetown University, Master program, European Politics.

Employment Information

Current Occupation: Government Affairs Consultant, state and federal relations, Health Care public policy **Current**

Employer: Founding President Marks and Associates

How long have you been employed here? 25 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?

providing economic incentives that will attract private industry to Maryland.

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

providing good constituent services to all Maryland citizens. I will seek out input from different business sectors in Maryland in order to stimulate a better economic development in the county and state.

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

Every year the state of Maryland runs a budget deficit, we must reduce spending to match incoming revenues in Maryland.

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

I support great use of public / private partnerships to help reduce the cost of Maryland's transportation infrastructure needs. We should also establish a "Bus Rapid Transit System for Montgomery county. and completion of the Purple Line Project.

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

I support creating a more business friendly climate in Maryland, by reducing the corporate income tax and reducing red tap for business owners. This is vital for Maryland to become more economically competitive with other states in regain.

How do you define economic development?

To provide economic incentives to the private industry to locate in Maryland, that will stimulate private sector job growth.

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

To provide tax breaks for companies to locate in Maryland, and support "right to work legislation"

What current economic development initiatives do you support?

Creating economic enterprise zones for counties that are struggling economically to attract private industry. I will also support providing tax breaks to help retain and attract major industry to Maryland.

What new economic development initiatives would you propose?

I support lowering Maryland's corporate income tax to 7.25 % from 8.25 %

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

As the founding President of a government affairs firm and N.G.O. that has dedicated over 25 years of my life to dealing with public policy and issues of government I will be able to providing pro-active solutions to the challenges facing Maryland today. I remain committed to supporting business friendly policies that will stimulate Maryland's economy that will bring people and private industry back to Maryland.