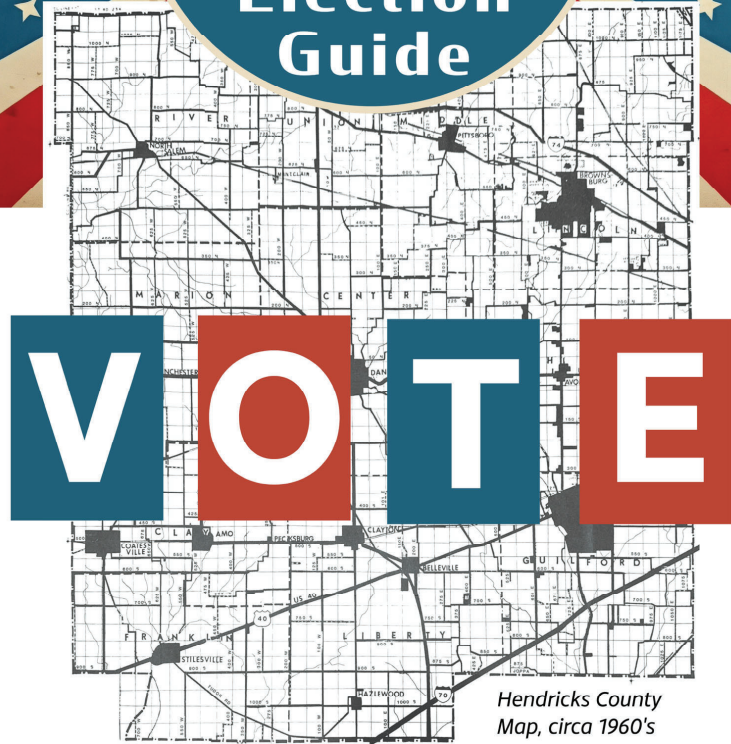


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# Hendricks County 2026 Primary Election Guide



*Hendricks County  
Map, circa 1960's*

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# A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

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When faced with the task of choosing who to vote for in any election, you need to know whom you can trust. Sometimes, all you have to go on are the words of the candidate.

This publication is designed to give you an easy way to compare the candidates in contested races and to give you a sense of who they are and what motivates them to run for public office.

Don't be shy about getting your pen and highlighters out and making notes on these pages. Newspapers and ink go well together.

A quick thank you to County Clerk Marjorie Pike, Election Supervisor D.J. Hoskins, and the entire staff of the Voter Registration Office.

A big thank you to the Hendricks County Community Foundation for its support of this publication and for its ongoing support of local journalism.

Thank you to both the county Republican and Democratic parties for assisting us in gathering information about their candidates.

Last, but certainly not least, a round of applause for our staff. More than 50 interviews were conducted to bring you the most comprehensive voter information in the county. Bravo!

The rest is up to you, dear reader, to educate yourself about the candidates and decide who you are going to vote for in the Primary Election this May.

Words matter. Trust matters.



## Philanthropy, Civic Engagement, and the Power of Every Vote

The Hendricks County Community Foundation exists to strengthen the place we call home—its people, its institutions, and its future. Philanthropy is one of the most meaningful ways neighbors come together to invest in shared values such as service, responsibility, and care for the common good. But philanthropy doesn't stop at charitable giving. It also inspires a deeper kind of participation: civic engagement, including the simple but powerful act of voting.

Indiana has long struggled with low voter turnout, and Hendricks County is no exception. Yet our community consistently demonstrates generosity, volunteerism, and a commitment to improving local life. The same spirit that leads people to support local nonprofits, help a neighbor, or donate to community projects can—and should—extend to participating in public life. Voting is an act of stewardship, one that directly shapes the future of our schools, infrastructure, public safety, and economic vitality.

Recognizing the importance of an informed and engaged electorate, the Hendricks County Community Foundation has made civic participation a priority in its Community Unity efforts. In 2024, HCCF in partnership with The Republican newspaper helped provide residents with clear, nonpartisan voter information through a countywide voter guide delivered to every household in Hendricks County.

The foundation also hosted public forums where residents could meet candidates, ask questions, and learn more about the issues facing their community. In addition, HCCF supported [VoteHCCF.org](http://VoteHCCF.org) as a central online hub for election information and voter education resources while encouraging civic participation among young residents by promoting voter registration in local high schools. These initiatives reflect HCCF's belief that accessible information and opportunities for dialogue help residents feel more confident and engaged in the democratic process.

This year, HCCF is again supporting

a nonpartisan voter guide that will be delivered to every household in our county. Our goal is simple: to ensure every resident has access to clear, unbiased information about who is running for local office and what they stand for. We do not endorse candidates or political parties. Instead, we believe informed voters make strong communities, and everyone deserves the tools to make decisions that reflect their values, priorities, and hopes for the future.

In a diverse community like ours, we deeply respect the wide range of viewpoints and convictions held by our neighbors. Civic engagement is not about agreeing on every issue—it's about showing up. Voting is a responsibility that transcends party lines. Whether your personal values lean Republican, Democratic, or somewhere in between, your vote is your voice. And in Indiana, every vote truly counts.

Philanthropy thrives in places where people feel connected to their community and invested in its well-being. Civic engagement strengthens that connection. When residents vote, attend public meetings, learn about the issues, and engage with neighbors respectfully, our community becomes more resilient. Decisions become better informed, public institutions become more accountable, and new leaders emerge—often from the very organizations and causes philanthropy supports.

We encourage you to read the voter guide and use it to learn about each candidate, their priorities, and their vision for our community. Share it with friends and family. And most importantly, make a plan to vote—no matter who you support.

Hendricks County is strong because of the people who live here—people who care about their neighbors, give generously of their time and resources, and believe in working together to create a vibrant future. Voting is another avenue to live out those values. Every ballot is a contribution to the health of our democracy, every voice matters, and every vote truly counts.

### DEADLINES

**April 6, 2026**, deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration.

Every time you move, you must update your registration.

**April 23, 2026**, deadline to request an absentee application to vote by mail.

**April 23, 2026**, deadline for voter registration office to receive a FPCA (Federal Postcard Application) from an absent uninformed or overseas voter to vote by mail.

**May 4, 2026**, deadline to receive a FPCA (Federal Postcard Application) from an absent uninformed or overseas voter to vote by mail or fax.

**May 4, 2026, at NOON**, to vote an early absentee ballot in person at Hendricks County Fairgrounds.

**May 4, 2026**, to vote by travel board. We must have your application by noon.

**May 5, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m., all voting locations will close.

**May 5, 2026**, if you vote by mail, we must have your ballot in our office by 6:00 p.m. on election day.



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*Candidate bios were provided by the candidates and their teams.*

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### POLL LOCATIONS

#### 2026 ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

Primary Election day is May 5, 2026. All locations open 6 A.M. - 6 P.M.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING                         | 5048 Sycamore, Amo                    |
| 2. AVON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH                   | 8850 E U.S. Highway 36, Avon          |
| 3. BARTLETT CHAPEL                                | 4386 E Main St, Avon                  |
| 4. BROWNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY                      | 450 S Jefferson St, Brownsburg        |
| 5. CLAYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH                       | 5110 S State Rd 39, Clayton           |
| 6. CONNECTION PONTE CHURCH                        | 1800 N Green St, Brownsburg           |
| 7. CORNERSTONE LUTHERAN CHURCH                    | 8100 N Raceway Rd, Indianapolis       |
| 8. CROSSROADS CHURCH                              | 7209 E County Road 100 S, Avon        |
| 9. F.L. O'NEAL BCS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING        | 310 Stadium Dr, Brownsburg            |
| 10. FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES ALBERKESZKY         | 5665 E U.S. Highway 40, Plainfield    |
| 11. GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH               | 3949 S Green St, Brownsburg           |
| 12. GUILFORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER            | 1500 S Center St, Plainfield          |
| 13. HARMONY AT AVON                               | 2141 Dan Jones Rd, Avon               |
| 14. HENDRICKS CO. FAIRGROUNDS & CONFERENCE CENTER | 1901 E Main St, Danville              |
| 15. HENDRICKS CO. GOVERNMENT CENTER               | 351 S Washington St, Danville         |
| 16. LUCAS OIL RACEWAY PARK                        | 10287 U.S. Highway 126, Indianapolis  |
| 17. MADE @PLAINFIELD                              | 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield            |
| 18. NORTH SALEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH                  | 6 N California St, North Salem        |
| 19. OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH                  | 9201 E County Road 100 N, Avon        |
| 20. PARKSIDE BIBLE CHURCH                         | 7950 County Road 650 E, Brownsburg    |
| 21. PITTSBORO PARK                                | 50 Park Pl, Scout Building, Pittsboro |
| 22. PLAINFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH                   | 808 N Dan Jones Rd, Plainfield        |
| 23. RADANT BIBLE CHURCH                           | 420 Gaelie Crossing Dr, Avon          |
| 24. REVIVAL COMMUNITY CHURCH                      | 6746 W U.S. Highway 36, Danville      |
| 25. SOULS HARBOR ASSEMBLY OF GOD                  | 8434 E State Road 287, Plainfield     |
| 26. STATE BANK                                    | 208 N State St, Linton                |
| 27. STILESVILLE FIRE DEPT/TOWN HALL               | 8353 N Hendrick St, Stilesville       |



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## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 4

- \*Jim Baird - R
- Drew Cox - D
- Roger Day - D
- Darin Griesey - D
- Craig Haggard - R
- Thomas Hall, Jr. - D
- Robert Lovely - D
- Joe Mackey - D
- Jayden McCash - D
- Paul McPherson - D
- John Piper - R
- John Whetstone - D

## CRAIG HAGGARD - R U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Craig Haggard is a decorated combat veteran with 22 years of service in both the United States Marine Corps—flying AV-8B Harrier fighter jets—and the Indiana Air National Guard, where he flew F-16 Falcons. During his Guard service, he was an active reserve officer and commanded the air-ground wing at Camp Atterbury, retiring in 2013 as a Lieutenant Colonel. After his military career, he served as an Indiana State Representative in the Indiana State House for four years. He later joined the National Rifle Association, where he currently serves on the National Board of Directors. Craig is also a small business owner and led humanitarian missions for 11 years in Central Mexico. He and his wife, Brooke, have four children.



### INTERVIEW - CRAIG HAGGARD

**Why are you running?** When I was serving [at the state level], I had a group of Americans for Prosperity that actually contacted me... who had heard in DC, and this is over two years ago, say, hey, we heard that the congressman is not going to run again... we could maybe run for this seat.

So I started on an exploratory committee over two years ago, and put out a letter that said, hey, this is me to people across the district... And I put out the letter and said, if the Congressman was going to run this time, I'm not going to challenge him for that race. And he decided to run. And so I ran for my current seat.

But at this point, I think, from traveling the district over the last two years, the biggest thing is that they don't feel like they're really had representation. They don't feel that current Congressman really ever shows up unless it's time to run for office.

**What role do you think Congress should play when it comes to involvement with State legislation?** At the end of the day, the state should run the state. [The] 10th Amendment is pretty clear on that.

**What are your top goals?** We need to go back to the 12 appropriation bills, if not more. We need to quit doing this continuing resolution, quit partial funding, and actually have a balanced budget, and then, and then tackle our national debt. I think that is the biggest thing.

**What committees do you think you could bring the most to?** With my background, for sure, armed services... Now I do have over four years experience being on roads and transportation and infrastructure projects... that's another committee I wouldn't mind being on.

Of course, Veterans Committee, because it's where my heart is.

**How would you ensure your constituents' concerns are**

heard? I want to have procedures set in place, people set in place, and make sure that is a daily part of the program in my office to make sure that the outreach, there's always an answer. Can't guarantee a fix, but guarantee that we'll work on something and get back to folks in a timely manner.

**Where do you stand on healthcare funding?** We want to get people off Medicaid. That shouldn't be on there. So I think that's one of the big things we need to tackle, because at the end of the day, we can't afford it, there's going to be a point where you're literally choosing between funding schools or Medicaid, no money for anything else.

**How do you feel about housing affordability?** It's the economy, it's national debt, it's bringing down the inflation. It's bringing products back here. It's the deregulating and it's all that... it's more than one thing.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I'm a signer of the Convention of States, article five convention... I would love to add on there, federally, federal maps put in the amendment to draw how federal maps are done. So then we can quit arguing about it.

Gerrymandering is legal, and we see it done on the Democrat side. We see it done on the Republican side. And so those that have successfully done it across the country are not doing anything wrong. You may not like it, but that's the system... It's like an NFL game, a coach should use every legal tool in the rule book to win, and that's what people want to do.

**What are your thoughts on foreign aid? Do you think the U.S. should be more or less involved internationally?** It should be limited, because at the end of the day, I think we should take care, we have a lot of issues here with those issues that would directly affect us.

**Humanitarian stuff.** I led humanitarian missions for 10 years... obviously if we have people in the region or we can help on making natural disasters, we should always help on those sort of things, then everything else should be beyond that... I think, only if it directly involves issues with the United States.

## THOMAS HALL, JR. - D U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

### INTERVIEW - THOMAS HALL, JR.

**Why are you running?** I'm running because of the affordability crisis that's happening nationwide. Prices are going up. Housing is going up. In addition, a lot of paychecks are falling below inflation. And ultimately, my goal is to bring everybody's paychecks above inflation at the very least, if not, make people better off than they were even like 10 years ago, for example.

**What role do you think Congress should play when it comes to involvement with State legislation?** Ultimately, states know their people the best. So when it comes to anything that's not in the Constitution says, anything that's not... something the federal government should be legislating, it should be left to the states.

**What are your top goals?** My number one top goal is increasing pay across the board, increasing pay for everybody in addition to making housing affordable.

**What committees do you think you could bring the most to?** The Labor Committee, ultimately, because I have been in the Union for a long time, and I've seen, I've seen what unions can do, and I think ultimately... I want to focus on workers' rights and improving working conditions for everybody.

**How would you ensure your constituents' concerns are heard?** I would like to focus on just really getting out there and listening to them through events, hosting town halls. I think that's very important. And I don't think our current Representative holds enough of them.

**Where do you stand on healthcare funding?** My biggest goal is to get Medicare for all. It's the best solution because it takes the profit out of this, or out of the equation, and allows health care to be cheaper. If you look at the average cost of people paying health care in European countries, when you look at their rates, a lot of them are only paying as little as \$10 so it makes it cheaper.

In addition, it allows people to address health concerns earlier, and it helps prevent issues down the road. So it's actually a lot cheaper, and that's why we need to... invest in people's health care through Medicare for all. In addition, we need to build more hospitals, especially in rural areas. It's a big concern for a lot of people, because a lot of them are closing down due to funding. So we need to keep the funding high.

**How do you feel about housing affordability?** So with housing, my plan is to provide incentives for land value tax... Land value tax taxes empty plots of land or property that's not being used

the same as it would be taxed if there was a structure on it. Whether you have this big plot of land with nothing on it, or you have one with a house or a condo or an apartment complex, you pay the same amount of property tax. So essentially, what that does is that relieves property tax burden on a lot of people, which is, which is a big problem in Indiana, a lot of people are having trouble paying their property taxes.

But in addition, it provides incentives to build housing. Housing is supply and demand. There hasn't been enough construction of new homes, and that's the reason why housing prices are so high. It's because of the lack of supply. So if we increase the supply and the demand stays the same, then... the housing prices will go down. In addition, this will help people with property taxes.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I think what they did was good, because I think it's important to have a variety of perspectives. And essentially, what that does is that eliminates all Democratic representation from if they would have passed it, all Democratic representation from the federal government, from Indiana. I think it's important to have different perspectives, because it provides more. I guess you could say pieces to the puzzle.

**What are your thoughts on foreign aid? Do you think the U.S. should be more or less involved internationally?** I think it's important to be involved internationally.

## JOE MACKEY - D U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Joe Mackey is a Democratic candidate running for the US House of Representatives for Indiana's 4th district. Joe is a lifelong resident of Lafayette, Indiana. He retired from the Caterpillar Corporation having worked as a machinist for 27 years. Following his retirement, he and his wife, Tami, were mainly focused on working for their non-profit, The Clair E. and Patrick G. Mackey Children's Cancer Foundation was established after the Mackey's lost their two youngest children to two different forms of leukemia within just 30 months of each other.



### INTERVIEW - JOE MACKEY

**Why are you running?** I ran in 2020 and quite literally, the very issues that I was talking about then have only gotten worse, and we are talking about the same issues now, six years later, and I am deeply disturbed at the literal amount of abuse the American people are taking by a government that is supposed to be there for them, and we don't see it.

**What role do you think Congress should play when it comes to involvement with State legislation?** I understand states rights, and I don't like a federal government that bulks its way into state legislatures. We have a relationship with the federal government as a state, and the reality is, if you do not like the way your state legislature is leading, then it's incumbent upon you as a citizen to get on the ballot.

**What are your top goals?** The ultimate goal is to win this race. The objective behind that is to bring people together, reasonable, rational people.

We need Medicare for all. We need affordable education, and I don't think we need a \$38 trillion debt. Our GDP is 27 trillion and our US bond market is built on a house of cards.

**What committees do you think you could bring the most to?** The subcommittee in the department of agriculture that determines food benefits. They literally budget SNAP and Medicaid provisions that come with that. And I would like to be on that committee. Any Subcommittee on healthcare... that needs to be addressed, and the roots of all arguments begin in the subcommittee, which is where freedom congressmen end up.

**How would you ensure your constituents' concerns are heard?** Facebook Live Events. You know, Congressman comes in to my town, he's going to see people from Hendricks County, but if you do a Facebook Live event, you give Hoosiers all over the district a chance to participate.

**Where do you stand on healthcare funding?** I support a Medicare for all, for those who want it. I do not at all like the idea that the American taxpayers are subsidizing insurance companies who continue to practice their predatory behaviors when it comes to the patients.

Problem is if you live in a rural county and you have two ambulances and they're both contracted to a specific health care provider, you don't have a choice. That's where they're taking you.

**How do you feel about housing affordability?** I've been talking to several elected office holders about the role that the federal government can play in creating affordable housing across so one of the things that's being discussed is a public private partnership, and we're seeing it being done right now with the homeless situation. Lafayette just built an apartment complex where they will take people who are on the streets, take them off the streets. They will get them counseling. They will get them treatment if they need it, because not all homeless people are addicts.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I was talking to Democrats up and down the state, and I was one of the few that said it was never going to happen. And I will tell you that, you know, kudos to our Republican leadership in the Senate. I think they did the right thing. Indiana does not want to be bullied and ordered about by Washington DC. We want to guide ourselves. And that's not just a Republican idea, that's Hoosiers.

**What are your thoughts on foreign aid? Do you think the U.S. should be more or less involved internationally?** If you are looking at programs like USAID, I think that should be funded that saves lives around the world. If you're talking about sending billions of dollars to, say, Israel, who has universal health care, who has universal education, who has affordable housing, and we don't have it here, then Israel doesn't need our money as much as we do.

We have to ask ourselves, what is this money being spent on? Again, it comes back to is this good for the world and not good for the American taxpayer.

## USPS POSTMARK CHANGE

Went into effect Dec. 24, 2025

**OLD WAY**  
(Before Dec 24, 2025)

Postmark = Day of Drop-off (e.g., Dec 27)

**NEW WAY**  
(After Dec 24, 2025)

Postmark = Day of Processing (e.g., Dec 28, 29, +1-2 Days Delay)

**CRITICAL FOR DEADLINES (Taxes, Ballots, etc.)**

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## JAYDEN MCCASH - D U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Hello, I am Jayden McCash. I am a Hoosier First, Anti-War, Pro-Union and Medicare for All candidate in the Democratic primary. I may be labeled a Democrat in the primary, but I am an Independent and I would love your support. I am a proud father of three and want to give my children a brighter future. I am a Teamster Local 135 truck driver that travels the district for my job. I pledge to never take Super PAC money because I will never be bought. I want to hold the people in Washington D.C. accountable and improve Hoosiers' lives!



### INTERVIEW - JAYDEN MCCASH

**Why are you running?** I'm just really passionate about wanting to make a difference in the community. Where I've seen in the national politics, how it's kind of very divisive, and either one party versus the other, I kind of see as an opportunity that to put party politics aside and try to, kind of build, make a bridge between both sides and try to make a positive difference. We're sending too much of our tax dollars overseas. I wanted to make sure to keep them here in District Four in America.

**What role do you think Congress should play when it comes to involvement with State legislation?** I feel like that they should, well, shouldn't hold national tax dollars away from the states like as a bargain chip, I feel like that that's kind of wrong of the federal government to try to limit or try to force states to do something that they might not want to, so I think that's been kind of divisive lately.

First of all, I think the state's rights, states make their own choice. I feel like the federal shouldn't dictate what the states want to get done.

**What are your top goals?** My top goal is just to try to pave a way that all the candidates can be more Hoosier first... but think about our district first and foremost, and not... be very divisive and try to come together for positive change.

**What committees do you think you could bring the most to?** Either with the Epstein transparency, like try to make sure that everything gets released, work across party lines, to make sure that we prosecute everyone. I feel like I would also want to work with, like some farming committees, to help our farmers, because they're really struggling.

**How would you ensure your constituents' concerns are heard?** I feel like I would just would really be adamant, and would really fight for them. I will... never forget where I came from.

**Where do you stand on healthcare funding?** I think that Medicare for all is a brightlight for every citizen. I feel like that your healthcare should look between you and a doctor, not you and an insurance company and your doctor. I think that we have a kind of broken system. People are paying... a month for their health insurance just to have their claims denied.

**How do you feel about housing affordability?** It's really hard to get going, get started whenever people want to buy a house right now, which is fortunate if you have a house, but if you don't, the barrier for entry... wages haven't kept up with the cost of living in the houses.

I feel like we need to either find a way to have interest rates, you know, either cut or lowered or have more of like a first time home buyer push to try to help get people on the footing.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I am glad that we, the state, did not redistrict. I think that midway through, like they do the census redistricting every 10 years, to do it in the middle of the kind of not an unusual, because... try to make it nine-zero. I think that's completely wrong... I'm glad that they had a backbone.

**What are your thoughts on foreign aid? Do you think the U.S. should be more or less involved internationally?** I personally don't believe we should be... I want to help out everywhere else as well, but I feel there's a lot of people struggling... I pledge that I will not send... a tax dollar overseas until we have Medicare for all.

1. Did you know there are 12 townships in Hendricks County? Can you name them? The one in the middle is called Center Township.  
Answers found on back page.

## PAUL MCPHERSON - D U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Paul McPherson is a Professor of Practice in the School of Engineering Technology, Faculty Director of the Bachelor Innovation Design Center at Purdue University, chair of the Warren County Democrats, and township board member. He is married to an elementary teacher and has two teenage children. He grew up on a 210-acre cattle/crop farm in Ohio. He earned a B.S. in Technology and Industrial Arts Management from Bowen College (Kentucky) and a M.S. in Technology from Purdue University. Paul has worked in both the manufacturing sector and in higher education, while also maintaining a hobby farm in Warren County, Indiana.



Paul is a healthy mix between a Moderate and Progressive Democrat and seeks to bring his out-of-the-box problem solving skills to Washington. His upbringing and professional career have allowed him to engage with individuals from different industries, varying religious perspectives, political viewpoints, nationalities, and more. These interactions along with his engineering and managerial background have taught him how to first listen and then work as a team to develop common sense solutions. He believes his approach to problem solving can help resolve some of the economic and social issues seen today.

### INTERVIEW - PAUL MCPHERSON

**Why are you running?** I see that now is a pivotal time in our society where we need people to rise to the occasion and fight the good fight, making sure that the rights and liberties and justice is held for everyone, and no one is above the law and people are treated right. And when I look at my children, I want to make sure that they have the same rights and freedoms that I've enjoyed the first 39 and a half years of my life.

**What role do you think Congress should play when it comes to involvement with State legislation?** I think that a direct influence is bad. I think that the federal government should provide funding to the States with some oversight as to how that money is spent. But in regards to state and local politics, I think that they have a say in their laws.

**What are your top goals?** There are some common sense solutions to immigration... if we look at the money that has been spent on ICE and border patrol, we could very much have easily spent that money on individuals to go out into those communities with high immigration populations and make them legal.

Also, I think, addressing agricultural issues with open markets and trying to get markets back for agriculture. I see what that does. As a former farmer myself, and growing up on a cattle and crop farm, I know people that are suffering because they can't, they don't have the markets that they used to have.

I think there needs to be a lot more money invested in our education system to better prepare our students to be active members of society. **What committees do you think you could bring the most to?** I don't know that I'm purtisan to any certain committee in my experience and my professional career. I've always been hired and put into positions because I'm able to get the job done.

**How would you ensure your constituents' concerns are heard?** I'm very much a person that likes to get out and talk to people. I have very good communication skills. I want to get out and hear my constituents. I want to be at festivals and shake hands and meet people. I want to do town halls. I want to meet the people I'm serving. Because at the end of the day, it's not about me, it's about we as a society and everybody's concerns needs to come, come to the table.

**Where do you stand on healthcare funding?** On one side, we've got Medicaid, Medicare that last year or in 2024 we spent \$2 trillion on and it's expected to go up by 5% every year. That's not sustainable. That's 20% of our federal budget. We have to come up with something new.

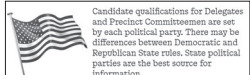
I also think that we've got to solve the problem of lowering the lower numbers of individuals going into the health care profession. So we need to come up with incentives to get more people into the health care industry.

**How do you feel about housing affordability?** I think that there's a monopoly on property management systems, especially when it comes to rentals, and we need to try to figure out how to curb that.

Housing affordability is also impacted by the cost of land, the cost of building materials. We've got to figure out how to make those more affordable for individuals.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I think redistricting is a bad idea. Gerrymandering a state is

not the right idea. You've got to connect with your voters. **What are your thoughts on foreign aid? Do you think the U.S. should be more or less involved internationally?** I think until we get our national debt under control, we need to really curb our international spending. It's not to say that we pull out entirely from international spending, but we definitely need to focus more on getting our national debt down, both by balancing our budget here at home, but also looking at how things are being spent and what's the return on investment.



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- Precinct Committeeman and State Delegates are considered "political officers" and not "elected officers." (IC 3-5-2-17)
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- Cast a provisional ballot if you have no photo ID with you or if your name doesn't appear on the voter list and you believe it should.
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- Bring your child into the voting booth.
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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 25

**\*Becky Cash - R  
Tiffany Stoner - D**

### BECKY CASH - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 25

Becky Cash is a wife, mother of six, small business owner and the current State Representative for House District 25.

Cash was first elected to the general assembly in 2022 and has spent her time advocating for parental rights, protection for children, the needs of those with special and medical needs, lower taxes, safe waterways including better regulations to prevent chemicals from ending up in our waters, processing of rape kits and strong educational policy. She ran for office in 2022 after over 20 years of advocating for parents to be able to make the educational and medical decisions that are best for their children.

As a Special Needs Mom herself, Cash knows first hand the struggles of trying to care for loved ones with special and medical needs while trying to navigate a difficult system. In addition, as a small business owner, Becky Cash has felt strongly that the needs of large corporations are being put before the needs of small business owners and everyday Hoosiers. Her life experiences bring a unique perspective to the General Assembly and have helped her work collaboratively for common-sense policy that protect every Hoosier.



### TIFFANY STONER - D STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 25

Hoosiers are working harder than ever, but the costs of groceries, housing, and healthcare keep climbing. I'll fight to lower out-of-pocket costs, support fair taxes, cut wasteful legislative spending, bring down energy bills, protect rural hospitals, and expand access to quality childcare.

Our schools shape Indiana's future. That means we need early learning, better pay for teachers, and expanded curriculum-to-workforce pipelines so our kids can build their futures here.

I'll stand up for local elected officials and school boards, push for real property tax reform, and keep zoning and land-use decisions local. Data centers don't belong in our communities if they don't benefit our communities.

My name is Tiffany Stoner and I'm running as a Democrat for State Representative in District 25, which includes parts of Brownsburg, Lebanon, Whitestown, and Zionsville.

I'm running to be your State Representative to make your life more affordable, strengthen our public schools, and empower local communities.



## INTERVIEW - TIFFANY STONER

**Why are you running?** I think the voters spoke pretty clearly throughout the district that this was a really close race last time... I lost by 64 votes. It was the closest legislative race in the US. The why is, I think voters wanted to be heard. And for the last 20 years... we haven't necessarily had that.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** You don't have to have a child to be concerned about child care. It's not only an economic issue, but it is a family issue. If you look up at LEAP, where so much is happening with the development of Eli Lilly's manufacturing system with Meta... they have virtually no child care... so the cost of child care is not only tremendous for families, but what we lose on the back end for revenue for the state of Indiana is significant.

Child care is important, but I would say what we didn't see this time around this session is any kind of we saw a lot of property tax reform with SCA one last year. What I was hoping to see in this session... is some readjustments to the property taxes.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** Washington DC is broken right now, and so bringing that brokenness to Indiana would not be helpful at all.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** Redistricting was a gift to Indiana, because there are people who, just across the state, who have never, ever been engaged politically. They have never civically taken the steps to make their voice heard. This was really good practice for voters to finally get something that they could chew and understand and take an active part in.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** I don't need to be getting in the business of local politics, but I think because of redistricting, they haven't had to consider legislation that would have been really helpful to Hoosiers. I think we wasted a lot of time. I was really hoping, because of the pressures from local municipalities and cities throughout Indiana, the pressure that they've been getting from their town councils and their mayors to do the right thing and revisit property tax reform. I'm disappointed that's not the number one thing.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I believe there is a reason why we have a division of church and state, and I don't believe that religion collectively needs to be taught in our public schools. Now, can you teach religion of the world? Absolutely, but one of the problems that we're seeing in this district is we are having religious buses come to the schools and remove children for a set amount of time during the school day.

I believe that parents certainly have the ability and the right to teach whatever religion they want at home. I just don't believe it belongs in the public school system.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** Absolutely. Now, do I think that there are some small business owners that would have a hard time with that, perhaps, but... it's not a livable wage.

**We need to take a look at, do we care about our families? Do we care about keeping people in Indiana? And to me, yeah, we do. How are you currently involved in your community?** Before I decided to run for office, I was a very passionate and active volunteer. I feel like that's kind of what led me to this position.

I'm active with Habitat for Humanity - the Shalom House, Second Helpings. I spent 10 years actually working as a parent volunteer within the school system. When our referendum failed, I was a volunteer PE teacher for two years.

I've become a columnist for a magazine, and I feature a non-profit every month, and I've learned a lot about the good things that we're doing, specifically in Boone County.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 28

**\*Jeffrey Thompson - R  
Karen Whitney - D  
Sheila Zielinski - R**

### KAREN WHITNEY - D STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 28

## INTERVIEW - KAREN WHITNEY

**Why are you running?** I am running because I believe that we can do better in our elected officials. I am committed to be very unhappy with the corruption and incompetence that I'm seeing in government, and I believe I can bring what I call good government back to the citizens of District 28, Central Indiana and the state of Indiana.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** I worry mightily about infrastructure, given the growth of the district. And this gets back to the basic role government can play, and that's streets, sewer, water, lights, traffic, and... I think one of the things I think is not talked about enough, and is extremely important, is that... the state, right now, under my opponent's leadership, is walking away from their responsibilities. They're putting more pressure on smaller and smaller municipalities, and while the towns of Avon, Plainfield, Brownsburg, Danville, are vibrant, growing municipal organizations. They're much smaller, and they're not going to be as well equipped to handle those large infrastructure projects.

That's where state level government needs to come in to help broker across municipalities, as well as, quite frankly, on our behalf, to go after federal dollars.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** The federal government should not be involved in state legislation. None of us vote for a president with the expectation that they're going to turn around and issue state policy and state legislation.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I am proud for the outcome that majority of our senators decided to put the interests of ethics, our state constitution and the intention and our history around redistricting first, versus succumbing to the political agenda of Washington insiders. I am profoundly disappointed that my opponent voted for mid cycle redistricting and that he's a very influential leader in his party, and he chose to be silent, and he chose to go along with what Washington politicians were doing as they were calling and visiting our state to pressure our state lawmakers to meet their agenda versus the people's agenda.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** No, I think what you have with 700 bills is the complete abuse of power. I think over the last 28 years that my opponent has been in office, there's been this drip, drip and drip of abusing powers because they can.

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You can have the dumbest idea in the world, and because you have a majority in the House and the Senate and a Republican governor, that idea becomes law that binds you and me. That's what we got with 700 bills. That's ridiculous.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I think the government, our constitution is clear that we need to protect the government from religion and religion from government. And I believe there is no place for religious texts in school. I think there is every place for religious texts in religious settings and in church settings, and I would protect that.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** Absolutely, and this gets back to people focus on the cost side of things.

But what we're not talking about is the income side, and Hoosiers average income have consistently declined. When my opponent took office in 1998 the median income in Indiana was above the median income nationally, we are now woefully below. That's the problem.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I am president of the HOA in Summer Ridge, 359 neighbors. That keeps me kind of busy, and I'm very active in the Hendricks County Democratic Party. I do a lot of training and development, because that's my professional area as an educator, and that's how I've been active.

## SHEILA ZIELINSKI - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 28

Sheila Zielinski is running for Indiana House, District 28. She has been a registered nurse for over 40 years and has a specialization in Emergency Medicine & Critical Care. She completed a bachelor's degree from Bradley University, master's degree from Wichita State University, and a Doctor of Nursing degree from Indiana University. She recently retired as a nurse practitioner from Indiana University Health Methodist as the clinical manager for the Pulmonary Critical Care team.



Sheila is a mother, grandmother and long-time resident of Hendricks County. She and her husband, Paul, live in Pittsboro. Sheila not only cares for patients, but she cares about her community. She volunteers at the Geneseeast Free Clinic with St. Vincent DePaul, the Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corps, the Indiana Guard Reserve, and she is a member of the Hendricks County Republican Women. She is active in her church, St. Malachy in Brownsburg, and has led their Faith Outreach Mission for over 25 years.

As a lifelong nurse, Sheila has dedicated her life to making the community healthier. She has leadership skills you can trust and works with integrity to promote stronger communities through listening and engaging with her district. Sheila cares about issues that affect your life such as affordable housing, daycare availability, and mental health access. Sheila brings new leadership and a fresh perspective for district 28.

## INTERVIEW - SHEILA ZIELINSKI

**Why are you running?** I have been interested in politics for a very long time, and thought about running back in 2018 and then kind of Covid hit, and then, and recently retired from IU Health, and so kind of, after that, thought again about maybe this is a good time to run for a public office, but I've always been engaged in the community doing a lot of community service and volunteering, so I thought this would be a good way to be more involved and make a difference.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** Affordability, particularly with the recent Senate Bill One with property taxes, is a big issue that is currently on people's minds. I do think that property taxes have gone up dramatically. I know when I look at just like... my individual property taxes, in the last five years, they've gone up like 38% which is a huge amount of money.

But I think that those have to be balanced with our local needs, like the things our local taxes go for, like police and fire, roads and other things you got to balance the property tax and the local taxes with the needs of the people. But you also need to keep in mind affordability, which I think people are struggling, struggling with right now.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** Government at the local level is the most impactful. There's always going to be a like a push and pull between the federal and the local. The federal and the state government, they're going to impact each other. Sometimes the

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states are first to make changes, and other times, the federal government makes sweeping changes, but I think whenever you can keep it local, that's best.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I think that when you redistrict it has to be fair, and certainly both parties would like to have their interests represented. But I think it has to be fair, and the timing has to be right.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session. Do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** It's a huge number of bills. Some of the problem is quantity over quality and being able to focus on things that really impact change, rather than just the sheer quantity of bills. It is a huge number of bills. So, yeah, I've been following them, so I get it.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** Religious texts like, textbooks, I think that they should be available, but I think the priority for education is still the fundamental learning, reading, writing and arithmetic, those kind of things.

**I know... one of the legislations now is whether the 10 Commandments should be posted in our schools. I mean, I don't think there's anything wrong with posting them. But do we require? Does it require a law to post them?**

They shouldn't be prohibited. I guess is the better way to say it. **Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** I think the wages should be, should change with the market demand. One of the things that happened during Covid is we saw that the minimum wage went from it essentially, kind of doubled, went from seven to 15, and that was partly based on demand. I don't think that we should necessarily raise it. I think if the market can get higher prices, then I think it will, that demand will drive it.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I am active. I continue to work as a nurse practitioner. I work for... St Vincent's DePaul. I am a part of the Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corps, part of the Hendricks County Republican Women and volunteer for the Indiana Guard Reserve. So I volunteer quite a bit. I participate. I'm also active in my church. I go to St Malachi in Brownsburg, and I've been the chairperson for the Haiti outreach mission for over 25 years.

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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 40**  
**William Colteryahn - D**  
**Sid Mahant - R**  
**\*Gregory Steuerwald - R**

### WILLIAM COLTERYAHN - D STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

Will Colteryahn is a Hoosier by choice, raising his family in Avon's growing and diverse community. After surviving an aggressive cancer diagnosis early in adulthood, he built a more than twenty-year career in social work and public service, supporting people with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and families across Indiana. His work has ranged from front-line roles in jails and veterans' homes to leadership positions within state government, giving him a deep, practical understanding of how policy and programs affect everyday life.



Will's wife is a local physician who cares for the diverse population of Avon and Plainfield, and together they are raising four children in the public schools. Their shared commitment to service shapes Will's belief that strong communities are built when families have access to opportunity, quality education, and systems that work.

As a Democrat, Will draws on his decades of experience navigating complex social-service systems to advocate for solutions that put people first. His career has shown him how effective government can be when it listens, responds, and invests in the well-being of all Hoosiers.

### INTERVIEW - WILLIAM COLTERYAHN

**Why are you running?** I do think times are hard, and I do think it takes some bravery to stand up, and I want, if nothing else, for my kids, to be able to look back and say, "when times were tough, Dad stood up and fought for the underdog."

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** I think one thing we need to look at in our district is the way we're developing, and do we have our community's best interests at heart?

If you look at Avon, it's not the same town it was 20 years ago... I think that our TD districts need to be looked at. I think that the way that we are allowing more and more developers to come in here, and we're giving them tax breaks to build, to develop, we're allowing them to have more write offs, I think that we're not real-

ly asking our local business community to pay their fair share to support roads, schools, first responders, and so I think that one of the things we really need to look at in our district is, how do we encourage development without harming what is that made us a good place to begin with.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** We need to maintain our independence, always from the federal government. I think that there are federal funding opportunities that we shouldn't be turning down... We should be taking money from the Department of Education to put towards special education, but I don't think that we should be allowing ourselves to be dictated by the whims of the federal government, certainly not when the federal government itself is in disarray.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I'm glad we didn't do it, but I think it was ridiculous it was even considered.

It didn't happen because there was a lot of public pushback, and so that's great. It was really democracy in action.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session. Do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** I do think that it's so important we have bills that go through. And I know it always sounds like a lot, and it is a lot, but I think that we need to do more to ensure that the average Hoosier has an idea as to what's going on at the state house and what it is and how it will affect them.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I think it's fine for there to be extracurricular activities for religion, as long as we don't exclude any single religion or promote any single religion. I'm a Christian. My faith guides me. I think that it's helped me to live a better life. Our kids, we discuss it with them as a family.

I don't think that we should be using tax dollars to promote any religion.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** All of our neighboring states have changed. It has not kept up with inflation. The price it's at is too low. Also, the majority of employers who pay minimum wage, also, not only do they pay minimum wage, but they keep hours low.

People who are now working just as hard as you or I, oftentimes, are struggling, not only struggling to get by, but have no choice but to rely on government assistance.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I work for family social services, which keeps me pretty ingrained in state government. As far as Avon, I have been very active. I've been a scout leader with the Boy Scout troops. I've been a coach with Avon Youth Sports. I've done girls track and cross country, boys track and cross country.

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## SID MAHANT - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

At 23, Sid Mahant arrived in America with just \$850, the clothes he was wearing, and an unshakable belief in the American Dream. He believed that in this country, hard work could overcome any obstacle. He took every job he could—janitor, convenience store manager, nursing assistant, salesman, restaurant owner, and truck driver. He faced discrimination, setbacks, and even lost his small restaurant in a devastating fire, but he never lost faith. Inspired by President Abraham Lincoln's perseverance, Sid kept moving forward.



In 2014, Sid and his wife chose to call Avon, Indiana home, raising their two sons who proudly attend Avon schools. What began as a one-truck mobile repair shop has grown into a successful trucking company that supports local families. Today, Sid is most proud of being a husband and father—and even makes time for Brembo, the family dog he calls his youngest son.

Sid knows our district has grown and changed and leadership needs to change as well. As a small business owner with a real job, he understands the pressure families feel from rising costs and unexpected bills. He's running to protect opportunity—for seniors, teachers, first responders, small businesses, and every hardworking family who still believes in the American Dream.

### INTERVIEW - SID MAHANT

**Why are you running?** I believe the voters are feeling unheard. The costs keep rising, and it's time for accountability.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** Our district has dramatically changed in last two to three years...A lot of diversity has moved in. Lot of young families have moved into our district, and I think so it's time for a change with the leadership that understand their problems, their needs and their wants, who could understand different cultures, different feelings.

Education is one of the strongest things we need, stronger schools. [I] believe first responders, they need more support, better programs to keep the community safe.

And then the tax relief. I met quite a bit of elders, seniors they are on a limited income, and they are very frustrated right now with the property taxes.

So there are several, several issues that I will be concentrating on fixing in our district.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** Federal need to stay out of our local politics, because this should be more in people's control.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I've been asked that question several times, and it was simple, if we needed it, we should have done it.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** No, they're not.

I haven't gone much deeper into it, but what I have seen there are they will have discussions on the bills that doesn't even make sense. For example on a main road, the white stripe on the side of the road, it has to be four inches, or has to be three inches. That's just a waste of time. What difference would it make having three inches to four inches of white stripe on the side of the road?

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** Not sure about that. Haven't done study about it, but yes, school curriculum...we need to make it more better. We need to go back in days students today, they cannot clearly read and write.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** You can change the minimum wages, but the cost of everything is also going to go up, which already going up. So making minimum changes is going up, not going to make much difference, until we bring the cost of everything down.

Because, let's say, if you add, if you increase minimum wages, and let's say, from whatever it is right now to \$25 an hour, the employer has to pay more money to the employees, and they're going to put the cost into the product the consumer is going to get. So let's say if you're in a restaurant, and a restaurant owner pays \$10 an hour to a server now he's paying \$25 an hour to server. His cost of doing business has gone up, and what he will do is he will adjust the cost in the food and ultimately, consumer is going to pay up. So it's a temporary fix. It's not a permanent fix.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Very active day to day. I go on social meetings. I hear problems from the people. Help them solve it. Involved with lot of charitable organizations. Member in the Rotary Club, and Rotary Club does a lot of charitable stuff...hang out with the neighbors, understand their problems.

I'm very involved in the community in different cultures as well. I go to the church, I go to the Gurdwara, I go to the Masjid. So experiencing different religions to see their understanding in today's world, since we have so much issues going on in our own country right now.

## GREG STEUERWALD - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

A lifelong Hoosier, State Representative Greg Steuerwald earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University, a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Alabama, and his law degree from Indiana University. Greg has practiced law for more than four decades and is a partner at Steuerwald, Witham &



Youngs, LLP. His professional background also includes service as a probation officer and mediator. Greg and his wife Christy live in Avon, and he has three grown children: Joshua, Jordan and Adam. Representative Steuerwald, who has been elected by his peers to serve as House Majority Caucus Chair, is widely recognized for his leadership on criminal justice reform, judicial policy, and ethics in state government. Over his tenure, he has authored and advanced major legislation reforming Indiana's criminal code, expanding victim support initiatives, modernizing Indiana's legal and administrative systems, and enhancing transparency and accountability in public service. Greg serves on the House Committees on Courts & Criminal Code, Judiciary and Ethics.

### INTERVIEW - GREG STEUERWALD

**Why are you running?** We still have some unfinished business. I've been doing a lot with public safety, and a couple years ago, we had a bill that the sheriff's requested to develop a process for them to request the court for, in order for them to be released for mental health assessment treatment.

And that passed, and...the framework of that process is in place, but now we need more places for them to go, and it's going to be a big lift. But I have two or three other state reps who are extremely interested, as much as I am, that we create an inpatient treatment facility so these people who need help can be removed from jails, placed there under a court order, and receive the treatment that they need and deserve.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** I think it's always public safety. You can't do anything for education, the economy, work if you don't have a safe place to live.

So I think everything begins there, continuing to look at good education policy. Those are a couple things that are very important for District 40.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** It's our duty to handle the State's business. That's why we're elected, and that's why we have an Indiana state government.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** Well, I voted no, so I think ultimately it was the right decision for Indiana.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** I mean, that's why, when the Speaker assigns bills to certain committees that the chairman of that committee makes a decision whether or not to hear the bill, and a good chairman will ask the person, the author, "have you worked your bill? Have you spoken to everybody that's interested in the bill, both people who might be in favor and who might be opposed?" Because a good chairman wants to know what the committee hearing is going to be like, and if the author has worked his bill, he can tell the chairman who's in favor and who isn't and who helped write the bill and what they did.

He can tell the chairman exactly what is involved in his bill and who the supporters are and who the opposition will be. And when you do that, it makes the entire process so much more efficient. Some people don't work their bills as well as they should, and then the committee hearing is a mess.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** That's why I am a supporter of charter schools, which allow the parents to make a decision where they want their kids to go, and affords them a choice where they can, if they want that type of education, they're allowed to do it. So I'm all for parent choice.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** No. I think there's a direct result for loss of certain jobs when the minimum wage has to be like everything else a balance, and if that gets out of balance, then that can actually cost jobs, as we've seen it done in California and other states.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Because of my job, I'm involved with so many boards and so many different issues. Because of the job, I'm in direct contact with school administrators. I'm in direct contact with law enforcement, direct contact with fire departments, because the job I'm deeply deeply involved with so many different things that without being a public official, I would not be.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 57

Wes Bennett - R  
Suzanne Fortenberry - D  
Greg Knott - R  
Rob Stiles - R  
Tina Turner - R

## WES BENNETT - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

Wes Bennett grew up in Indianapolis and Plainfield. He was active in sports and leadership roles throughout school, including serving as captain of his high school football team and leading youth political efforts. In 1985, Wes married Stacy Dixon, and they settled in Plainfield with their two sons. He became deeply involved in local politics, serving as precinct committeeman and GOP district chair, managing campaigns, and supporting Republican candidates for three decades.



Wes's financial expertise led to roles in community banking and mortgage services before he was elected Plainfield Clerk-Treasurer in 2005. There, he improved the town's bond rating and implemented cost-saving financial controls. In 2017, Governor Holcomb appointed him Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, overseeing property tax assessments, local budgets, and fiscal compliance state-wide until 2023. Gov Holcomb appointed Wes to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, to which he served until he stepped down in 2025, to run for the Indiana House of Representatives. Wes is employed by ENOCs, a cyber security, IT, and talent services company.

Beyond public service, Wes has been active in community organizations like the Plainfield Optimist Club, serving as president and youth sports director. He holds certifications as a municipal clerk and official and has received honors including the Signature of the Wabash. Wes combines decades of experience in finance, governance, and community leadership, dedicated to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and public service to the citizens of his community and the State of Indiana.

### INTERVIEW - WES BENNETT

**Why are you running?** I really care about the people that I've served. I've spent 20 years working to serve people, both at the town of Plainfield and the state of Indiana, and I believe that it can work better, and I can help make it work better. So, you know, I've helped local government taxpayers, I've, you know, helped companies solve operational problems, close gaps and delivery of services. And that's really all I think government has to offer is service.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** I've kind of formed an acronym...SAFE.

S is for security and safety. A is for affordability, fiscal responsibility and then education.

Safety and security in our schools and our neighborhoods at work - supporting public safety, supporting our first responders, making sure they're properly funded, but also at the same time, making sure that that money gets spent fiscally responsibly, and everybody's accountable for what they're doing.

### TO VOTE ON A VOTING MACHINE

Make your selections by pressing down on the orange button next to your selection.



Verify your votes before you cast your ballot.

Could be multiple pages, press the verify button on bottom right of the voting machine to see your selections.



Press the RED CAST VOTE button once you confirm the candidates you selected are correct.



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YOUR VOTE.

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If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, the party chairs for the 2026 election include:

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# STATE

**SUZANNE FORTENBERRY, D**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

### INTERVIEW - SUZANNE FORTENBERRY

**Why are you running?** I can't sit back and let a seat be unopposed.

I'm running to give people a choice. That's the simple and short answer. But I'm, I'm running to make them work for it, because just sitting back and taking all the votes, because nobody else is running, I'm going to make them work for it.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** I am for the teachers. Okay, so one of the things that I talked about is that my work, we have the 110, 100 rule. So we have a package. It's on the ball. It's open. We take the tape gun, tape it up, \$1 worth of time. Okay, if the package goes down because I didn't tape it up and it spills over, we get to put it back in the box. Tape it up. It's \$10 worth of time, if we still don't meet with it. And it gets down to the end of the ball, it gets in the gears, we get to stop everything. It's \$100 worth of time.

So why are we not taking care of our children? This is the very beginning of our society. Have you gone into some of these fast food places and try to order some food? Our education system is failing. We need to take care of our teachers. Get top quality talent. We need to, again, feed our kids in school and make sure there's work programs. College isn't for everybody.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** Not at all. The Constitution was made to evolve. There's amendments for a reason, but when the federal government tries to rule over individual states, the water is getting muddied too much.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I am surprised and relieved that a lot of Republicans stood up for what was right.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** Absolutely not. It's a distraction. All of these trans kids that want to play sports, let me see if I can count them on no hands. There's zero trans kids trying to play sports, and yet, this is where we put our time and our bills. It's all a distraction. They make this big noise so you don't notice that they screwed everybody over with the property tax bill.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** As a Christian, I don't think it has a place in public school. I went to Sunday school and then a couple weeks of Bible school every year, in the summer, there should be classes that are elective.

I grew up Methodist...we had a Catholic Church. We didn't have a Lutheran Church in our little town in Louisiana, but I had heard of Martin Luther, but then I learned about the Reformation as an adult. I didn't learn this stuff as a kid.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** Absolutely.

Minimum wage is a joke. You can't, you can't work a 60 hour week, even with overtime, and live on it with two, two people, two kids, working 60 hours each. Who's going to watch their kids? Child care is ridiculously expensive. We need to work on our child care system.

I think there should be government subsidies. And why are we turning down money from the federal government for feeding our kids in the summertime ... we can get a helpout, but we can't administer food to hungry kids in the summertime.

**How are you currently involved in your community?**

I run a nonprofit. One of the main goals for our nonprofit is to highlight other organizations like Johnson County Public Library Foundation. When we do fundraisers, we highlight other nonprofits to try to raise their money.

**GREG KNOTT, R**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

**Property taxes?** Skyrocketing. Electric bills? Up 17.5% in two years. Health costs? Indiana pays more than almost anywhere in America. Who did this to us?

I'm Greg Knott — Network Administrator and CAD Tech, same job for 26 years. Never taken a government salary. The only government paycheck I'll ever take is the one Hoosiers send me to Indianapolis to earn. Wife, two dogs, three kids, six grandkids. Reagan Republican since I was ten years old —



The affordability issue is big...we've been hearing a lot about that...I think people, families of my district...are getting squeezed, whether it be gas prices, which are coming down, but still grocery prices need to come down further. Property taxes...there's energy costs. So affordability is a big deal.

Education then produces good economic outcomes. It helps stabilize communities. It helps with the safety and affordability when we've got well educated people managing their own expenses.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** Elections should be done at the local level, but we do need a National Voter ID. You can't get on an airplane without an ID. You can't open a bank account without an ID. You shouldn't be able to vote unless you have a properly issued state ID and so, the federal government doesn't need to be micromanaging the state of Indiana. But at the same time, there are a few issues where, on a national basis, it makes sense.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** Initially, it's not the Hoosier way. We don't change the rules in the middle of the game...There is a long game that's also coming into play and...I probably would have held my nose and voted for redistricting. I don't like it in the middle of the game, but at the same time...the current census that was used to make the current boundaries was not done accurately. We've counted people that shouldn't have been counted.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** It's way too many bills. It's not a good use of taxpayer dollars to file 700 bills... when I don't know how many 150 might get through.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I look at the Bible as a historical document, so I don't have a problem with that. I think...it's part of our history. It's part of our country being formed by Judeo Christian values and morals.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** Probably so... We've had quite a bit of decrease in inflation...the Obama, Biden administration has created a tremendous amount of inflation that...has weakened the ability of people in that way scale to earn a fair living. So it's probably time.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I've been in the Plainfield community since 1969. I've been involved with Meals on Wheels, Plainfield Optimists. I've run their youth sports programs. I've coached youth athletics. I've been president of that organization.

I'm active in my church and leading my men's prayer group. I've been in the Plainfield Chamber, the Mooresville Chamber, we're certainly involved. We're actively involved all over the place. Been precinct committeeman for over 30 years. County Chairman Hendricks County Chair, GOP Chairman as well. And so we've been...actively involved in both political and social economic activities of the town and the county.

3. What township has grown more homes than any of the others?  
Answers found on back page.



**Wes BENNETT**  
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

"I will work tirelessly to keep our government small, our economy growing, and always put Indiana and America first." — Wes

**As our next State Representative, Wes will:**

- ✓ Fight for our conservative values
- ✓ Protect the unborn
- ✓ Defend the 2nd Amendment
- ✓ Support our first responders

**Vote for Republican Wes Bennett!**

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I watched him win 49 states on Election Night 1984.

My opponents have spent their careers on the government payroll. One ran the state's property tax agency for six years while property taxes went up, then took a \$100,000 state commission seat and voted yes on every electric rate hike. Another draws a township paycheck while I'm running to eliminate Indiana's 1,000 township bureaucracies — including one that sent your tax dollars to Abu Dhabi on first-class flights while the watchdogs looked the other way.

I'm not going to Indianapolis to make friends with the people who broke this. I'm going to break it — with your mandate, and without apology.

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**INTERVIEW - GREG KNOTT**

**Why are you running?** I think we need not more Republicans, but better Republicans, because we've had a super majority of Republicans for over a decade, and they've really failed to make progress on some really important everyday issues for average users.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** It's those everyday issues that the General Assembly is not paying attention to that are most important to the people in my district.

We touched on the property taxes. Touched on the health care costs too much... both health care and health insurance both cost too much. And then the electricity rates they've also been increasing faster than people's paychecks. So those are all things that the General Assembly seems to be taking the side of big business, rather than the average Hoosier. Another thing that I'm really concerned about, and I hear a lot of complaints about, is the Indiana Economic Development Commission. I think we just need to completely get rid of that. They're just... trying to rig the system in favor of big business and against the average Hoosier.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** That's the purpose of the 10th Amendment, is that we, the people of the 50 states have delegated very few and defined powers to the federal government, and they're found in article one section A of the Constitution, and if it's not listed in those enumerated powers that we gave to the federal government, they don't have any business meddling in the policies of Indiana - everything else is reserved for Hoosiers.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I think it was the correct decision because I don't think we should let Washington DC insiders dictate what we do in the state. I think... the maps that were drawn in 2021 I think, were better than the proposed map this time, and that we shouldn't be doing something to our opponents that we wouldn't want done to us.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** No, I think there's probably a lot more important issues than the tenderloin sandwich becoming the state sandwich. Or as much as I admire IU coach, Bob Knight, I'm not sure is proper use of the General Assembly's time to be renaming roads in his honor when there's so many more important issues. So I'm pretty disappointed in the General Assembly for not taking Hoosiers concerns more seriously and having so many frivolous bills.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I think it would comply with the First Amendment as long as it was used in the appropriate subject matter.

You could study the Bible, for example, in a literature class. But, it would all depend on the context of what, what subject the religious text was being used in and what manner, but we definitely want to comply with the First Amendment.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** I really don't think so. I think the minimum wage, it sounds nice that maybe people might get paid a little bit more, but in reality, what happens is that the people who aren't valuable enough, their work isn't valuable enough to pay that wage, they get fired. They get laid off and fired. So, in reality, it eliminates jobs. The jobs are the people who need the jobs the most.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I've just been attending various meetings and trying to make my voice heard, and I don't think it is being heard. So that's why I chose to run for office.

**Candidate profiles that do not feature either a bio, photo or Q&A interview (contested races only) are the result of no response or the candidate declining to furnish requested material.**

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HENDRICKS CO. FAIRGROUNDS & CONFERENCE CENTER  
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**Dates and Times**  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 8AM TO 4PM  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 8AM TO 4PM  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 8AM TO 4PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, FROM 8AM TO 3PM  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 1, 8AM TO 4PM  
SATURDAY, MAY 2, FROM 8AM TO 3PM  
MONDAY, MAY 4, FROM 8AM TO 12PM (NOON)

**Satellite Voting Locations, Dates & Times**  
Monday, April 20th, through Friday, April 24th, from 11am to 7pm  
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- DAYFORD TWP COPIRIGHT CENTER, 1265 S CENTER ST, PLAINFIELD
- HARBONY OF FEAR, 104 WIND OMBRE BL, BOVÉ
- HITTSBORO PARK, 93 PARK PL, SCOUT BUILDING, PITTSBURG



# STATE

## ROB STILES - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

Rob Stiles is a lifelong Hoosier who proudly calls District 57 home. He has lived in Greenwood and Center Grove for 38 years and graduated from Plainfield High School. He still gathers monthly with high school friends for a very competitive but fun game near Chick's Barber Shop in Plainfield — a tradition that reflects his deep roots and lasting friendships in the community.

Rob is a Christian husband, father of three grown children, and grandfather of eight who cares deeply about helping people thrive. He believes government holds a sacred trust to protect our God-given rights to life, liberty, and the opportunity to pursue happiness for every citizen. We need leaders who will take action, not just hold a seat. Rob is running because he has a clear set of goals and the determination, experience, and discipline to deliver results that make Hoosier lives better.

His top priorities are Property Tax Reform, strengthening Financial Literacy Education with clear state standards, and advancing Housing Affordability reforms and incentives. He also supports strengthening Career and Trades Education, protecting Hoosier jobs (B-Verify), defending life, protecting the Second Amendment, supporting small businesses, farmers, first responders, and maintaining limited, accountable government.

Professionally, Rob serves as Senior Director of Donor Relations at a worldwide faith-based nonprofit serving people in critical need. He previously worked for two Fortune 500 companies and four nonprofits, traveling extensively around the world. Rob holds a B.S. in Business Management from Indiana University and an M.A. in Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, *summa cum laude*, and is conversational in Spanish.

### INTERVIEW - ROB STILES

**Why are you running?** I'm running because I was born and raised in Indiana. I love this state. I believe that our best days are ahead. I do believe that we need leaders who will take action and not just hold a seat. I'm running because I have a clear set of goals and the determination, the discipline to deliver real results for Hoosier lives, and I want to make them better.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** As I talk to people, property tax reform is a big issue. I can tell you, personally, my property taxes have nearly doubled in the last four or five years, so I think we need to look at that. I think we need to maintain as much as possible local control ... however, there are some things that we can do to perhaps improve that situation. I don't think anybody should be taxed out of their home, and I think we need to look at that, because we're hurting some you know, seniors, first time home buyers, people who are maybe at the lower end of the economic ladder.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** I'm not a big fan of uber federal involvement with us. However, we do get a lot of money from the federal government, so therefore, as efficiently but as the least intrusively as possible.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** Both my State Rep. Craig Haggard, as well as my State Senator, voted in favor of it ... Were I in the legislature at the time, I probably would have approached colleagues about, let's do a compromise, instead of breaking up Marion County and let's go for Northwest Indiana. I think that would have been better and then we could have perhaps moved that area in a way that would have been better for the party. I want to be fair in representing all people of all stripes, and I want to hear from them. I want to hear their ideas

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

When you arrive, election officers will be there to help you.

Have your acceptable photo ID ready and give to election officer.

Verify your voter registration information is correct. If it's not correct, let election officer know so you can update your information.

Choose which party ballot to vote on (in a primary only).  
Sign your name on the Poll Pad.

Wait for election officer to take you to a voting machine.

If you are not on the voter list, or do not provide acceptable photo ID, the election officer will contact your election office for guidance and assistance.



on things, but I probably would have approached doing one of the districts rather than two.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** Well, probably not. But ... I can only take care of my time and the way I use my time, and I can guarantee you that I consider governments to have a sacred trust to ensure God-given rights. And I think that I will, I will absolutely make voters proud of the way I spend my time.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I'm not sure I understand the question. I don't think that public schools should be pushing a particular text on people. However, for cultural, for historical understandings, I have no problem with people learning about the Bible from a literature perspective. That was a foundation for a lot of the founding of the country. It's the foundation for the founding of Western civilization. We shouldn't push religion on anybody. But I think that to be culturally informed, I don't have a problem with students learning about literature.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** As I am pro small business, I would not be in favor of changing Indiana's minimum wage. Minimum wage is meant to be an entry wage for the workforce, not a long-term wage. Higher minimum wages would stifle some small businesses from hiring more people.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Oh, okay, active in my church. I'm also, like I said, involved in my job. My vocation is a major nonprofit that meets human needs, such as feeding people, helping people with drug and alcohol rehabilitation, women fleeing from domestic violence, helping kids who perhaps come from lower economic backgrounds, things like that.

## TINA TURNER - R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

Born and raised in Ohio, I earned a BS in Systems Analysis from Miami University. I relocated to Indiana in 1985 and have called Morgan County home for the past 30 years.

After working as a software designer and developer, I stepped back to focus on raising our family—just as my late husband co-founded a product development business. We

were true partners: I managed our home while he built the company. That experience taught me the real meaning of fiscal conservatism—balancing budgets, controlling costs, and making tough but responsible decisions to protect families and employees. Government must live within its means, just like Hoosier families and small businesses do every day.

Today, I serve as township clerk, where I handle public funds with integrity and transparency. This role has given me firsthand insight into how state legislation affects

our counties, townships, public safety, fire departments, and emergency services.

Rooted in my Christian faith, I am unapologetically pro-life. I am committed to defending our Second Amendment rights, supporting law enforcement and first responders, advancing school choice, and preserving the freedoms that make Indiana the best place to raise a family.

Faith. Family. Freedom. The Right Turn for Indiana.



### INTERVIEW - TINA TURNER

**Why are you running?** I'm running because I've been involved in politics for a long time, and it's never been the right time for me. I've supported other candidates. I'm a member of the Republican



## VOTER ID GUIDELINES

You need to show your Government issued photo ID when you vote in person.

If you get to the polling place without your photo ID, you will have to vote on a provisional ballot and provide your photo ID to the election board by noon on May 15, 2026.

### Acceptable forms of identification

- Military ID
- State of Indiana driver's license
- State of Indiana BMV-issued photo ID Card
- United States passport
- Other U.S. or State government-issued photo ID
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID

If you don't have one of these, you can get a free Voter Photo ID at any BMV office, including on Election Day!

Party in Morgan County. I'm currently the secretary of the Republican Party in Morgan County.

I've been a precinct committee member for at least 12 years, I believe. And it's the right time of my life to run right now. I just feel that there's a disconnect between legislators and everyday people, and I think I can bring some understanding of those issues to the State House and try to come up with solutions to make Hoosiers' lives better.

**What do you think are some major points of priority within your district?** Definitely property tax. Everyone says the property taxes are too high. The SEA 1 or Senate Bill one from the last session, not this one currently, but was supposed to be property tax relief. It brought a little bit of relief, but not the wholesale thing that people were expecting to have impact, and it totally confused and brought chaos to the funding of local governments, counties, townships, fire departments. So there's just lots of things to fix with that, and that's the major issue.

After that, affordability, I'm currently a Township Clerk. I see people come in with their township assistance requests. Rents are very expensive. Electricity, utilities are expensive, and if they're on a fixed income, they're definitely not keeping up with the cost. It takes to live. And if they're not on a fixed income, their wages are not increasing at the same rates.

**To what extent do you think the Federal Government should be involved with State legislation?** I'm a 10th Amendment woman. I believe in state's rights. I don't think the federal government should have as much say as they do, and I think Indiana could do a better job not being reliant on federal programs.

**What are your thoughts on Indiana's recent redistricting decision?** I feel as a Republican, if we could be a nine Republican congressional seat, we should be a nine congressional seat. I've not ever had a position to have impact on the redistricting. So I'm supportive of getting ourselves to nine. There was issues with the census that, you know, blue states count their high illegal immigration population. That gives them a congressional seat. So it takes away from congressional seats that maybe Indiana could have had. There's a lot of issues why it was not unreasonable to expect that we could redo it, but I'm disappointed that the state didn't follow through.

**Over 700 bills have been proposed in session, do you think current legislators are using their time efficiently?** That's a lot to do in what, eight weeks, and ... two of the weeks were in December. I think they're doing the best they can in the time frame.

**What are your thoughts on religious texts in public school curriculum?** I'm for that. The Bible's [a] historic document. There's a lot of history there, so I'm okay with religious texts in classrooms.

**Indiana's minimum wage has not changed since 2009. Do you think it should?** I'm not a fan of minimum wage because, like, let's just set up \$100 an hour. All that means is that companies that can't pay \$100 an hour just won't hire people. And so actually, people at the lower ends get hurt the most.

Look at what happened in California, they set like a minimum wage of like 20, \$25 for fast food workers. The fast food companies just closed up. They don't have places to work anymore. So no, I think it should be supply and demand. If you have a skill, employers will pay you what you're worth.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm an active member of my church that's really important to me. I just attend meetings with Chamber of Commerce. In Morgan County, there's a Better Communities Coalition, and I attended their annual event last year, and I signed up to work on the housing part of that.

4. Which township would you be in if you had downs to the left of you and jokers to the right?  
Answers found on back page

## ACCESSIBLE VOTING

Voters with a disability or illness can vote before Election Day with an absentee ballot by mail, travel board (confined voter only), or in person.

Go to [www.in.gov/handicaps](http://www.in.gov/handicaps) or call 317-745-9249 to learn more and request your absentee ballot.

All voting machines are accessible. If you need assistance, an election officer can assist you.

Need help seeing your ballot or someone to read your ballot to you? Not a problem. We have additional equipment to help you. Ask your election officer to provide you with a double talk (reads the ballot to you) or a magnifier (increases text size).



# COUNTY

## HENDRICKS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Aaron Rodebeck - R  
\*Daniel Zielinski - R

### AARON RODEBECK - R CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Aaron Rodebeck is a candidate for Hendricks County Circuit Court Judge who has a career dedicated to public service, integrity, and the rule of law. He has served as a Hendricks County Deputy Prosecutor, where he worked closely with law enforcement and victims to hold offenders accountable and protect the community. Aaron currently serves as Chief Deputy Securities Commissioner for the State of Indiana, leading complex civil enforcement actions and safeguarding Hoosiers from financial fraud. His legal experience spans both criminal and civil law, giving him a broad and balanced perspective on the justice system.

Aaron is running to ensure a fair and impartial courtroom, prioritize public safety, and promote efficiency and public trust in our courts. He believes every person who enters a courtroom deserves to be heard and treated with respect, and that judges must apply the law evenly, without bias or outside influence. A lifelong conservative and committed Christian, Aaron views his candidacy as a calling to serve the people of Hendricks County with integrity and humility. He and his family are proud to call Hendricks County home and he looks forward to the opportunity to serve the community that they love.



### INTERVIEW - AARON RODEBECK

**Why are you running?** I'm running because I will bring integrity, accountability, efficiency and a desire to serve Hendricks County at a high level, on the Circuit Court bench.

**What do you think makes a good judge?** Integrity, fairness and unbiased application of the law as written with a focus on protecting the community that you serve.

**How would you define injustice?** A biased application of the law.

**How will you remain neutral through your interpretation of the law?** [By] taking a thorough analysis of the facts of each individual case as presented and applying those facts to the law as written.

**What do you think are some of the biggest challenges within the Hendricks County Justice System?** I think we need more problem solving courts within our county specifically relating to what I want to explore as a mental health court. We have a very successful drug and substance abuse court, but from a mental health standpoint, our county is lacking in mental health resources, and that's according to county studies and problem solving courts, especially from the mental health side, have been shown to reduce recidivism, which helps prevent that cycle of arrest, incarceration and release without treatment that inevitably has a negative impact on the community safety and county resources.

**What types of law does the circuit court you're running for handle, and what are your expertise within those areas?** It has a broad docket, a criminal docket, from murders all the way down to certain misdemeanors, and then it has a fairly broad civil practice, primarily focusing on real estate. It also has some of the tax warrant and sheriff sales, and I've dabbled in each area that practice areas... I was a Deputy Prosecutor out of Hendricks County from 2018 to 2021 and then I went into private practice and did some defense work and civil litigation for about a year, and then subsequently moved into state leadership, and I'm currently Chief Deputy Securities Commissioner, where we handle complex litigation, more on the white collar side. So specifically that integrates into a lot of the similarities with the tort cases that will be before the bench, and then so from a prosecution side, I've done a lot of work for the criminal docket. The civil docket has prepared for me... we have civil, administrative and criminal authority down here at the division, and then from the tax warrant and tax sale side of things, the sheriff sale side of things, I practiced briefly prior to becoming a prosecutor in real estate law property and being a title officer.

**What do you think is the biggest challenge of being on the bench?** I think our dockets, if you look year over year, the case loads are growing, and that's based on a 2% growth rate more up to almost 200,000 folks here within the county. Cases are growing, but the courts haven't expanded yet. So I think efficiency is one of the biggest things... more so the civil side, but some integrating that with the criminal side too. I really think it's going to be important for the next judge to make sure cases are moved, and in order to do that, making sure dockets are managed effectively, and you're holding yourself accountable to get orders that matter out on a timely basis. But also, deadlines are being forced enforced amongst Council when it makes sense, as far as not jeopardizing due process, but making sure deadlines are upheld based on the rules that apply, whether it's under procedural rules or evidentiary rules, and then decisions are ordered in a timely fashion.

**How would you ensure everyone in your courtroom feels heard?** I believe that goes back to making sure every case is being looked at on a factual basis, independently of any form of bias, but then also respectfully treating every litigant, party, victim or just bystander that's in the courtroom, and making sure that decorum is made an expectation from day one, and following through and being consistent in the way you conduct yourselves with whole parties before the court or in the gallery as well as jurors.

## DAN ZIELINSKI - R CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE



I am Dan Zielinski and I have been an honor to serve as your Hendricks County Circuit Court Judge since 2015. I have been associated with the Circuit Court since I was a law student serving as its halliff, assisting in the administrative duties during the day and attending law school at night.

My parents moved their young family to Hendricks County in 1965 and I have been a Hendricks County resident ever since, residing in Brownsville and then Danville. I have been married for 32 years and have a daughter who lives with her husband in Indianapolis.

Prior to becoming your judge, I was a partner in a Danville law firm for 25 years where I served thousands of individuals on various legal issues including civil, domestic and criminal. My vast experience as a trial lawyer prepared me to become an efficient and strong trial judge.

I have presided over thousands of cases including several high profile jury trials and I issue several dozen orders on a daily basis.

I have been a member of and led many Hendricks County community service organizations.

It is my honor to ask for your vote this May to continue to serve you as Hendricks County Circuit Court Judge.

### INTERVIEW - DAN ZIELINSKI

**Why are you running?** I love this job. After I got elected... all the new judges go to something called baby judge school. So all the new judges go to this five day seminar, and have speakers every day, all day long... And the last speaker was a judge from Hamilton County, and he said, "congratulations, you have the best job and the greatest profession in the world." And he was right. I've been doing this for... this is my 12th year, and I want to continue it. I think I'm a good judge, and I want to serve.

**What do you think makes a good judge?** I think what makes a good judge is having experience as a trial lawyer, a real trial lawyer. I was a trial lawyer for 25 years at a firm here in Danville. Every day I met with clients. I researched the law. I interviewed witnesses. I prepared exhibits. I prepared my arguments. I went to court almost every day. Sometimes I would hit the cycle, which means I would have some hearing of some sort. Might be short, but of some sort, in every court in the courthouse.

With that kind of trial experience and being in front of a lot of different judges, I was in front of judges all around the state, and you see the good things that you want to adopt. You see the things and say, hey, I don't want to do that as a judge, all right, so you have all that experience and you can and you appreciate what a lawyer goes through when they prepare for trial.

I think lawyers appreciate it when they know a judge has been through for decades what they're going through.

**How would you define injustice?** Injustice, would be hearing an attorney in front of a client, not doing the research necessary to prepare a proper order, not taking careful notes when a witness is testifying, making a ruling because you like a lawyer or don't like a lawyer or a client, sometimes parties can be a little abrasive, but it doesn't mean they're not telling the truth. So injustice would be making a rash decision, not based on the facts, not based on the law.

**How will you remain neutral through your interpretation of the law?** The law is the law. So you have statutory law, and then you have case law, where appellate and supreme court judges determine what the statutory law is.

What a judge has to do is look at the statute, and then each lawyer will find different cases, saying what that statute means, and you have to say, okay, both they're all right, both sides are correct, but how which of these cases closely fit what the evidence was at trial. And then you apply, you determine what the statute means, what the correct case law means, look at the evidence and make a ruling.

**What do you think are some of the biggest challenges within the Hendricks County Justice System?** I don't know that it's a judicial challenge, but everybody wants to get the court as quickly as they can normally, and trying to find time on the calendar to get those cases heard as quickly as possible, when there's 10,000 other people that want their cases heard as quickly as possible is difficult.

**What types of law does the circuit court you're running for handle, and what are your experiences within those areas?** All of our courts are courts of general jurisdiction, so we can hear anything.

I've had experience... I was a... trial lawyer for 25 years, and on each one of those types of cases, I represented thousands of people.

**What do you think is the biggest challenge of being on the bench?** As being in the courtroom, as long as there's good lawyers who are prepared and know the law and are looking out for their clients, there are very few challenges.

**How would you ensure everyone in your courtroom feels heard?** I've never met let anybody be heard. It's up to their lawyers to determine who they want to be heard.

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APR 19	7 AM	7 PM	APR 20	7 AM	7 PM
APR 26	7 AM	7 PM	APR 27	7 AM	7 PM
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- SHAWNEEBURG PUBLIC CENTER, 401 S. BROWN ST., SHAWNEEBURG, IN 46152
- GRIFFORD TWP. COURTHOUSE, 1800 Center St., Fairbault, IN 46126
- HARMONY AT AVON SQUARE, 2501 Ohio Street SE, AVON, IN 46019

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## HENDRICKS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT II JUDGE

\*Rhett Stuard - R

## RHETT STUARD - R HENDRICKS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT II

Rhett Stuard was elected Judge of Hendricks County Superior Court 2 in 2014 and is currently completing his second term. He graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in History. He earned his law degree from IU McKinney School of Law in 1997. Prior to being elected judge, Rhett clerked for the Honorable Thomas Fisher at the Indiana Tax Court, was in private practice, and was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Hendricks County. He is a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College, is currently in the Indiana Graduate School for Judges, serves on the Supreme Court's Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee and the Mental and Behavioral Health Committee, and is the Chairman of the Hendricks County Community Corrections Advisory Board. He previously served on the Board of Directors of Leadership Hendricks County and the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation, was the President of the Avon Rotary Club, was on the Executive Board of the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force, and was on the vestry at his church. His docket currently includes criminal, divorce, mortgage foreclosure, guardianship, adoption, mental health, probate and other cases. Rhett is a regular speaker for various groups around the area.



## HENDRICKS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

\*Loren Delp - R

## LOREN DELP - R PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Loren Delp is a proven prosecutor and dedicated public servant committed to protecting families and strengthening public safety in Hendricks County. As Prosecutor of the 55th Judicial Circuit, Loren has built a reputation for aggressive, victim-centered prosecution and strong partnerships with local law enforcement. He believes the prosecutor's office must stand firmly with victims, hold violent offenders accountable, and pursue justice with integrity and fairness.

Throughout his tenure, Loren has led an office focused on results—securing convictions in serious felony cases, advocating for victims' rights, and ensuring dangerous criminals face meaningful consequences. He works side by side with police agencies across the county to combat violent crime and deter those who come into the community intending to cause harm.

A conservative leader, Loren is committed to enforcing the law as written and upholding the Constitution. He believes in transparency, accountability, and maintaining the highest ethical standards in public service.

Loren and his wife Angela are proud to call Hendricks County home. They live in Brownsburg with their four children: Gareth, Dominic, Griffin and Juliana and attend Connection Pointe Church.



## HENDRICKS COUNTY RECORDER

\*Laura Herzog - R

## LAURA HERZOG - R HENDRICKS COUNTY RECORDER

My name is Laura Herzog, and I am honored to be the Republican nominee for Hendricks County Recorder. Public service has been a privilege, and I hope to continue that work with a second term.

I would be grateful for your vote and support in the 2026 election. The Recorder's Office may not be widely known, but its role is essential. We maintain accurate, permanent records of property ownership and ensure those documents are preserved for future generations.

My team of seven dedicated employees and I work closely with property owners, mortgage companies, title searchers, and others to



support smooth, reliable transactions.

During my first term, we enrolled more than 6,200 residents in our free Property Watch fraud alert program and modernized our software to improve efficiency. I remain committed to learning, growing, and serving Hendricks County with responsibility and integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY SHERIFF

\*Jack Sadler - R

## JACK SADLER - R HENDRICKS COUNTY SHERIFF

I am honored to seek a second term as your Sheriff and to continue serving the citizens of Hendricks County with integrity, accountability, and steadfast leadership.

Serving as Sheriff has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. With nearly 30 years in law enforcement, there is no slowing down. Every day, I strive to build upon the progress we have made and ensure the opportunities before us are not wasted.

During my first term, we have strengthened public safety while building deeper connections with the people we serve. I have emphasized proactive policing, professional development, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful community engagement. As trust is the foundation of public safety, my focus has remained on integrity, accountability, and always doing our best. Although we have made significant strides, there is still important work to be done.

As our county continues to grow, so does the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office. I remain committed to protecting community members, supporting victims, responsibly managing taxpayer resources, and ensuring our office reflects the values of the community we proudly serve.

With your continued support, we will keep moving forward together. As you vote May 5th, please remember to vote Jack Sadler for Sheriff.



## HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR

\*David Gaston - R

## HENDRICKS COUNTY ASSESSOR

\*Nicole (Nicki) Lawson - R

## NICOLE (NICKI) LAWSON - R HENDRICKS COUNTY ASSESSOR

Nicole (Nicki) Lawson has proudly served as the County Assessor since 2019. In that time, she has implemented new processes and procedures for better accuracy in assessments, updated reassessment training programs and cross trained staff to better serve and educate the public.

She recently launched a new and interactive website that is user friendly, with informative resources for taxpayers. She encourages everyone to explore this new tool at <https://www.hendrickscounty.org/hendricks>.

Nicki has served on the Executive Board of the Indiana Counties Assessors Association as the 2nd Vice President for the past 4 years. She also serves on the Education and Legislative Committees. Nicki is proactively involved to represent the residents of Hendricks County with continued knowledge and experience. Each year, legislation impacts the duties and responsibilities of the Assessor. The tools and resources that Nicki has implemented allow the office to accurately and equitably maintain assessments even during significant legislative changes.

In 2024, she was honored to be voted for the Assessor of the Year award.

Nicki is a lifelong resident of Hendricks County. She received her BSW from Ball State University. She has raised three sons in Hendricks County, enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and is an avid gardener.



**County Commissioner: Four-year term. No term limits. Act as the executive and legislative bodies of county government, adopt policies and ordinances governing the unincorporated areas of the county. Also: Establish and maintain public offices for the courts, jail, clerk, auditor, recorder, treasurer, sheriff and surveyor.**

## HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT I

\*Robert (Bob) Gentry - R

## ROBERT (BOB) GENTRY - R HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Robert (Bob) Gentry has served Hendricks County as a County Commissioner since 2010, bringing 16 years of experience in county leadership and public service. He previously served on the Northwest Hendricks School Board for 24 years and honorably served in the Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974.

Bob has farmed in Hendricks County since 1966, focusing primarily on dairy farming until 2007, and continues to assist with his family's farm, which has been in operation since 1910.

Bob was married to his wife, Donna, for 43 years until her passing in 2017. He is the father of two daughters and grandfather to five grandchildren.

Bob is seeking reelection to continue serving the residents of Hendricks County.



## HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT I

\*David Cox - R

## DAVID COX - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT 1

I'd like to thank my wife and family for their support of my campaign. I would like to apologize if sometimes I'm difficult to understand. I'm a cancer survivor of two rounds of radiation on my neck and right shoulder. Sometimes causes speech issues.

I believe in Divine providence. When I left the Police Department after getting shot while on duty I looked at jobs in several states but settled in Hendricks County!

I'm a member of the Sons of American Legion, Plainfield Eagles, Hendricks County Senior Services Board and the Hendricks County Youth Assistance Board.

My public service includes the first Hendricks County 911 Board, Avon Town Council Redevelopment and Plan Commissions, as well as the first Police Commissioner Board. I'm presently a member of the Hendricks County Council and a firm believer in small transparent county government. As a member of that first 911 Board where we consolidated the whole county under one 911 dispatch, I can say it wasn't easy. Getting several local governments to let go of their control for the betterment of the whole county speaks a lot of the quality of the people in the room who were helping to work through the problem.

One of my strong points is the ability to work with people who have a different point of view than mine. Where some of my appointments may be looking to the interests of just a certain area, I pledge to use my abilities, experience and conservative common sense values for the betterment of the entire county.



## INTERVIEW - DAVE COX

Why are you running? I'm presently on the council and believe I have done a fantastic job.

I'm really good at working with people of different opinions. So ... if you ever come to a council meeting you will see I am kind of the glue that is sticking everything together.

We have a very good council right now, they're pretty diverse and they all have opinions ... for the most part we're really doing a good job of not having somebody who is just representing a small group type of thing.

What are your focus do you think needs the most attention? Why? We are finishing up the ... new highway garage. We got the jail done, so that was a fantastic move.

Our next big project is going to be ... the commissioners are working on fixing the animal shelter. And then our biggest project would probably be the Justice Center.

I know there is a lot of concern about building it downtown Danville because they're afraid if the courts move out of downtown Danville, that the downtown will deteriorate. Obviously, if we do move out downtown, we would work with them to keep building downtown. So I don't really see that as a problem as much as some people.

Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make? Every year we do a budget.



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Sometimes they have to be treated based on if we have a huge project that we have to make sure we get covered.

We scrutinize every department and make sure that they're trying to pinch pennies as best they can and oversee all that ... I'm definitely not a big fan of spending money.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** We are finishing up the highway department.

There's some stuff that needs to be tweaked and fixed there. We are working with the highway engineers right now ... to try to set the ground work.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I'm on the senior citizens board and I help oversee it and work with their budget. I'm on the Youth Assistance Program board ... that youth board has, according to the juvenile judge, has reduced the referrals to the juvenile court by 30% which is fantastic.

**Would you say the current council is transparent?** How would you increase transparency? Everybody screams transparency on staff. Obviously, you're behind the scenes arguments about things are never transparent, and they really shouldn't be, because somebody hears something and they take that as ... we're at it. And, you know, that could be phase one. I mean, things change during conception. So sometimes you don't want to get people fired up when they don't need to be fired up.

And I can say usually by the time we get the end result, we've got the bumps worked out of it.  
But yeah, I've always been for transparency.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT II

Anthony Gary - R  
Jay Puckett - R

### ANTHONY GARY - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT II

Anthony Gary is a life-long Hoosier and nine-year Hendricks County resident running for County Council to bring practical, forward-looking leadership to county government. A real estate veteran and managing broker of Indy Dwell Real Estate, Anthony has hands-on experience with smart planning, infrastructure, and fiscal discipline, skills that shape a community's future and protect taxpayers.

Anthony is a Ball State University Honors College graduate (Architecture) and holds an MBA from Butler University. He is a Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation Fellow and a Leadership Hendricks County graduate, experience that sharpened his commitment to accountability, collaboration, and solving real-world problems. Whether evaluating housing options or balancing budgets, he brings the same analytical rigor and common-sense approach.

Community is at the heart of Anthony's life. He and his wife are raising their three children in Lincoln Township, where he coaches Brownsburg Junior Basketball and Brownsburg Girls Softball and volunteers at Traders Point Christian Church. Those roles keep him grounded in the everyday concerns of families, taxpayers, and small businesses.

With energy, optimism, and a deep respect for Hendricks County's values, Anthony is ready to work hard, listen closely, and deliver responsible, people-first conservative leadership, focused on keeping taxes low, neighborhoods strong, and opportunities growing.

### INTERVIEW - ANTHONY GARY

**Why are you running?** Because I love my community, I understand how I can help, and I want local government to be efficient, honest, and focused on what's best for the taxpayers.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? I've been working on it the last year, and it's interaction with the public so that they can understand what's going on.

Over the last year, I have spoken out on the public's behalf to cause County Council to put all of their information packets into their agenda, onto their websites, so that people can read it before the meeting starts. If not for me asking for that, that still wouldn't be happening.

I've made it a point to ask the council to make sure that the people speaking in those meetings come up and introduce themselves and why they're here before they start speaking, so that somebody that wants to watch that video back ... can watch it, follow along with the data package and understand what's going on.

These meetings are at nine o'clock on Tuesday mornings. A lot of people can't do that.

I think it's imperative that if we are stewards of their dollars, we're making it easy for them to figure out what's happening.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I'm as familiar with the county budget as someone who has not sat in the seat approving it can be.

Mindful necessities. There are a lot of things that are inside the county budget that aren't going anywhere.

Every year you're looking at the dollars on the fringe, making sure that you can spend them in the most efficient way you can. This is a world of trade-offs. Every dollar that gets spent in one line cannot get spent in any other line.

The Community Foundation does a needs assessment every couple of years, and so there will be fresh data for that as we get into the next term. And I think that that's a good place to start in terms of understanding what's important to the people.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** A deep educational undertaking of how we get to where we are right now, from everyone who is available to help me get that.

I think that it's important to know where we've been, to make sure that we don't make mistakes twice.

The second part of that is to be available and approachable. I'm looking to represent a district seat. A lot of that district is also inside a town. A lot of conversations that I've had would suggest that folks who live in the town kind of forget that they're also represented at the county. I know I can do a better job there, and I will.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I've been in the real estate industry for my entire adult life, and so I think that I can provide value to all of the boards that are in some way adjacent to that.

That goes into the Economic Development Partnership, that goes into the Plan Commission, that goes into the Redevelopment Authority, the Redevelopment Commission. I don't think that it would be appropriate to be on all of them at once, and so I want to be useful, but not overbearing.

**Would you say the current Council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** I would say they're not proactive. If you go to them and ask them a pointed question, you'll get an answer. But I think there's room for improvement there, and I've done the legwork some of it already.

The county works with a financial ... planner ... a third party financial expert, which produces a lot of commentary on the budgets and a lot of things that can be read.

If you ask the auditor for it, you'll get it. But if you don't, you won't.

We're talking 100 ... 200 page documents, things that, again, if it's my job to be a steward of the county's dollars, I have to be accountable for them.

### JAY PUCKETT - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT II

Jay Puckett is an experienced public servant running for Hendricks County Council. Brownsburg has been home for 36 years, building deep roots in the community. He served on the Hendricks County Council from 2000 to 2018, where he established a record of collaborative leadership and sound fiscal management.

With a 41-year career in banking, Jay brings expertise in public and private finance, budgeting, and long-term financial planning. This professional background equips him to evaluate county budgets, manage taxpayer resources responsibly and evaluate financial decisions that balance current needs with future obligations. His approach to fiscal management is guided by a biblical belief in stewardship—every tax dollar managed wisely, transparently, and for prioritized public purposes.

Jay is a graduate of Ball State University and The Wisconsin School of Banking. He is a member of the Brownsburg Rotary Club and serves on the Brownsburg Fire Territory Merit Board, supporting first responders. His goal is to deliver essential services and infrastructure in the most economical way for taxpayers and to protect the quality of life that makes Hendricks County a great place to live, work and raise a family. In 2014, he was named Hendricks County Leadership's Leader of the Year.

### INTERVIEW - JAY PUCKETT

**Why are you running?** I think I can add value to the county. I have a 41 year background in finance. I previously served on the Hendricks County Council from 2000 to 2018 so I do bring a level of experience. I'm well versed in not only private finance, but public finance, how it's financed. I currently serve on the Brownsburg Fire Territory Merit Board. I have a huge interest in public safety. I want to make sure that we continue to provide public safety and infrastructure in the county. Again, just with my background and 41 years of finance, I feel that I have the tools necessary. And that's what the County Council is. It's the financial body of the county. So anything related to finance, I feel that I have the expertise to lead.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? I do believe that, over the years that our local government has done a nice job. The Commissioners and the Council.

Senate Bill one is continuing to be a challenge with funding, while I'm an advocate of having some property tax relief, for sure, but I think that has been impacted to some local government revenues ... Local government needs to make sure that they focus on what is important and what their responsibilities are.

And I feel that local government is responsible for infrastructure,

public safety, and to focus on those areas.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I was on Hendricks County Council from 2000 to 2018. The nice thing I liked about the budget and how we did it was we take a week during August, we let all the department heads come in, elected officials come in and discuss their needs.

What I would like to see us do is maybe start from more of a zero based budgeting and not always try to create budgets from 'oh-yeah, this is what we did the previous year.' If you're asking me, carte blanche, if I would make any changes, I think that we would have the opportunity, or I know we have the opportunity every year, as we sit through budget hearings to make any adjustments needed.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** The County Council is not a policy making body in county government, the County Commissioners do all of the legislative items for the county. The County Council is responsible for establishing pay grades, job descriptions, reviewing the budget.

I don't want to say that's an unfair question. It's not. But at the same time, stepping in on January one, the first course of action from a policy perspective, there really wouldn't be any.

Really just collaborating with other Council members and getting up to speed as to where we might be on the budget.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I really think my background and experience, whatever the current Council would like to appoint me to I would would be able to to serve and do a good job.

I have a financial background, so anything that would relate to the financial world, I'm not sure I know every board and appointment that the County Council appoints to, but I do know they have a representative [at] the Hendricks County Senior Services. I know they have a membership in the area plan or zoning, so probably those two.

**Would you say the current Council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** When I was on the Council, we tried to have meetings at different times during different days of the week. We had some night meetings. Now they meet, I believe, on the third Thursday, about 9 a.m. which certainly makes it difficult.

I don't think they're not transparent. I think that we need to continue to work on transparency. Video streaming the meetings would be a good first step, making the agendas public on the website. I would be all for that.

I do believe they're making strides, but I do believe there's always an improvement that can be made with transparency.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT III

Ed Gaddie - R  
Charles (Chuck) Parsons - R  
Jered Petrey - D

### ED GADDIE - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT III

My family have been residents of Hendricks County for over 100 years, and I've been a resident of Plainfield for over 50 years. I went to Clayton High School and retired from Allison (Div. GM) and EDS (Electronic Data Sys.).

I've been on the Plainfield Town Council for 12 years and married to Pat Gaddie for over 60 years. Pat is retired from the Plainfield Library. We have one daughter, two sons, one granddaughter, three grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. I served in the Armed Forces for over seven years. I'm a member of the Plainfield Optimist Club, Plainfield Elks, Plainfield Eagles, and Danville American Legion.

### INTERVIEW - ED GADDIE

**Why are you running?** I've been on Plainfield Town Council. I think three terms, 12 years. I gave that up [and was] on the Guilford Township Trustee Board. I found somebody to run that.

I still keep up to date on local politics, and I'm running against Chuck Parsons, which I know, and my main reason there's the things that the county and town need to be a little more, work together on their plans. So I decided to try myself again.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? The county is getting less and less because the towns are expanding, and I think that the county's got to get more involved with what goes on in the county.

We're not communicating that well with the towns, which the towns are getting bigger. So mainly I was involved to make sure that we're working together to keep this county going strong.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** Basically, not too much. I see what they spend.

It's hard to plan ahead, but I think sometimes they don't cover what they really need to cover on the county expense.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** Get more involved and get more up to date.

I don't really, can't say what I could do being just one person, but I can always voice my opinion on what we need in this county. **What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I've been in different position, though, it takes a group that runs this ... You got to work with your fellow members to get something done, though, you can't as an individual, you can't cover doing anything ... unless you all agree on this.

So ... I couldn't really do more than what Chuck's done. So ... but I will be asking a lot of questions on what we can do, what we can't do.

**Would you say the current council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** The council is a financial budget for the county ... The County Commissioners make the decision, but they got to stay within the budget. What's available right now, whatever new problems we have has been posted, a lot of it's on the annual shelter.

Give me \_\_\_\_\_ or give me death. This township is going to sprout a new golf course community soon.  
Answers found on back page.

**VOTE**

**ELECT PUCKETT COUNTY COUNCIL**

- 2000-2018 Hendricks County Council Member
- 2014 Leader of the Year, as named by Leadership Hendricks County
- Experienced in local government finance and budget processes
- Proudly endorsed by Dennis Dawes, Hendricks County Commissioner

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## CHUCK PARSONS - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT III

Chuck Parsons has dedicated his career to public service, serving 33 years with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Office (1988-2021). He advanced from jailer to deputy and supervisor, spending 15 years in administration as uniform division leader, fleet manager, quartermaster, and grant coordinator. He currently serves as Law Enforcement Liaison and Field Coordinator for Superior Court II.

Elected to County Council, representing District 3, by a special caucus in 2024, Chuck focuses on fiscal responsibility, community growth and infrastructure needs, and common sense policies while protecting Hendricks County's quality of life and the values that make our community special.

Chuck has made strong commitments to community and youth throughout his career, serving 15 years on the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force, 13 years as a mentor with Youth Leadership Hendricks County, 12 years on the County Fair Board, and nearly 20 years on the Swanton Services Board of Directors.

Chuck moved to Danville in 1973 with his parents and four siblings. A 1983 graduate of Danville High School, he earned his degree from Ball State University in 1994. He married Tracie in 1995, settling in Plainfield where they raised three children—all Plainfield graduates. They now enjoy two energetic grandsons.



### INTERVIEW - CHUCK PARSONS

**Why are you running?** I am actually currently on the council. I was caucused in at the end of '24 to fill a spot that was vacated by Brad Whicker. I have spent probably the last 45 to 50 years serving my community in one way or another, and this is the way to extend it. I did work at the Sheriff's Department for 33 years. And I still, actually still serve the community in various ways, but I've done other things, but it is really that I want to serve my community, and I want to make sure that the citizens of our community get the most efficient and effective government they can for the taxes that they pay.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? Right now, we have been in a predicament of resolving the property tax issue, the changes that were made by SEA One [Senate Bill One], and what we're going to have to figure out as far as making up the gap, the huge gap that has been created by that bill.

I firmly believe that it's going to be somewhat modified. It's not going to go back to the way it was. There's no doubt about that in my mind, but I believe that we have to modify what we're doing, and look at the local option income tax to help bridge that gap. It's very difficult, and it's a challenge for me to do it, but I understand it's something we have to do because services have to be provided. There are certain things that the government functions, the government has to do, and if they don't have the funding, then they can't do it.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I am somewhat familiar with it. ... I would have to go take a deep dive, to really come out and say a change that can be done. I do think that better budget management on the department level, and such as the elected officials and on the department heads that are hired by the county, maybe need to be a little bit more efficient.

But I don't know that that efficiency is going to amount to a significant difference in funding. I don't think that it's going to result in a lot of funds. It'll save some but it'll be an amount that probably is going to be a drop in the bucket, if you will.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** I'm working with Emergency Management. ... I was assigned the Emergency Management. I was just recently requested to participate in the the Animal Services board, or animal control board. I don't remember ... what terms [they] are going to use to define it now, but I think that we need to resolve that, because that was something that was ... quite an excitement for our community for several weeks, maybe a couple months.

But I really think the main thing we're going to have to resolve is we are going to have to plan ahead for the property tax changes that are coming because that by far, is going to have the biggest impact on everything that we do in the future, because there's so much that is funded through property taxes.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I am on the Emergency Management board. I'm also on the Solid Waste board ... I am on the Animal board.

I would like to serve on some other boards, there are obviously six other members on the council, and they all need to serve on boards too. So we have to spread it around. So with my background, I was assigned to most of the ones that had any relevance to public safety.

**Would you say the current council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** To the best of my knowledge, they are. I can't think of anything that they're not. If they are, they're not being transparent to me.

## JERED PETREY - D HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT III

Jered Petrey is a Plainfield resident and Chief Operating Officer running for Hendricks County Council District 3. He has spent his career managing complex multi-site operations, overseeing budgets, leading teams, and building accountability systems in the healthcare and eyecare industry. Earlier in his career, he spent over a decade teaching Career and Technical Education through broadcasting, connecting students to real workforce skills. He holds an MBA from the University of Southern Indiana and a Bachelor of Arts from Butler University.



Jered believes government should work for the people, not national political parties or outside interests. With the county facing significant Local Income Tax uncertainty and a pattern of reactive budgeting, Plainfield and southwest Hendricks County need a representative who asks hard questions before problems happen rather than after.

Change starts locally, and every voter deserves a real choice. Jered and his wife Shayna live in Plainfield, where their son attends Plainfield High School. Learn more at jeredpetrey.com.

### INTERVIEW - JERED PETREY

**Why are you running?** I've decided to run on the Democratic ticket because I feel that Hendricks County deserves an opportunity for everyone to voice their opinion. I feel that transparency and accountability need to be looked at a little bit with the Council. It's been seven-zero for quite a while now, and I just felt that this was the best time to do that.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? The financial transparency and just stewardship of those funds, I've been reviewing the council minutes and watching some of the videos from the past couple of years. I think that as we grow, there are needs to be addressed.

Preparation for things in the future also need to be addressed. We seem to be allocating money after the fact a lot of times at the council level. And I think that that's not really proper tax stewardship. Also the local income taxes will be changing very soon after the State House has changed the rules for counties and how they distribute those funds. So I think that that is something that needs a voice that is outside the seven zero majority right now.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I think the biggest thing that the budget is that there obviously seems to be some growth there, but the budget tends to need to be re-evaluated almost monthly.

I think that probably the biggest things that I would do to the budget, is look ahead a little bit.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** My first course of action is to meet with the public. Continue doing throughout the campaign, but also become a face, someone that they know, that they can trust at the County Council level.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I think Planning and Zoning is definitely one of them that I am most interested in as growth continues within Hendricks County. I was part of the Plainfield Thrive steering committee recently, last year, and that is a strong interest of mine.

**Would you say the current council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** I think they hide behind things. Just a little bit, to be honest, they hide the meetings at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. I think that I would try to get that meeting moved to evenings that would be easily attendable by those of us that work full time. I think that the amount of documents online are a little confusing, or where they are online is a little confusing, and they're not easily attainable, so they're kind of hidden behind spreadsheets and PDFs.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT IV

Shawn Vaughn - R  
\*Eric Wathen - R

## SHAWN VAUGHN - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT IV

### INTERVIEW - SHAWN VAUGHN

**Why are you running?** I'm a firm believer in term limits at all levels of government. I really don't believe anybody should be spending decades or more in any level of office. So, yeah, the main reason I'm running is just because I feel turnover is necessary at all levels of government.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention?** Why? I think it's what currently exists in Hendricks County. I think right now, our county board spends a lot of time trying to bring in change and add new things and do new things. And I think we need to spend a lot of time on thinking about what we can do to make the lives of current Hendricks County residents better.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I have not gotten into the budget at any point yet, so I don't feel I'm qualified to answer that yet.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** I would want to look at where, speaking of budget, I'd want to look at where our money is being spent. I think that besides all other avenues of revenue that our county has, every person that lives in Hendricks County pays a tax out of their paycheck. What's that go to? So I really want to spend some time finding out where on Hendricks County money goes.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I don't know.

**Would you say the current council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** I don't really believe so. I would think some things that have happened that I think if residents of Hendricks County would have found out about, wouldn't have found out about them, that they would have let them go, like, for example, the wind farms. I don't think there was a whole lot of transparency about that. And I think if the residents hadn't found out about them that they probably would have gone through.

I would really want to make sure that we advertise meeting dates, encourage people to be there. Do what we could to make sure all the residents of Hendricks County know what's going on. I would definitely want to make sure we're very public with everything that's going on in the board.

## ERIC WATHEN - R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL - DISTRICT IV

Eric Wathen is a lifelong resident of Hendricks County. He graduated from Tri-West High School and then went on to graduate from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering. He and his wife, Ann, live in Linton where they raised their four boys.



He has 24 years of experience in corporate civil engineering consulting. He reached the level of Director of Operations and Finance for a 130-person firm. For the past five years he has managed his own consulting firm. He has served both as a County Commissioner and Councilman.

Eric believes in limiting the tax burden on the citizens while providing quality infrastructure and services for them. Changes are being made at the State House to the way property and income taxes will be set and distributed. The way local government is funded is going to drastically change over the next four years. Eric has both the private sector experience and local government knowledge to help Hendricks County and its residents through this transition.

### INTERVIEW - ERIC WATHEN

**Why are you running?** I'm running to continue what I've been doing on council for the past three terms. I'm going to try to make Hendricks County an affordable place to live for families, while

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**Eric Wathen**  
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**PROVEN LEADERSHIP**

- 5 1/2 years as County Commissioner (2 as president)
- 12 years on County Council (6 years as president)
- Partnered with towns to provide infrastructure to foster economic development

**VISION**

- Continue finding ways to reduce waste and improve efficiencies
- Bring quality development and jobs to the county by providing a favorable tax environment with quality infrastructure

**FAMILY VALUES**

- Married to 26 years to wife, Ann
- Raised 4 boys in Tri-West schools
- Lifelong Hendricks County resident

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making sure that the infrastructure is maintained. I've got four boys ... three of them are adults, one in high school, and I want them to live here when they grow up.

**What area of focus do you think needs the most attention? Why?** From the council standpoint, the things that we find outside of the normal employees are all pretty good. We're just getting ready to start another section of the parkway, we're building a highway garage, and I know the commissioners are working on updating the animal shelter. I think a thing that could, maybe could use some more help or work is, I really don't know. I mean...if you drive around other counties, we're doing pretty good here, and I wish there was more housing here, but that's a market based thing.

**Are you familiar with the current budget? What changes would you make?** I wouldn't make any changes. I think we've got a budget that spends the taxpayers' money efficiently, and with this doing the best we can with the money we have.

It's going to change a lot once all the new changes go through from the state as far as income taxes and property taxes. There's going to be winners and losers in that. If you live in a town, you'll pay more in income taxes, for sure, because they can have an income tax besides the counties. If you live out in the county, you'll see your income tax go down from what it is today. So that's where we're at with the budget.

**What would be your first course of action upon being elected?** Continue to do what I do. I mean, there's not really anything that I would change [from] what we're doing. It's going to be to continue to study how the changes to our tax code and things in legislature this year happen at the State House to make sure that we're making the best of the rules that are voted on by the guys downtown.

**What boards do you think you could bring the most to?** Why? I'm on the Communication Center Board currently. I've been on that for a long time, even back when I was a commissioner, and it's a board that I understand pretty well, and the finding of it, and that sort of thing.

I'm on... the 41st Advisory Board. I like serving on those two boards. And I'm also on the Indianapolis NPO policy committee, appointed by the commissioners. I think I do well there. That's the committee that determines how funds are distributed to the counties and the road infrastructure for Central Indiana.

**Would you say the current council is transparent? How would you increase transparency?** Everything that's going on you're seeing happen in the meeting. We're not trying to be not transparent. All of our meetings are broadcast on YouTube, and what you see is what you get in our meetings. We don't always agree, but we usually find a way to make things that benefit the county happen.

**Township Trustee: Four-year term. No term limits. Responsible for managing local township government, primarily focusing on administering emergency assistance, maintaining township property, and overseeing fire protection. Key duties include managing township funds, creating the annual budget, managing cemeteries and parks, and providing aid to residents in need.**

## BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Chad McCollum - R  
James (Jim) Murphy - R  
Bill Ziegert - D

CHAD MCCOLLUM - R  
BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

### INTERVIEW - CHAD MCCOLLUM

**Why are you running?** I've been in Brownsburg for 21 years now. I like to see Brownsburg grow. It's kind of been stagnant. I think some of our past politicians, I think, of kind of not wanting it to grow as well as it could. And being part of a fire department currently the fire department needs some functions and some support. And that was kind of a major reason for doing this.

**What would be your first course of action, if elected?** The first course of action is obviously meet the other people that has kind of a unique situation being with Brown Township, is they are with Lincoln Township, with the executive board and to kind of govern the fire department there and then so trying to get with the other members, to find out where they are, find out what's going on with the fire department and where they stand. I know there's concepts or ideas about building another station and some apparatus on the border, trying to figure out where they are, to figure out where we can fit in and how we can keep supporting them.

The other form of action would be making sure that we're accessible. I know the budget shows a very small amount that has gone out for poor relief. I want to make sure that we're reaching everybody that's in that Brown Township area.

**Part of being a trustee entails supporting residents, sometimes financially - where will you draw the line?** I'm working with the trustee from Avon, and then I know the trustee in Wayne Township fairly well, and kind of figuring out where the line is. Obviously we want to support them, supported I guess, is a very kind of, maybe suffer [word], I want to be able to help them and not necessarily support them.

But I definitely don't want to make it a habit for people to be living off the system.

**How do you feel about the current state of fire services in your township? What, if anything, needs to change?** I think there's some growth that needs to happen, and some ways of their going about things, mostly, I think they're doing a great job. It's a department that is trying to grow with the town is growing, and it's kind of exploding out and these guys stay ahead of it, and I want to support that.

**What sorts of challenges do you think the township is facing?** I think some of the challenges, from what I'm understanding in the small amount of research that I've been doing with this position... challenges... seem to be with the town board. I know you have Lincoln Township and Brown Township, the three together, they seem to be a struggle.

I'm not for sure why, and I'm hoping that it's just an education, a piece that, you know, we can get some good knowledge and good

conversation and work together. It sounds like there's been a three entities kind of working. In my opinion, I think it should be three entities working as a one entity, so to work in the town of the needs of especially the fire department.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** When my kids were younger, we did a lot of the youth sports... My wife and I still currently do go to those games to support the school. With the Brownsburg Fire Department being my position where I'm at now, we work together, we train together, and all that business has helped our community get better.

**What qualifies you for this position?** Hopefully, desire. I've been a firefighter for little over 26 years now. I am in the administration of my current Fire Department, and kind of help in here, which gives me some knowledge of what's going on within the fire service. And then working kind of with our trustee the last couple of years, being in here and seeing how that all runs gives me knowledge to be on that side of it.

## CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Darlene Rose - R  
\*William (Bill) Wright - R

DARLENE ROSE - R  
CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Hello! My name is Darlene Rose. I have submitted my name for Center Twp Trustee.

My husband Michael and I have lived in Danville for 40+ years. While we worked full time, we bought, rented, and sold commercial and residential properties in Hendricks County.

I have worked as an Executive Assistant for most of my life in global companies; HP and GEODIS. I was given a manager title with GEODIS several years ago. I plan to retire at the end of this year. I believe my qualifications for Center Twp. Trustee are my organizational and leadership skills, along with my friendliness. I have volunteered at Family Promise of Hendricks County for the last eight years. Last October, I joined the Family Promise Board. I am a member of the Town of Danville Host Future Fund. Also, a member of the Valparaiso University Women in Leadership Advisory Board for the years of 2024-2026.

The reason I decided to run for Center Twp Trustee, I would like to serve my community by getting more involved. I believe that I have the ability to help my fellow citizens with the re-



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sources available through the Township Trustee's Office. Thank you for your time!

### INTERVIEW - DARLENE ROSE

**Why are you running?** I believe I can help my fellow citizens with the resources available through the Township Trustee's Office.

**What would be your first course of action, if elected?** First choice of action would be just getting to know the job. I was lucky enough to talk to Judy White, who has held the position for many years, and she gave me information on the position, and nothing sticks out in my mind at the beginning of it, but would just want to learn the job the proper way.

**Part of being a trustee entails supporting residents, sometimes financially - where will you draw the line?** Oh, there is a line. Nothing, nothing unethical, nothing that anybody would ever have to question.

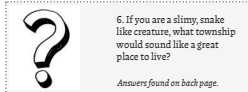
If there was a situation, if it's right or wrong, I mean, it should be black and white, right or wrong, you go with what's right and follow through with that.

**How do you feel about the current state of fire services in your township? What, if anything, needs to change?** They're doing a good job, not knowing all the details at this time, not sure of any changes that I could make.

**What sorts of challenges do you think the township is facing?** Definitely, budget crunches and just well with any company you do more with less.

**Are you familiar with the current budget?** No, I am not. **How are you currently involved in your community?** I have volunteered with Family Promise in Hendricks County for eight years. I was just accepted to the board last October. I volunteer at Sheltering Wings and I am also on the Town of Danville Host Future Fund.

**What qualifies you for this position?** My organizational and leadership skills, along with my friendliness. I have worked with Family Promise of Hendricks County for the last eight years. I now serve on the Family Promise Board as of October 2025. A member of the Town of Danville Host Future Fund for the last 21+ years. I am also a member of the Valparaiso University Women in Leadership Advisory Board for the years of 2024-2026. My husband and I have brought, rented, and sold commercial and residential properties in Hendricks County.



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- An award-winning public servant and educator, Bill has taught at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, IUPUI, and the Red Cross.
- Bill and his wife of 36 years, Sharon, proudly own the historic Royal Theater, providing wholesome family entertainment while supporting numerous community organizations.
- Bill Wright is ready to continue leading Center Township forward.

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## WILLIAM (BILL) WRIGHT - R CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Since taking office in 2023, Center Township Trustee Bill Wright has combined over 30 years of public safety service with two decades of corporate CEO experience to deliver proven results for his community. Uniquely qualified to lead, Bill is committed to ensuring Center Township and Danville continue to thrive.

During his tenure, Bill has modernized township operations with a strong focus on fiscal responsibility. By automating EMS billing and renegotiating office contracts, he has streamlined services and saved taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars—funds that have been directly reinvested into Center Township.

A dedicated educator and public servant, Bill has taught at the Law Enforcement Academy, IUPUI, and the Red Cross, and has earned numerous local and national awards for bravery and heroism.

At his core, Bill is a family man deeply invested in local outreach. He and his wife of 36 years, Sharon, have two daughters. Together, they love giving back through the historic Royal Theater, providing wholesome family entertainment and supporting numerous community organizations.

With a track record of strong leadership, operational efficiency, and unwavering dedication, Bill Wright is ready to continue serving the citizens of Center Township.



**INTERVIEW - BILL WRIGHT**

**Why are you running?** For the same reason I ran before. It's actually an important position. People don't realize how much the trustee does. We're in charge of poor relief, cemeteries... property boundary disputes now with the fire territory, the trustee is still there on the fire board. There's a lot of duties and responsibilities and Danville is growing like crazy.

**With the laws that are going to come into effect with the changes on the taxes and everything, you're literally robbing Peter to pay Paul... because we're going to cut taxes, well, how are you going to fund the services?** And we're one of them.

**We've got to try and find ways to continue to pay for the programs, to make sure that the need is met. Sadly, the assistance is growing. The need for assistance is growing just along with our community. And it's certainly not going to go down.**

**What would be your first course of action, if elected?** The first course of action is to send out a big thank you... I still have things I want to accomplish. The biggest thing is going to be the funding and figure out what this legislation is going to do. We don't know what the governor is thinking... or where he is coming from... it's a moving target.

**Part of being a trustee entails supporting residents, sometimes financially - where will you draw the line?** That's not necessarily up to me. That's up to the state. They set the parameters on what it takes to qualify for assistance. I mean we're never going to quote, draw the line. But there are limits that families can get, and type of things they can get. There's a lot of other adjunct services that I want to bring together and pool.

**How do you feel about the current state of fire services in your township?** I feel that we're very fortunate to have what we have... It is never, in my opinion, been where it should be. I see the runs come out. I know... the number of personnel on duty, and we literally are not able to cover it.

**One run will, in essence, wipe out the fire department for X amount of hours. And, you know, you see Avon, Plainfield, Brownsburg... come here because we don't have the manpower and equipment... And at the same time that has to be weighed. Guess what tax dollars we have, and what can we do with it? So what's the answer?** Well, more people, more equipment, more stations. But that's millions and millions of dollars.

**What sorts of challenges do you think the township is facing?** The fiscal shortfall is going to be the biggest, because that impacts every service that we offer... we're just in such a limbo right now.

**What are we going to do for land, for the cemeteries... I've sought out what to do if we run out of money. How are we going to provide the services?** Well, I was told we have to borrow money. Well, who wants to loan the money to a government organization that has a finite amount of money coming in? So, you know, how do we meet this need? And biggest part is educating the legislators and our public as to what the need really is.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** My wife and I do many, many things... We support numerous not for profits. We never charge them to come in and hold their functions and things like that... We financially donate to them.

**When you help somebody out with no expectation of anything in return, it comes back to you.**

**What qualifies you for this position?** I've got 30 years in public safety. I've run a large corporation with over 300 employees for almost 25 years. They give me unique insights.

**Municipalities and government really are a business. They're an organization that needs the same thought process, you get X amount of dollars in you... can't spend more than X amount of dollars, which is incredible that our government never seems to realize that. But that's a whole other topic.**

## CLAY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Clinton (Clint) Stoutenour - R  
Julie Malloy - D

## EEL RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Timothy (Tim) Fretz - R

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*R. Luanne Reitzel - R

## R. LUANNE REITZEL - R FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

I'd like to start by introducing myself. My name is Luanne Reitzel but my friends called me Luanne. I am a wife, mom, grandma, and a follower of Jesus. I love my family and my community. I have been serving the past four years as the Franklin Township Trustee and I am seeking another four years in the election on May 5.

Our township is small but a wonderful community. One of the goals that I have in the next four years is putting in place a bookmobile. We do not have access in our town to a brick and mortar library, so the purpose of this would be to get books in the hands of children. I also would like to see a summer meal program developed to serve the children of Stillsville. When I was growing up in rural Morgan County, a bookmobile was one of the highlights of my summer.

My office also helps with Township assistance and cares for the Walnut Grove cemetery. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Thank you -Luanne



## GUILFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Charles (Chuck) Ellis - R

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Brad Butler - R  
Alan Malloy - R

## BRAD BUTLER - R LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Hello Liberty Township neighbors! I'm Brad Butler, and I'm asking for your support as I seek re-election as your Liberty Township Trustee. I've had the privilege of calling this community home for more than three decades, and I've always tried to give back in ways that make a real difference for the people who live here.

Over the past term, I've worked hard to improve public safety while being responsible with your tax dollars. I partnered with county officials to update equipment and resources for our fire and emergency services at no cost to township taxpayers, and helped establish a dedicated fire fund so we can plan for tomorrow without surprise expenses. I was also proud to support the placement of tornado alert systems throughout the township — small steps that help keep our families safer when severe weather strikes.

If re-elected, I'll continue working with local personnel and leaders to expand first-responder coverage and improve ambulance service for our community. I will also focus on keeping our fa-



ilities well maintained, assisting those in need with compassion, and ensuring that township growth is handled responsibly for future generations.

Liberty Township is a special place — and it deserves leadership that listens, works hard, and stays connected to the people who live here. I'm honored to serve, and I would be grateful for your support. Please vote for Brad Butler for Liberty Township Trustee!

## ALAN MCKAMEY - R LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Alan McKamey is a life-long public servant, firefighter, and small business owner who calls Liberty Township home. He serves as Assistant Chief with the Fire Department of Liberty Township and as a Lieutenant with the Pike Township Fire Department, bringing more than three decades of emergency service experience focused on accountability, training, and community safety.

Alan owns Heritage Meadows Farm LLC, where he and his family raise livestock and stay connected to Hendricks County's agricultural roots. He also mentors youth as a 4-H club leader and serves as President of the Large Black Hog Association, helping support young farmers and responsible agriculture nationwide. A U.S. Navy veteran, he served as an Ocean Systems Technician Analyst (OTAZ), shaping his commitment to service, teamwork, and disciplined leadership.

Through his fire service career, farming operation, and community involvement, Alan is known for practical problem-solving, steady leadership, and putting people first. He is running for Liberty Township Trustee to protect local services, support responsible growth, and keep township government transparent and responsive to residents.



**Why are you running?** I'm running because I care deeply about my community and its future. Liberty Township is facing some important decisions, and I believe that local leadership should be grounded in service, transparency, and a real understanding of the people who live here. I spent my life serving this community as a firefighter, military veteran and farmer, and I want to bring that same level of responsibility accountability to the Trustee's office.

**What would be your first course of action, if elected?** The first course of action would be to sit and observe, see what works and what doesn't work.

**Right now, the biggest responsibility for the trustees is the fire department, public safety, EMS, which is functioning. At the same time you got to work with what's going on in our community. And you know... the biggest priority right now is to keep an eye on Plainfield, and it's overreach into our township that's currently going on with the Henke development.**

**Part of being a trustee entails supporting residents, sometimes financially - where will you draw the line?** Poor relief is a part of the Township Trustee's responsibility, and I think it's important to make sure that people don't lose their home or get their power shut off, or anything like that. I don't believe that everything should just be a direct handout.

**It's also something that's not really promoted that well in my community. I don't know how many people in our community actually work their land out. I know the food banks are very popular in the town of Clayton, so I think a lot of residents just don't understand what's available to them in that aspect. So yeah, I mean, when it comes down to saving your utilities as a temporary measure, you know you're not gonna pay mortgages or anything like that with it. But if it keeps somebody in a home temporarily, or keeps them alive and severe heat or severe cold, I think it's important to be able to assist families in those needs.**

**How do you feel about the current state of fire services in your township?** Decades have went with poor financial support from the trustee, going back in decades, nothing was really ever adjusted from the 90s on, so that left, up until a couple years ago, left a major financial burden on the fire department. It is still a volunteer fire department, and with that comes the difficulty in staffing.

**There needs to be improvements, but those improvements come with a financial burden. And right now... there's a little bit of a, I guess a false taxing rate as it's opposed. There was a surplus that was passed on the current trustee from the previous trustee that is being partially used to help fund the fire department, but when it's funded out of savings, that doesn't really show the true effective tax rate. So unfortunately, any changes going forward, eventually you're going to see a tax increase to do that.**

**How are you currently involved in your community?** When you want to look at feeding my community, Heritage Meadows Farm LLC, which I'm co-owner with my wife, we raise livestock, we raise meat, raise eggs that directly go to anybody in the community that would like to purchase from us.

**As a co-leader of the 4-H Poultry Club, I help, along with my wife, to teach county youth the responsibilities needed to care for livestock.**

**I'm also... a president of the Large Black Hog Association, which is a national hog registry service.**

**What qualifies you for this position?** The trustee's role is about managing resources, supporting residents in need... and ensuring the essential services are strong and reliable. Through my career in the fire service, which is approaching 30 years now, I worked with budgets, operations and public accountability. As a farmer and a business owner with Heritage Meadows Farm LLC, I understand financial stewardship and as a veteran, I understand duty and leadership. All that experience translates directly into what a township trustee is responsible for.

**INTERVIEW - ALAN MCKAMEY**

**RE-ELECT**

**BRAD BUTLER**

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

Read by: Pam Brown to Brad Butler

7. What township is no longer as plain as it once was? It now has a median home price of \$298,800.

*Answers found on back page.*



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## LINCOLN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Steve Patterson - R

## STEVE PATTERSON - R LINCOLN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Steve Patterson is a lifelong resident of Brownsburg. Steve has three children and two grandchildren. He is a graduate of Ball State University, with a bachelor's degree in finance.

Steve spent 25 years with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance before becoming Executive Director of Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in 2014. He has been involved with the Indiana State Fair and has served as Director of Administration for the Indiana Association of Fairs.

Steve has served as Lincoln Township Trustee for six years. Giving back to the community is the focus of his life. Serving as Township Trustee provides an opportunity to assist families and individuals that have unfortunate struggles by offering financial means for basic life necessities, including obtaining shelter, payment of bills associated with housing, essential food, medical assistance and burials. Oversight of the Fire Territory also allows him to play a part in keeping our community safe.

He has been active with Sycamore Services, Danville Chamber of Commerce, 500 Festival, Danville Rotary Club and Brownsburg Kiwanis Club. He has been inducted into the Indiana Association of Fairs and Brownsburg High School Hall of Fame. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Mike Pence in 2013.

## MARION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Glenn Klaum - R

## MIDDLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Timothy Griffith - R  
Kyle Steinmetz - R

## TIMOTHY GRIFFITH - R MIDDLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Timothy Griffith is an experienced conservative public servant seeking re-election as Middle Township Trustee.

A lifelong resident, Tim grew up on his family's farm and has built deep roots within the community he proudly serves. His commitment to public service began with volunteering at the Pittsboro Fire Department, where he was later appointed treasurer. In that role, he developed extensive experience overseeing financial operations and ensuring responsible funding for essential emergency services. Tim was recommended to be appointed Township Trustee by then-Trustee Nancy Marsh when she was elected County Auditor. Having worked closely together on fire service funding initiatives, she recognized Tim's dedication, integrity, and strong understanding of local government operations.

Serving as Trustee requires steady leadership and sound judgment. Tim has successfully guided the township through significant growth in the Pittsboro area, overseeing the transition to a full-time fire department and supporting the infrastructure necessary to meet increasing demands. Throughout this growth, he has remained fiscally responsible, maintaining excellent fire services and equipment without debt.

Tim remains committed to ensuring that future expansion of fire protection territory is funded by commercial development north of the interstate, and not the current residents.

## INTERVIEW - TIMOTHY GRIFFITH

**Why are you running?** I've done it for 26 years, and there's a lot of challenges in Middle Township coming up in the next 5, 6, 7, 8, years, and it's going to take someone that knows their stuff to be able to handle this and be able to do the right thing for the taxpayers. We have a lot of business coming in. There is currently a facility being built for manufacturing, and we have five more warehouses already scheduled to go in. And on top of that, there's at least four or five race shops ... going in, and there's many other projects that have not quite been approved yet they're going in. So I'm currently working with the towns to have the township in the position where we have a say, where we can get some benefit for the taxpayers to be able to lower taxes in the future.

**What would be your first source of action, if elected?** The first thing I'm going to do is make sure that we are positioning the township for the future growth ... to have a plan in place and how we're going to deal with future growth, how we're going to grow the fire department.

We're already looking at if this future growth that comes in, we are building a second station paid for by the future growth, by the TIF district. We've already talked to the town council about it. None of the future growth, as far as building another station, the equipment of that station or the station will be paid for by the

citizens currently living there. That will be paid for 100% by the companies coming in.

**Part of being a trustee entails supporting residents, sometimes financially - where will you draw the line?** We have guidelines that we set that determine what that is before anyone ever comes to us. So there is no, well, I'll do it for you. I won't do it for you. It's already set in stone. They're all written. They're signed by the board and my clerk.

**How do you feel about the current state of fire services in your township? What, if anything, needs to change?** We're constantly looking, you know, to be able to grow for the needs that are presented. So we're constantly reevaluating what we need, what the future growth needs, but we're not going to do those needs until that growth comes in.

**What sorts of challenges do you think the township is facing?** Growth is our biggest challenge right now.

I wouldn't say it's too much, but we just to make sure it's the right growth. And like I said earlier, we need a mix of the population.

**How are you currently involved in your community? In the past, I have served as a volunteer firefighter, and then I became a paid firefighter at Brownsburg for several years.**

I have a trucking business that I have. I don't have to work certain hours so that my hours are focusing on township staff. I have employees that run the business. But yes, I have, I'm a business owner in the area as well.

**What qualifies you for this position?** Years of experience, 26 years of doing this and knowing all the ins and outs of it.

I wish whoever comes in, and I don't know my opponent, but I know he hasn't even called me once, and he hasn't come to one meeting. He's had no interest in it, and then all the sudden, he puts himself on the ballot.

## UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Robert Stringer - R

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

\*Ryan Miller - R

**Township Board Member: Four-year term. No term limits. Serve as the legislative branch of local government, primarily responsible for adopting the annual budget, setting tax rates, and approving the Township Trustee's expenditures. They review financial reports, approve contracts, and set salaries for township employees.**

## BROWN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Jon Hibbard - R  
\*Kevin Rogers - R  
Mike Starkey - R

## CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

\*Beth Harvey - R  
Daniel Hendry - R  
\*Laurel Setser - R  
\*Patricia (Patsy) Wynn - R

## BETH HARVEY - R CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

I am Beth Harvey and I'm running for re-election as Center Township Board Member.

I am currently the secretary on the Center Township Board, and I have also served as president.

My knowledge of accounting and budgeting comes from my experience as a financial administrator in multiple townships since 2003.

I attend the Indiana Township Association annual conference and SBOA and DLGF workshops throughout the year. This experience helps me in understanding the budgets, contracts and financial reports which come before the board.

Center Township services are important to our community. These services include board appointments to the Fire Territory and the Danville Public Library Board, township assistance, and the operations of cemeteries.

My husband, Adam and I have lived in Danville since 1999, and our children attended Danville public schools. I have volunteered over the years for Girl Scouts, band boosters and for our kids' schools. We are members of Danville Christian Church where I serve as a board member. I have also served as Christian Education Chair, VBS Chair, Faith Formation Chair, Elder, and Diacon.

It would be my honor to serve once more as a Center Township Board member. I appreciate your support and your vote in 2026. Thank you!

## INTERVIEW - BETH HARVEY

**Why are you running?** I've been on the board for a while, and I'm really running because there is quite a bit of new legislation

coming out that's affecting townships and looking at them to see whether they're still effective or not, and there's two different bills out there right now that have an evaluation process for that. So by the time election happens, those will have one of them, hopefully, the one that ... I support, is Senate Bill 1270 will pass, and the other one will not pass, but we'll see. But it's kind of threatening some of the townships, and then there's some funding issues that going forward, starting in 2027 that's going to affect the services the townships provide also. So I think it's important that I'm still here, and I'm going to be talking to legislators, and I have been just about what we do, and why, why we do it, and how well we do it.

**What does your job entail?** I've worked in government offices for over 20 years, and I'm like the financial administrator, and I've done that, so I'm very familiar with all the reporting and the requirements financially. So I feel like it's sitting as a board member. I'm a very good candidate, officer to provide checks and balances to the trustee, which is really what the board does anyway.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** I'm not sure there are any specific changes that ... I can have an effect on. That's not what [a] board member for a township does typically.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** At our board meetings, we don't always see eye to eye. If you've watched any of our board meetings, you probably know that, but I'm honest about what I see in the reporting. It's usually about reporting things, because that's what we get financial reports and we review them and approve them. So the only kind of conflicts that we typically have are, I may or may not understand something on there. It's not really a conflict, it's just education, educating each other, having a discussion about that.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I would like to see ... regular meetings, because they're currently not on a regular schedule. It's something the trustee and I talked about, and that just hasn't happened. He typically, that the person sitting in that office typically determines the meeting schedule ... They're notified and put in The Republican when we have the meeting. So that part's transparent, but I don't like for the general public, if it's the first Wednesday every other month, or whatever. Then everybody knows when it is, right?

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I feel like it's getting squeezed, because the laws have kind of changed about how the funding is going to work, starting in 2027 so although in our community, here in Danville, the services are growing because our population is growing. So there's a squeeze going on. So I think it's not easy. I don't think it's easy for our fire department to function. They operate very well, but I think it's really hard to retain employees and get new employees, new fire staff, because it's everywhere. They're all competing with each other.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** We talk about it every year when it's presented by the trustee. There has been quite a big change going in 2026 because the fire territory was created so that fire was removed from the township budget, and they now have their own, their own financial situation, but I don't think there's anything dramatic in the budget, in the other line, items that need to be changed.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** My husband, I have worked here since 1999 and we raised all of our kids here. We're active members of Danville Christian Church.

We live close to downtown, so we are pretty involved in the parks and the downtown events.

## DANIEL HENDRY - R CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

As a Danville small business owner, I understand the importance of responsible budgeting, strong community values, and supporting the people who make our township a great place to live.

For the past 15 years, I have also served part-time as a Firefighter/EMT. Working alongside our community in times of need has given me a

deep respect for the dedication of our local first responders at Danville Fire and the vital role they play in keeping our township safe.

I have also served in leadership roles on several local charity and nonprofit boards, helping strengthen organizations that support families and individuals throughout our community who are in need.

Center Township is more than where we live - it's home. As a Trustee Board member, my priorities will be:

- Ensuring respectful care of our local cemeteries
- Providing compassionate assistance for residents facing financial hardship or temporary housing needs
- Responsible stewardship and improvement of township properties

• Supporting our local fire department as they continue their process as a territory

I believe local government should be accessible, transparent, and focused on people first. I'm running to help ensure our township continues moving forward while honoring the values that built our community.



- Ensuring respectful care of our local cemeteries
- Providing compassionate assistance for residents facing financial hardship or temporary housing needs
- Responsible stewardship and improvement of township properties
- Supporting our local Fire Department as they continue their process as a territory
- Serving with integrity, accountability and common-sense leadership

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## INTERVIEW - DANIEL HENDRY

**Why are you running?** My history has been with community service. I've always done things such as charity events. I've run on multiple boards before for different types of charities, and I want to be involved more in this community now that I've lived here for a year. I've always been around Danville, but I've never had the opportunity to be a part of Danville. The biggest things that are part of my agenda is I want to make whatever I can do to help make Danville better. It's a great town, and I want to make sure it stays that way.

The situation with Center Township is kind of on a pivotal point, because the fire department, has moved to a territory, and being a firefighter myself, I want to do whatever I can to help support them ... I would believe that my end goal is to be associated with whatever I can do to help the fire department.

**What qualifies you?** So the knowledge of the town and a lot of the people that are involved in the town ... I own a company that services a lot of the businesses around the town, and then my involvement with the fire department and the support that I could provide with that.

Then as far as the knowledge of the how a board is ran, I've got a lot of experience on boards before, and want to do what I can to help with the Center Township Board.

**What change do you want to see within the township?** How will you contribute? One of the biggest changes that you're seeing right now is the fire territory, and the transition to that. Also with some of these bills that are coming through currently, is how taxes will be collected and then how those will be distributed with the constraints of how much tax money we might get ... We need to really focus and pay attention on what aspects that the Center Township is in charge of, and making sure that money is distributed evenly.

The biggest concerns that I would have is making sure the cemeteries are kept up, that some of the parks that we're in charge of are not neglected, and that the people that are in need are taken care of.

**How will you work with your Township Trustees on matters of conflict?** That's kind of what the board is all about. It is not just a one person decision.

So if there's any conflict whatsoever, I think that I can work with the trustee and the other board members to make sure that the right decision is made for the town.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I would say that the trustee's office has been very transparent, but there are matters of question on what the town has stated, and the actions that have been taken.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I'm really concerned about the future of our fire department. I think that with the growth of the town currently, the rate of growth, our fire department is going to struggle on keeping up.

My biggest concern is going to be ... to make sure that we have the proper response times and the adequate equipment to support the growth that this town has, and a lot of the bills that are going through right now that are still pending will depend on the financial backing of all of that.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** This is an up in the air topic because of the bills that are going through. I've been going to the Center Township meetings for the past six months, just as a resident, and just sitting in on them, just so I can understand what's happening behind the scenes.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Since I own a company that is based out of Danville, I try to do whatever I can for the small businesses. I fight for the small businesses.

**LAUREL SETSER - R  
CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER**

## INTERVIEW - LAUREL SETSER

**Why are you running?** I've had an interest in the township board for many, many years and I know the people that served in that role, so I felt that they did a great job. And I didn't run because of that. And then when the position became open last fall, I was asked to consider putting my name in for consideration by the caucus.

The caucus did elect me to serve out the remainder of the position that the person had resigned, and that will go through the end of 2026 so after serving ... I feel like I have something to offer, just because of the unique nature of townships.

**What qualifies you?** I think it's like anything else. When you're on the outside looking in, it's easy to think you know everything about it when you really don't, however, because I have been at the Avon Library for over 30 years, and that started as a township library before the Town of Avon incorporated, so I had pretty close interactions with Washington Township, and I knew a lot of their duties and how they were set up.

Now since that time, I've come to realize all the townships do it slightly differently, so you can't just assume you know how any one township in the state of Indiana does things, but I think because I had a general knowledge, and because I have a background



**LAUREL SETSER  
FOR CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**

A lifelong rural resident of Hendricks County who understands change and growth.

**VOTE**

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through the library federation, I've been pretty involved in legislation and working with local legislators, so I think I've got knowledge of things that are very helpful in this role as the township board member.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** Center Township is going to do nothing but grow. And I think I've watched it here in Washington Township for 30 years, and I think the same thing is happening in Center Township, and I think we're going to have to be prepared for that change and really be proactive and how we approach what the township does in services.

**How will you work with your Township Trustees on matters of conflict?** The trustee has a very different role than the township board does, and I think I'm very aware, but I think the only way you want to cooperate and collaborate and communicate. That's what people want to do, so you don't get to a point of conflict. I totally believe in being transparent. I totally believe in asking questions. I believe strongly in listening to the answers people give me when I ask a question. So I think what I would try my hardest to do is not be in a position where there is conflict, and just make sure we all thoroughly understand what our roles are and how we're all doing them.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I am so new, I have not done a lot of digging. I'm not sure I'm going to have to be honest with you. I just started in September, and I do think our agendas are posted.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I am very impressed. I was appointed to the fire territory board prior to applying for the open position on the township board.

I feel like leadership is excellent, that they've actually got a vision for the future, and they're starting to work toward it.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** That was all worked on prior to becoming on the board. And so the meeting that we adopted ... I was so new I didn't really have any adequate questions to ask. I think the two current other board members are excellent, and they asked very good questions that helped me understand. But I'm just now getting really used to how it's funded, because it's very different than the way the library is funded.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I think I'm on every committee at Danville United Methodist Church that you can possibly be on.

**PATSY WYNN - R  
CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER**

I have worked as a member of the Center Township Board for the last several years and currently serve as Board President. I feel that during my tenure on the Board, I have always made decisions in the best interest of our local community. I have seen first-hand that it is easier to hold government accountable at the local level. I was greatly honored in October of 2017 to be named the Indiana Township Board Member of the Year by the Indiana Township Association for the State of Indiana.

I am a past member and President of the Danville Business and Professional Women's Club, member of Tri Kappa, Alpha Association, and Alpha Omicron Psi. I am also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Danville and member of the choir. I am an active Republican, served as Precinct Committeeman and as a Delegate to the State Convention. I attend the Indiana Township Association education conference annually, as well as other State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government Finance workshops.

I was married to the late Dennis Wynn for fifty (50) years. I have two sons, Dennis and Joseph, and four grandchildren, Jackson, Dominic, Noah and Mya. I am a graduate of Indiana University and am retired from the Indianapolis Public Schools.

**INTERVIEW - PATSY WYNN**

**Why are you running?** I'm running for Center Township Board because I feel that the citizens of Danville and Center Township need to be represented with the best service and quality that they can and also I want the physical responsibility to be intact and with the citizens, so they know what's going on.

**What qualifies you?** I've been in this position for several years. I've enjoyed it very, very much. I've also been elected to the State Township Association board, as Board Member of the Year. I feel that through all this time and attending all the workshops with the state of Indiana, the Township Association, and the workshops for physical responsibilities with the State Board of Accounts that qualifies me to approve budgets, approve the state report, deal with the cemeteries, deal with the indigent, the poor relief ... and deal with the things that are coming up in this county due to the creative situations we have with the economy.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** The challenges that are facing us are to figure out the funding when the legislature gets finished with the budget, to figure out the funding that we're going to have to provide services like poor relief, to maintain the cemeteries.

We do the budgets and all that kind of stuff to make sure that everything is okay. We still have to follow the statute. But the main thing for Center Township right now is figuring out, with our attorney and members of the board how we're going to fund next year. We have enough money right now, but we just gave \$1.2 million to the fire territory.

**How will you work with your Township Trustees on matters of conflict?** Well, I haven't known Bill that long, for years, and in matters of conflict or anything, if I have a question regarding a legal issue, I asked him to call our attorney ... and see what his ideas are, and then talk with him, meet with Bill, and discuss the issues that I have, and see how he feels about them, and see what we can do.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** Yes, at least it better be ... I do want to know about it if it's not.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I think that overall, the fire territory, fire department, is doing a good job. We're having to work with other entities around the area, Pittsboro, Brownsburg, Plainfield, because we're trying to share some services, because we've got to get some fire trucks, we've got to get a new ambulance, and all of this, he has to come out of the new fire

territory money, which I used to have things to do with, but I don't anymore. But those are the things that you know we need to be sure that they're on top of and that they have the right equipment so they can do the job.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** So the changes within our township right now is like, we've got to figure out funding. You know, where's this amount of 1.1 (Local Income Tax) money that they said we were going to get? Are we really going to get it? Or where is it going to go? And all of that.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm involved in my community by attending St. Mary's Catholic Church and singing in the choir. I try to attend different meetings when I can, especially now so that we can watch them online. That is really, really an update to the system for everybody.

And I try to talk to people when I go out to lunch, try to eat in the community, so you can hear what people are saying, what they want to happen ... Now, they're a little anxious with regards to this road situation, I've had several people call and ask me about that. I didn't give too much of an opinion yet, because I've not heard the whole story.

**CLAY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEMBER**

\*Dawn Cline - R  
\*Laura Hadley - R

**EEL RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEMBER**

\*Amie Brooks - R

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEMBER**

\*Lora Helmick - R

**GUILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEMBER**

\*LeRoy (Lee) Dierkes - R  
\*Daniel Kinnaman - R  
\*Matt Morris - R  
Margaret Trauner - D

**LEROY (LEE) DIERKES - R  
GUILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER**



LeRoy "Lee" Dierkes is a 50 year resident of Plainfield. He has been married to Phyllis for 56 years and has two children and six grandchildren. LeRoy is running for reelection as a Guilford Township Board member. LeRoy served on the board for four years. He worked for 35 years at RCA as a supervisor/equipment specialist. He is retired and is active in city and county government. The board helps oversee money to help Sheltering Wings, Meals on Wheels and other needs if requested. LeRoy was a Scout Master for seven years for Plainfield.

He is opposed to the bus lines coming into Plainfield because he feels like it would be unrealistic to build a road around the mall. He would like to start a Fishing Club for junior high and high school students. He would appreciate your vote of confidence.

**INTERVIEW - LEROY (LEE) DIERKES**

**Why are you running?** I have lived here in Plainfield for 50 years. At one time, they wanted to bring the red line, purple line, blue line, or whatever lines out here, out to Plainfield.

And I was at the first meeting of the discussion on that issue, on those lines in 2014 and I was at the State House, and to me, it was a scam from day one. It's going to be a very costly line. And I will not vote for it to come into Hendricks County.

**What qualifies you?** What qualifies me is 50 years living in Plainfield and my interest in the community and the things that I have opposed and remonstrated against.

Over here at the Cumberland Trace nursing home, they wanted to put 300 and some 386 apartments in that area. They're right next to our 100 million dollar high school. The town planning commission meeting 2008 and this is all verifiable, actually took two people off the Planning Commission Board and put two people who had never been to a meeting from October of 2007 put on there, and they approved it. Five to nothing. I gathered a lot of people, and we went to the meeting. And there were so many people there that the apartment complex was turned down, which eventually, now we have the Cumberland Trace nursing home in there.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** We're a good group ... we donate to Sheltering Wings. We donate to Meals on Wheels. We donate to people in need. We have concerts through the summer. And as far as the Township, the total Township, a lot of that is controlled by the town.

Our goal is basically, and I don't want to use this word, but we want to have some say so in what the town is proposing. They also proposed that inter-town bus line, and the people that were on the

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board at that time opposed, you know, voted against it.  
**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** We've not had any conflict... we're a good group, and nothing has been proposed by Trustee Chuck Ellis that I would oppose.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** Very transparent. We're online, streaming through the meetings. One thing I would like to see is more cooperation... like we have five summer concerts, and I'd like to be able to put them in the Plainfield newsletter that goes out with the water bills every month.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** Excellent.  
**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** Yes, I am familiar with the budget. We look at it... every month, and we're solvent, we only spend within our means, and that's what government should do, spend within your means and do something good for the people.

**How are you currently involved in your community?**  
I know it's hard to be involved, other than if you're on the way to the town website, but I see what's going on. If I think something needs to be corrected, I do not mind going to the Town Council meetings and stating, stating my views respectfully and so forth. Safety, it's sidewalks and just making sure everything's safe.

## MATT MORRIS - R GUILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Matt Morris, age 51, has been married to Alisa Morris for 30 years. Together they have three children and three grandchildren. Matthew has grown up and lived in Guilford Township the majority of his life. Graduating from Plainfield High School along with his wife and children. After high school, Matthew graduated from Hanover College where he played football for four years. Matt and his wife went on to raise their three children in Guilford Township. Matthew was able to coach his children and their classmates through the Plainfield Optimist programs.

He and his wife have been teaching in the many different youth programs at Plainfield Christian Church for over 20 years. Matt has had the opportunity to watch Guilford Township grow and diversify while his father was a member of the township board for 44 years. Matthew hopes to continue with the growth of Guilford Township with the conservative values that already been established.



### INTERVIEW - MATT MORRIS

**Why are you running?** I've been a lifelong resident of Guilford Township. My father was on the advisory board for 44 years, and when he decided that he was going to be done, I decided that I would... try to take up the position and follow his path. And luckily I was able to win last election, and then going at it again.

**What qualifies you?** I've had a hand in on what's been going on in Guilford Township for a while. Like I said, a lifelong resident, there's a whole lot of things that the township advisory board that the township takes care of, that people really don't realize. Poor relief, other donations to groups that provide services to members of Guilford Township, or citizens of Guilford Township that we, I guess, supplement.

We vote on that stuff, but it's just keeping the township aspect of government in place in Plainfield. Guilford Township has been kind of one of my things that allows or motivates me to stay involved.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** There's bills in the House and Senate that could affect township government right now. It does not appear to affect Guilford Township. There are a lot of things that, if we are able to, we could assist in more poor relief, more donations to firms like the Hendricks County Transit... or Senior Services that moves patients that need it.

There's others. Family Promise is one. Sheltering Wings is one. But there's a whole lot of diversity that has come into Guilford Township, Plainfield in the last 10 years, and it's changed, I guess, some of the needs, some of the services.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** A lot of conflict comes in, how we spend our money. Well, not necessarily, how we spend our money, what we spend our money on.

Luckily, there is a dialog that occurs. Even though I've only been on the board for four years, I've been around it enough to know that you have to use dialogue to communicate.

So we're able to... discuss it and... work through things. A lot of that we do is dictated by the state. So there's not a whole lot, as long as we keep up on our audits and all that stuff, there's not a whole lot where we can deviate from that.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** Yes, we are. Now we're mandated that we have to have our meetings... they have to be live right now. Ours are on YouTube live, and then they're available, or you can attend. Not very many people attend. Some people watch, and then all the records are readily available.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** For years, we were involved in and now we are a fire territory where instead of the township more or less giving the town money or providing and paying for utility or fire apparatus or something that's all taken care of through the tax system now, where the township doesn't, more or less handle it.

We do have a line of communication with the fire territory, we don't hold purse strings, but, you know, we do communicate with them, and to this point, we're fairly happy with the way things have gone.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** Not necessarily for this coming year, we're in the process of a major project... putting another pedestrian bridge across the White Lake Creek. It's going to enable better access for people, the park community. And you know, when we host concerts and stuff, there isn't just a better flow of traffic there. So this year, I think we're fairly good.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I volunteer some with the Chamber of Commerce, through, through my employer, and then my wife and I attend Plainfield Christian Church, but we also teach middle school. We've been doing that for over 20 years there on Sundays.

## MARGARET TRAUNER - D GUILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

I was grown up on the west side of Indianapolis; have been married for 47 years with three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I attended IUPUI and worked in the mental health care field for more than 25 years. I retired from Shopy Back in Plainfield. I volunteer with Family Promise of Hendricks County and the Plainfield Public Library. I enjoy working in my yard.



### INTERVIEW - MARGARET TRAUNER

**Why are you running?** Because I'm so unhappy and distressed about what's going on at the state and the national level politically, and I've never been involved with politics before. I went to a couple of Democratic council meetings and kind of started looking at what I could do. This particular position seemed to be one that I can handle.

I'm eighty three years old, so I can't do a lot, but I saw a chart at one of the meetings where there are so few Democrats that are even running for any positions.

I decided we need to start putting names on there and giving people one of the problems I've had in Indiana for a long time is no choices... so I just decided that this would be my little part to try to help give the Hoosier a choice.

**What qualifies you?** I'm still familiarizing myself with this position, but it seems to be fairly local. I live in Plainfield in Guilford Township, and I've been involved with a lot of organizations, volunteer and employee employment positions that I've been able to determine some funding for various organizations. I actually worked on a federal grant back in the 80s, I think it was, so I have experience.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** I would say, I am content with the management of Plainfield and Guilford Township. I don't have any really strong concerns. I think that our services are fairly efficient and affordable. But again, I just, I just don't think that our citizens should our future and our government.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** Well, that remains to be seen. As I say, I'm just still familiarizing myself with what this board does, and I think that we would just have to sit down and discuss if there are conflicts, if there are concerns how the funding is being used, or if there are individual concerns. And as far as I'm concerned, discussion and resolution are the way to go.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I would say so, yes.

I think there's always room for improvement, but we seem to be able to get any information that we need or require, and the various boards and councils are available to view online.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I think they're excellent.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** I'm really not familiar with that. As I said, you know, it's just, it's been a month, maybe, since I decided to get involved with this, and so I'm still on a learning curve to a great degree.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm retired, but I volunteer with the Plainfield Library and also with Family Promise and various other things that come up.

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

- Ted Baggesen - D
- \*Steve Monaghan - R
- Karen O'Brien - D
- \*Donald Salsman - R
- Vicki Short - R
- Terri Wineman - R

## TED BAGGESSEN - D LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

My family and I have lived in Liberty Township for 27 years with our children attending Mill Creek schools. Living in Hazelwood we have many fond memories of the Hazelwood Fish Fry (who does't?) I was a Boy Scout Leader and coordinated a number of large book donations to the elementary schools and the township library due to my association with a large publishing firm. I remain active in local toy, food, school supply and fund-raising drives.



I hold a Bachelor's and a Masters from Kelley School of Business and enjoyed a career in logistics managing large facilities and supply chains for several Fortune 500 Companies. My responsibilities included contract negotiations, budgeting, personnel management and continuous improvement. Many skills that I believe would be useful to the township.

I enjoy traveling and adventures with my wife and grandchildren. We spend time camping, hiking, kayaking and fishing and am looking forward to visiting more of the state. I also enjoy gardening and am working on building a local network for food sharing to help neighbors with food bills.

I look forward to talking with you and appreciate your consideration.

## INTERVIEW - TED BAGGESSEN

**Why are you running?** I am running for office because I would like to see more transparency and accountability. When you go out to the website, like for the township... it's really hard to get information. They're supposed to update their minutes and stuff from the meeting, and if you go out there, they're not.

Some people get all upset about taxes, and don't raise taxes. Taxes are fine... There's services that we rely on. We like them, we benefit from them, and we enjoy them, and we'd be sad if they were gone, but I want to make sure we are getting our value.

I have an extensive background in contracting service level agreements, fiscal responsibility, budgeting, creating budgets, and managing budgets, and I would like to bring that skill set to make sure we are getting the value for our money.

**What qualifies you?** I have 30 years of management experience. I have an associate's degree in math. I have a bachelor's degree in Management from the Kelly School of Business. I graduated with honors and distinction, and I've got a master's in Global Supply Chain Management. I've been managing supply chains, warehouses, large, complex operations for companies like PepsiCo, Michelin, Whirlpool.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** So once upon a time, if you've been around, we used to have, like, a little parade thing in Clayton... it's been gone for 10 or 15 or more years, I'd like to see more of that. Some type of community activities.

I'd like to see more connectivity within the community.  
**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** I know Brad Butler from way back, his kids went to school with my kids. Conflicts actually did arise one time between me and some others, not necessarily him, and he actually kind of stepped in as the intermediary.

My personal opinion of Brad is, I think he's probably fairly easy to work with. He's always been reasonable in my past experience with him. I think I can have a conversation with him. I think he wants what's best for the community at the end of the day.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I don't think it's transparent. I do think the information is out there, but it's like mining for a diamond. It is so hard to find... This should be something I should have to dig so hard to see when my tax dollars are going to you.

I want to look at how we administer our website. For example, websites are powerful tools... Just put it out there in a timely manner on the website. For starters. Also, you know, Facebook presence and things like that too I think are beneficial.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** Firefighters like to go fight fires. That's what they're paid to do, and that's what they want to do, and that's what they'll run out and do... My neighbor's electric fence lit my shed on fire.

For a shed fire, seven fire trucks showed up... Everybody came, and then they all pulled down the road, and one drove down my driveway, and in about 5-10 minutes, put out my shed.

I believe the services are good. Now, the thing that I don't know, or don't understand how that's gonna be in the mix is now we have these distribution centers and larger things coming up, and it's gonna be another subdivision. How does that spread the fire services?

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** I'm not as familiar with it as I would like to be.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm a precinct chair for the Democratic Party. I go to their meetings. I support those types of things. I support my neighbors, like I talked to them... I did a lot of calling and checking on some people, like, when it snowed.

## STEVE MONAGHAN - R LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

I am a lifelong Hendricks County resident and have resided in Clayton for 30+ years. I have been married to my wife Stephanie for 37 years, and am the proud father of two young men, both of whom graduated from the Mill Creek Community School Corporation. Both are veterans, one USMC and one USCG. I was actively involved in the Mill Creek Optimist Club for 10 years, coaching little league in both Plainfield and Mill Creek for several years.



I enjoyed a wonderful 28-year career with National Car Rental, followed by a 10-year career with Hyster Fork Truck Co., Geodis Logistics, Schwalm delivery, and currently as a Carrier Refrigeration Service Representative. I look forward to retiring in a few years and spending more time with my wife, kids and grandchildren, and traveling.

My proudest moments so far have been my marriage, my sons, National Car Rental, starting a food pantry at Geodis, and volunteering through local churches. I am an avid walker who enjoys all the trails and parks in Hendricks County. I am a Christian looking forward to having more time to help others in my community and finding ways to best serve those in our local area.

### INTERVIEW - STEVE MONAGHAN

**Why are you running?** I have been a board member for little over well, I guess just two years, and I want to continue for another term. I have enjoyed it, and I look forward to doing it again.

**What qualifies you?** At this point, the two years experience that I've gained helps me tremendously. I'm a 31 year resident of Liberty Township, so I feel like I know the pulse of the neighborhood, if you will.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** Change... comes our way, whether we want it or not, so I think it's important that we have some foresight to accommodating that change and be prepared for it, rather than just be reactionary.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** I would voice my either opposition or disagreement and try to have an intelligent discussion and be open to listen to his side and present mine.

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**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I think we do a good job of sharing the information that we have when it's necessary.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** They have grown tremendously over the last few years. The demand and the need has grown, but I also think the level of service and what's been provided has kept up and equaled the growth, if not even made it better.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** We will have some challenges going forward to continue providing the service that we've tried to provide over the last couple years. I do know that...

I think there are an increasing number of demands that go on the department. We've managed to grow with those demands. But I think as demands continue to increase, without something else helping to offset that need, there's only so much you can do at the current state.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I was a Mill Creek Optimist Club member for 10 years, coached a little league, raised two boys through the school system and also active in the Hendricks County Republican Party.

### KAREN O'BRIEN - D LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER



I'm Karen O'Brien, candidate for Liberty Township Board of Hendricks County, and a retired state program director.

I was born in Newcastle, Indiana, and grew up through Richmond Public Schools, receiving my BA at Fairham College. I am Quaker, one of the reasons Hendricks County is so dear to me after 16 years living in Belleville.

Also, I'm great granddaughter and granddaughter of pioneers who farmed in Nebraska, Iowa and Washington State. Therefore keeping rural integrity of our Liberty Township is one goal for me. My first goal is to speak with as many Liberty citizens as possible to pull people together to support a healthy, thriving community.

Fiscal responsibility, using tax payer money to care for health and safety, cemeteries, fire and emergency, as well as expanding community farm markets is my vision for our residents. Making Liberty Township parks and trails a priority and guiding development so we have both growth and rural assets thriving are also important.

Please vote for your own in participation in common sense management and improvement of Liberty Township.

### VICKI SHORT - R LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

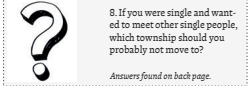


Vicki Short is a lifelong resident of Liberty Township. She has volunteered with various organizations throughout the years in the township. She is a driven administrative assistant with over 30 years experience. She also holds an associate's degree in applied science from IUPUI. Her hobbies include crafting, crocheting, sewing, and enjoying time with family and friends.

### INTERVIEW - VICKI SHORT

**Why are you running?** I have in the past, helped out in the community, doing various things incognito, of course, and this seems like another way to assist in those efforts. I've helped with when we used to have the Clayton Corn Fest and things like that. And anytime they need anything, I would help.

**What qualifies you?** I have worked in the business world for



8. If you were single and wanted to meet other single people which township should you probably not move to?

Answers found on back page.

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

You may need to provide documents, certain first time voters who submitted an application to register to vote by mail, and who are required by the federal Help America Vote Act to provide proof of residency.

### QUESTIONS

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www.indianavoters.in.gov  
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To find more information about registering to vote, to see who is on your ballot, candidate bio's, how to vote, how to check to see if your ballot was received and if your ballot was counted.

### You can make a difference

Whether it's improving schools, supporting local businesses, or addressing critical infrastructure issues, your vote in Hendricks County can make a significant impact on the quality of life for you and your neighbors. By participating in elections, you become an active participant in helping to build a better, more vibrant community for everyone.

over 40 years as an administrative assistant, so budgets and things like that, I've worked with and handled on a day to day basis. So those things, I think, and then I've been in the same community for over 50.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** Mainly for people to know more and feel more that there are other avenues to help them. I mean, they know there's a food pantry and you can go to your church, but if you don't feel comfortable with either one of those, it's good to know that there's somebody else you can go to to ask for assistance, whether it's physical assistance or just talking and listening or giving suggestions.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** He used to be a neighbor, so if he's still in the position, I know him. I have known him... for 20 years, I think so. And he's pretty talkable, plus he's the one that asked if I would be interested in running.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** Not as much as I think it should be, I think. And that may be all townships, really, when you think about it, because you go to your schools if you have trouble, and you have children in school and churches, sometimes you go to town establishments, businesses to ask for help if you need it or they listen and they know if you're having troubles or difficulties. So other than those ways, I feel we still should be able to elaborate a little bit more and have a little more hands on.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I know we have them. I've been out of touch with them for a few years. Though my husband used to be on the volunteer part, but I don't know. I feel they probably could be a little more out there with the community, a little bit more, and that's with anything, but especially for that service.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** I am not as familiar as I should be. I know everyone has a budget. I just don't know all their budgeting. You know, what is required and stuff.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Let's see. I live in the community. I'm seen at town daily, usually at different establishments. But as far as helping, we don't have the Fall Fest anymore and things like that... Most of my neighbors know who I am and that we help out when they need it, so I'm available that way.

### LINCOLN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

- \*Sean Benham - R
- \*Steven Bergsma - R
- \*Dana Cochran - R
- \*Ronald Pittman - R
- \*Mark Tiekken - R

### STEVEN BERGSMA - R LINCOLN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER



Steven lives in Brownsburg with his wife and infant daughter. They enjoy strolling Arbuckle Acres and playing trivia at Books & Brews. He has his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in South Bend Indiana. He has enjoyed living in Warsaw, Elkhart and now Brownsburg. Living in different communities has allowed him so to see what works best and apply those lessons to the Township Board position.

Steven is running for township board after gaining years of experience working in Indiana's General Assembly. He wants to bring his skills to bear to ensure a strong, financially responsible Lincoln Township. Working closely with elected legislators as well as some of the financial bodies responsible for State fiscal responsibility has been an invaluable learning experience, knowing what entities like the Department of Local Government Finance need from local communities will enable him to provide prudent and sound guidance on the township board. Steven wants to use his experience mediating the interactions between state and local government to help the people of Brownsburg.

### INTERVIEW - STEVEN BERGSMA

**Why are you running?** I've spent the last couple of years working in state government. I work in the Indiana State Senate, in the General Assembly, and so I've learned a lot about the interaction working with some members closely who deal with local government issues.

I kind of wanted to have an opportunity to give back to my community.

**What qualifies you?** I've worked in state government for the last five years, and I understand sort of the interactions between the local department of local government, finance and local units and what needs to be done and what things may or may not be getting done that we could do more efficiently.

There's a bill on the state level that they're talking about township mergers, and it was striking to me how many townships are not doing things like filling out their their monthly reports or their budgets and providing enough public assistance applications, and just looking at some of the data there, I think it's important to be able to ask questions and to have some people with new experiences hold some of these offices and I think I, I'm qualified to do that.

**What change do you want to see within the township? How will you contribute?** A lot of people don't really know what their township does, or even that they can get assistance, or that the township is there to provide sort of a layer of support for a local community. And so I think a big thing would be to when you're out interacting in the community, to be able to say, look, the township is here the trustee, and this is a whole institution of government to serve the people locally more effectively than maybe a county or municipality would do.

A change I'd like to see is maybe some more close work with nonprofits, you know, charities and shelters.

**How will you work with your Township Trustee on matters of conflict?** You have to listen and figure out what someone else is saying, what the conflict is and look for practical solutions.

I don't think conflict is a big part of how I operate. I like to try to build consensus and figure out what's best serves, in this case, the township residents.

**Would you say the township is currently transparent?** I don't want to talk a lot about that. I think our township trustee is doing a pretty good job. I will say I might look at maybe some updates and changes to the way we do notifications and communication.

I went to the township website the other day just to see how it's functioning now. And it was very hard to look at reports and budgets and things of that nature on the township website.

**How do you feel about the state of fire services?** I know that the fire district covers more than just our township, and I think as far as I know, response times have been pretty good.

I would say we get a lot of responses from the highways. I don't know if there's much you can do, because we're sort of stretching resources when we respond on to those calls that aren't necessarily local.

**Are you familiar with your township's budget? Are there any changes you think need to be made?** I haven't reviewed it carefully. I think when it comes time to look at those budgets, I'll go through them. I've always said I like to go through things line by line, look at what's going on and ask questions if there's something that I don't understand... I view this as an opportunity to learn as much as it is to provide service. And so I'm not sure I'm ready to make a comment on individual budget items right now.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Me and my wife go walking in Arbuckle Acres and down to the different parks around town. We love to participate in community events, like at Books and Brews, we do the trivia nights there quite often.

### MARK TIEKEN - R LINCOLN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER



I am Mark Tiekken and I have been a resident of Brownsburg and Lincoln Township for 36 years. My wife, Cindy Tiekken, and I have five children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

For 15 years, I have been an active participant in the GOP party, helping with campaigns for Brett Clark for Sheriff and the State Senate. I have also been involved in campaigns for Jack Sadler, Todd Young and Luke Messer.

I am a past GOP precinct committee man, Lincoln Township board member and served on the Brownsburg Town Council. I also served on the Brownsburg Plan Commission.

I also actively support Brownsburg athletics and Brownsburg schools and am also a sports contributor to The Republican newspaper since 2022.

As the owner of Tiekken and Tiekken Construction Inc, I am proud that our company has been involved in many home building projects in Hendricks and surrounding counties since 1997. I am ready to serve you and would appreciate your vote in the Republican primary on Tuesday May 5th. Thank you.

### MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

- \*Devon Doub - R

### MIDDLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

- \*Lynn Love - R
- \*Joel Starns - R
- \*Jason Stumm - R

### UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

- \*Terry Bowman - R
- \*Nathan Mendenhall - R
- \*Ann Wathen - R

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## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Stan Albaugh - D  
Jordan Lett - R

## STAN ALBAUGH - D WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

I am a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel with over 30 years active-duty service with a Master's Degree in Business Management. I have been married to Brenda Wolven for 44 years, we have five grown children and ten grandchildren. We have been residents of Hendricks County for 18 years.

I enlisted in the USAF after high school, earned my bachelor's degree, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. I flew B-52s, B-1s, and E-3s with multiple worldwide deployments. Throughout my 30 years of service, I managed multiple organizations with multi-million-dollar budgets and multi-billion-dollar capital assets. After retiring from the USAF, I was hired by the U.S. Department of State and served two years in Iraq, where I directed a multi-agency team effort to restore local government capabilities.

I am currently serving on the Hendricks County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.  
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responsible growth, improving local infrastructure, and ensuring that Avon remains a safe, welcoming place for families and businesses.

Dawn brings a background in real estate, community engagement and a passion for public service that guides her approach to decision-making. She believes in transparent communication, fiscal responsibility, and policies that reflect the needs and values of Avon residents. Whether meeting with local organizations, attending town events, or responding to constituent concerns, she strives to be accessible and responsive.

As a primary election candidate, Dawn is committed to continuing her work to strengthen Avon's future. She aims to build on the progress already underway while championing thoughtful, long-term planning that supports the town's growth and preserves its character.

## AVON TOWN COUNCIL WARD 3

Steve Eisenbarth - R

## STEVE EISENBARTH - R AVON TOWN COUNCIL

Steve Eisenbarth is a long-time Avon resident, transportation and infrastructure professional, as well as a former Town Council member who is seeking to return to service with a steady and practical approach. He and his wife have been married 43 years and have called Avon home for more than two decades.

Steve previously served two terms on the Avon Town Council from 2016 to 2023, following 11 years on the Plan Commission and service on the Board of Zoning Appeals. During a period of rapid growth, he worked closely with town staff, business leaders, and community partners to help guide thoughtful development and long-term planning.

In his professional career with HNTB in Indiana, Steve leads infrastructure work involving intelligent traffic systems (ITS), fiber optics, and roadway technology. He recently oversaw final close-out and audit controls for INDOT's ITS portion of the I-69 Finish Line project. That experience shapes his belief that good planning,

careful budgeting, and accountability matter at every level of government.

If elected, Steve's priorities include improving infrastructure connectivity, attracting high-paying jobs along key corridors, strengthening coordination with Avon Schools, and ensuring parks and township services work together efficiently for local families. Check out his vision at SteveForAvon.com



**Town Council: Four-year term. No term limits. Indiana Town Councils serve as both the legislative and executive governing body, responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the annual budget, setting personnel policies, and managing town affairs, property, and services under IC 36-5-2. They operate by majority vote to direct town development, fix compensation for officials, and appoint key personnel like town managers and police chiefs.**

## AVON TOWN COUNCIL WARD 1

Doug Elmore - R

## DOUG ELMORE - R AVON TOWN COUNCIL

Doug is an Avon graduate who attended Purdue University receiving a BS in Civil Engineering. He and his wife April have been married for over 35 years and have two adult children. Doug served on the Washington Township Board for 8 years. While in office Doug was able to turn around township finances and fiscally stabilize the township with no tax increases. A major township achievement was setting up the Avon Fire Department for added success and growth with new stations and equipment to provide first-class support. He was part of building the fire fighters their own training facility where they can stay response ready. The Avon Fire Department is well prepared for the rapid growth that our town continues to see.

Doug was able to expand the township parks in Avon with the development and construction of Pezar Park and the world class Murphy Aquatic Park. Murphy Aquatic Park, with its unique wave pool and all-inclusive playground is built to provide all the citizens of Avon and Washington Township recreation like nowhere else in Indiana.

As an executive with the state's largest privately held property management company, Doug is well suited to serve Avon in these growing times.



## BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 1

Christopher Keeslar - R  
\*Ben Lacey - R

## CHRISTOPHER KEESLAR - R BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

Chris Keeslar is running for Town Council in Brownsburg, with 27 years of experience in the water and waste water industry, protecting public health, maintaining the infrastructure our community depends on every day, cutting waste out of the town budget, and lowering taxes as a result.

He's the owner of C & G Environment and is licensed through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. His career has been built on accountability, responsible planning, and making sure essential systems operate efficiently and safely.

Chris has been married for 30 years and is the proud father of three children and two grandchildren. Also United States Army Veteran. Brownsburg isn't just where he works—it's home. He understands the importance of protecting the town's character while planning responsibly for future growth.

He is running to cut property taxes, lower utility bills, promote responsible land use, and to ensure smart and sustainable infrastructure planning.

Chris believes Town Council should focus on practical solutions, fiscal responsibility, and putting residents first. With decades of real-world experience and deep community roots, he is ready to serve Brownsburg with steady leadership and common-sense decision making.



## AVON TOWN COUNCIL WARD 2

\*Dawn Lowden - R

## DAWN LOWDEN - R AVON TOWN COUNCIL

Dawn Lowden is a dedicated public servant and current member of the Avon Town Council, known for her steady leadership and commitment to strengthening the community she calls home.

Dawn has lived in Hendricks County since 1990 and moved to Avon in 2008. She has one son, currently deployed, who serves in the U.S. Navy and a Golden Doodle, Milo.

Dawn first became involved in local issues through neighborhood initiatives and volunteer work, where she developed a reputation for listening closely, asking thoughtful questions, and working collaboratively to solve problems. Her service on the Town Council has focused on practical, community-driven priorities—supporting



the local level? I believe the state government the role that they should be playing is they're there as a kind of a helping hand, so to speak. You know, they do have the funds to help local, cities and towns, so to speak, and they should be available for grants and other things when, when the towns ask, and I believe every town or city should be out there applying for grants and other opportunities that other cities have.

What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any? I see Brownsburg is growing very quickly, and like I said, I My decision is based on infrastructure, you know, and water wastewater plants. And so I see that as a valuable tool, because if you look at every water meter in a town, that's a miniature cash register, and we need to use those funds that the ratepayers are using to, you know, expand our infrastructure.

Right now, the town doesn't feel that a strong infrastructure is the way to go. And so right now the town's losing money with all this development going along the new road. — Ronald Reagan

Are you familiar with the current Town Manager? Do you see the two of you working well together? I don't know her personally. I guess that would be if I did win something, I would love to sit down and talk with the town manager and other department heads and come up with a game plan of where they see the town going, where they see their weaknesses. And you know, working together to bring Brownsburg back to a strong, vibrant town.

What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have? I guess mine would be, because I live in town, the property taxes in our utility bills are growing unbelievable, and I believe for every residents that we need to be more fiscal responsibility to pay off our, the town's bonds and lower the property taxes with our lower utility bills.

What are your thoughts on data centers? I'm very fluent in water, wastewater, and looking at the data I know that that is a concern for people of how much water that they need to run a data center, and that's and that's a very troubling, troubling. But on the other hand, you know, I believe a data center is a, possibly a good thing now, for the tech purposes, it doesn't bring in any money.

I think local government is giving these data centers. Some of them are 50 year basically — tax free. And that's not right either, but the jobs maybe, maybe 10 new jobs there. There's not a lot of jobs that come with that. So I would be opposed, because our infrastructure, our water that they need or require, would take away from small towns and cities.

How are you currently involved in your community? I actually attend a lot of meetings, town meetings and advisory meetings, and I put my input with them and the town council, three of the guys know me, because I was on the zoning board, and they do listen to me when I get up and I and I voice my opinion of of situations that the town brings up, and they listen to me, because they know that I do have a lot of world experience.

## BEN LACEY - R BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

Ben Lacey is the current President of the Brownsburg Town Council and is running for Brownsburg Town Council Ward 1. A lifelong resident of Brownsburg, Ben is raising his family in the community he proudly calls home. He is a 1995 graduate of Brownsburg High School and a 1999 graduate of the IU Kelley School of Business. Ben is married to Julie Lacey and has five children (four sons and a daughter) and one grandson.

Ben has been involved in the community for several years. He served three years on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and two years on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). He has also served for six years on the Board of Directors for the Hendricks County Recycling District, including four years as treasurer. Ben is currently in his sixth year on the Town Council.

Professionally, Ben is a Director of Global Supply Chain Functional Excellence at Allison Transmission, where his career spans more than 26 years.

Ben believes in balance between government and citizens, achieved through responsible fiscal management, prioritizing first responders, supporting parks and community events, and investing in infrastructure to serve both current residents and future growth.

## BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 5

Nancy Stinson - D  
\*Travis Tschann - R

## NANCY STINSON - D BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

After being raised by her single mother, Nancy Stinson moved to Indiana in 1995 to attend Rose-Hulman. As an Engineer, she has been an integrator, a consultant, a Director, an inspector and a client. She has interfaced with State and Federally funded clients and public and private organizations. She has carried over \$50M annually of construction projects and Federal expenditures. She also obtained her Professional Engineering license and her Master's in Engineering Management.

Nancy and her husband in college, though friends, they did not start dating until 2005. They married in 2011 and their daughter was born in 2012. As a family, they enjoy being outside and board games. Nancy also enjoys fitness and reading books on paper. They moved with her mother to Brownsburg in April 2021.



### INTERVIEW - CHRIS KEESLAR

Why are you running? I'm running to cut waste out of the town's budget and lower the taxes as a result. Basically the utility bills are getting too high, and I think we need to have better management leading the way.

How will you be a voice for constituents? I am licensed in Indiana Department environmental management. I do run cities and towns, their water infrastructure.

I focus on practical solutions, finance responsibility and making sure the residents come first. I've got a lot of real world experience, deep community roots, and I believe that's why I'm ready to step up and run and serve this community.

What role do you think the state government should play at

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Nancy became active in her local political party and then applied for a position in the Town's Boards and Commissions. She has served as a poll worker and is on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Nancy is passionate about the "Why" behind situations, sustainability, and affordable living. She believes education and conversation will save the world.

She would be honored if you voted for her for Brownsburg Town Council - Ward 5.

### INTERVIEW - NANCY STINSON

**Why are you running?** I have been involved in the Brownsburg Town Council as a spectator, sometimes community speaker for a little over a year. I got involved with the Hendricks County Democrats in early 2024 and things, some construction projects were going on in Brownsburg, and in the fall of '25, another member of the Hendricks County Democrats, suggested that I run for Town Council. Now, I was already toying with the idea of running for something active, but small, so not state legislature.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I am currently a precinct chairperson. I enjoy being out in my community and knocking on doors and talking with people on the phone and having conversations randomly at grocery stores and community events. So there's that we have a lot of space on the north edges of Brownsburg, north of I-74 and I plan very much if I'm on the town council, to interface with those unincorporated neighbors, to hear their voices and protect their property rights.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** I believe that the state should enact strict building codes. International Building Code and ASHRAE 2009 and if you look at ASHRAE 2013 and 2019 those, there is 30% energy savings between buildings that follow any type of building that follows 2009 versus 2019, 30% and yet our state still sits on 2009 building codes for commercial buildings.

However, as commercial businesses grow and build buildings, and Amazon and FedEx and this transportation company and that one come in and build a new building, they're literally letting money slip through all the cracks in their building, and that affects everyone's energy prices and energy bills, and that is something that the state can mitigate, and they choose to not.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** I think that we can and should have a better balance between maintaining the large lot communities along county roads, and I think we can and should have better and more affordable housing.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** I interface with Deb. Just a little bit. Yes, she's at the town council meetings. I have, in my opinion, a great relationship with Shawn Pabst. He is the Deputy Town Manager when I was at Duke Energy. That is when I first met Shawn Pabst and worked with him very slightly then.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** I believe that it is the way that the community is growing, that we are growing by leaps and bounds without having enough community input, we're not listening to the community's input, and so that is one thing that I definitely want to bring to the table is more of that, especially in our the edges of our town.

I think the other thing that so many people are feeling is affordability, we can specify in our ordinances that our commercial buildings need to be built and or at times, renovated to current IBC standards, international building codes, and that would save the industries and the commercial businesses a great deal of money.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** I am not pro of having data centers, I think that they, yes, they bring in jobs, and then a year later, all those jobs trickle away off to the New construction site. Data centers are unmanned facilities. They can be worked by three people, five people.

They're huge water hogs. They're huge energy hogs. And then, what was I saying they're built to old building codes, and all of that energy use will affect our pocketbooks.


**How are you currently involved in your community?** I am also on the Brownsburg Board of Zoning Appeals, I volunteer at my daughter's school sports events, and as well with Brownsburg volunteer events in the community such as Weed Wrangles and Parks Department Days. I mentioned earlier, I attend and speak at a community observer at some of the town council meetings.

**DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 1**

\*Greg Irby - R

**DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 3**

\*Chris Geardl - R

 s. If pottery were a township, what would be its name?

*Answers found on back page.*



**Town Clerk: Four-year term. No term limits. In Indiana, the elected town clerk-treasurer is the chief financial officer and keeper of records. They manage all municipal funds (accounts payable/receivable, investments), prepare budgets, maintain official records/ordinances, and act as clerk for town council meetings. They are crucial for legal compliance, reporting, and, in some cases, breaking tie votes.**

**NORTH SALEM TOWN CLERK/TREASURER**

\*Beth Russell - R

**BETH RUSSELL - R**  
CLERK/TREASURER NORTH SALEM

I have been in my position as Clerk, Treasurer for the Town of North Salem since January 1, 2011. My husband and I have lived in North Salem for over 30 years. I grew up in Pittsboro and we met in high school at Tri-West having both graduated in 1980. We have a son, Chas (Alistair) and a daughter, Chloe (Daniel) and they also live in North Salem with their families. We have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren...so far, I am very proud to serve my community in this capacity.

**NORTH SALEM TOWN COUNCIL - AT LARGE**

Mark Willis - R

**PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE**

Alexander King - R

\*William (Bill) Majeske - R

Kyle Martin - D

\*Randall (Randy) Price - R

Jay Thompson - R

Linda Thompson - R

**WILLIAM (BILL) MAJESKE - R**  
PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL - AT LARGE

**INTERVIEW - BILL MAJESKE**

**Why are you running?** I'm running because I like being on the town council. I like taking care of the town. We got some projects going on now that I'm involved in. And I just, I want to continue with continuity, as far as the town council goes for the next, for the next four years, to get these things taken care of. And I just enjoy what I'm doing.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I'm an at large member, so I consider the whole town as my constituents ... just to do the best job I can and to make the best decisions based on all the information we get from developers, from from the citizens, and then just telling, letting the citizens know what's true.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** The state should be involved, I'm assuming, as an overall umbrella ... over the 92 counties and ... overall municipality, stuff that integrates with the state.

As far as actually running the locality ... I think the state should allow township trustees, I think they should allow town councils, I think they should allow commissioners ... I think they should allow more latitude as far as all those people, all those entities running the townships, simply because they know the towns better than the state does.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** We've had a bunch of housing developments in the past, over the past five to ten years, my personal opinion is we need more commercial development. Which we are in the process of getting north of I-74 because commercial development would increase our tax base. So I would say right off the bat, commercial development is what we need as far as new stuff coming into the town.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** Oh yeah, Jason Love. Yeah, our town manager. He's got to work with Perfect.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** Well, I think a lot of town residents, and here I'm spilling off of a lot of social media, we hear and we see, town residents really don't have any objection to growth, but they seem very particular in what they want.

For the most part, residents that attend our meetings and are involved as far as calling the town hall and asking questions, or calling the our Town Manager and asking questions, or calling to us and asking questions makes them more informed. And it's those people that are more in favor of growth than people that you don't hear from other than on social media and through the grapevine, so to speak.

We encourage people to attend our town council meetings ... they're always open to the public.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** Data centers themselves, I don't think are the big problem. The biggest problem is developers of the data centers aren't as transparent as they should be.

The biggest problem with the data center is ... they don't get the word out, and they don't get the facts out to all the people. In other words, you never have enough people that attend town council meetings.

The biggest thing is here again, back to what I said earlier, people don't bother to, when they hear something like, oh, okay, a data center is coming in. Well, they don't bother to, first of all, either come to the town council meeting, and then secondly, they don't bother to call any of us or call the town hall to find out any factual, so to speak, any factual information.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Basically, right now, it's town council and fire board, and being ... on town council, I should say I do attend a lot of plan commission meetings and other meetings of other boards just to get a feel of what they're going to be sending us to approve or disapprove or accept or not accept.

**RANDALL (RANDY) PRICE - R**  
PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL - AT LARGE

Randy Price is a lifelong Hoosier, business leader, and current member of the Pittsboro Town Council, where he has served since 2020. First elected in 2020 and re-elected in 2022, Randy brings a practical, results-driven approach to local government, focusing on responsible growth, infrastructure, and sound town operations.

Outside of public service, Randy is the President of PLS Pros, LLC, based in Greenwood, Indiana. He has more than three decades of executive leadership experience across manufacturing, engineering, operations, and business development, including senior leadership roles at national and international companies. His background includes overseeing large teams, managing complex budgets, and delivering solutions that balance efficiency with long-term sustainability.

On the Town Council, Randy has been involved in decisions related to land use, zoning, infrastructure improvements, sanitation planning, and employee policy updates. He is also active in the community, supporting local initiatives such as the 7-1 Foundation and Pittsboro's annual Freedom Celebration.

Randy is committed to thoughtful leadership, fiscal responsibility, and preserving Pittsboro's small-town values while planning wisely for the future.

**INTERVIEW - RANDY PRICE**

**Why are you running?** [I] grew up in this community, saw it basically when it used to be nothing but just cornfields as a young boy here in the community. And so being able to give back and help control and be part of the growth in the community and help contribute to the town that I grew up in is special to me.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I would hope that, obviously, the growth and stuff is pushing this direction, obviously, as Indianapolis and everything ... continues to come out west. So we need to contain that growth, or at least control how it happens, so that it doesn't happen rapidly.

I try to listen to the constituents that reach out and call and communicate with them to understand their wants, their needs, their understanding and to basically reflect I'm a voice for them, right? And that's the point so but we also have to make some smart decisions on the town, the community, what is required there, what needs to be done so that the town can continue to grow and prosper and still not lose that small town look and feel.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** There's some interesting things happening at the state level now that are going to impact some of the small town communities with some of the bills that they're passing. And so that's a big concern for the small towns such as ourselves, and how we're going to fill some of those deficits that are being ... created. So it creates some challenges for us, but there's certainly a place for both in this, and we certainly have to abide and work together as a team to make sure that for the betterment of the community.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** We're bringing more industry into town. As farmers start to basically decide they don't want to farm the farmland anymore, they're annexing, or asking the town to pick up that property and annex it into the town for future development work. So that's going to be big for Pittsboro. We just have to do it correct with the right types of potential manufacturers or distributors and those kinds of things.

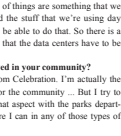
**Are you familiar with the current town manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** I think that the town of Pittsboro is blessed with the current town manager. I have seen this individual do things that have gone above and beyond countless times... simply make a phone call to him, and those conditions, or whatever has been brought up is simply taken care of.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** I think that they're concerned that we are going to grow too fast. I know there's been some concerns about the data center at one point in time, and they were thinking that was coming, so that was a big contention point.

A lot of people have bought houses out in this area to just have that small town look and feel and they're worried that that's going to change, and they're worried about the growth happening way too fast.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** From a tech side of things, I understand them as I live in the tech world every day in my regular job. So the AI side of things are something that we have to embrace, to have AI and the stuff that we're using day to day, it requires data centers to be able to do that. So there is a need and a want for that. I think that the data centers have to be built properly.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm involved in the 7-1 Freedom Celebrations. I'm actually the guy that does all the fireworks for the community ... But I try to give back to the community in that aspect with the parks department, try to help with them where I can in any of those types of involvements.



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## JAY THOMPSON - R PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL - AT LARGE

I'm a native Hoosier. I lived in Speedway from 6th grade until I graduated IU with a criminal justice degree and went to California to join a police dept. I served as a reserve deputy but due to a spinal defect could not pass the physical to join a department.

I moved back home when I started working with the Indy car racing teams, providing service for their 2-way radio systems.

I'm in my 25th year working with the US Dept. of Health and Human Services as a communications tech deploying hurricanes and special security events. I've been blessed with helping disaster and Covid victims from Long Island to Guam.

I volunteer with our county's medical reserve corp and ham radio emergency support group. I served Pittsboro taxpayers from 2020-2023 as their ward 1 rep and want to help again.

During my first term, I found out town officials were violating some state laws, which they have only partially fixed. I reduced your general tax fund burden and got us out of being sued by Walmart for helping fight their warehouse fire.

## INTERVIEW - JAY THOMPSON

**Why are you running?** I'd like to get back on to help represent the citizens again after I lost election two years ago. Probably at least a half dozen people saw me out on the street as we walked through the neighborhoods, and I'd ride through the neighborhoods and said, "I wish you were back on the board."

The first four years, I tried to bring us into compliance with the law. I found out in my first year that our police commissioners were not sworn in by the clerk of the court like they're supposed to be legally. And people apparently don't know that. I found this out and

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I've even put up my own website when I was the ward one representative, and I would send out an email probably about once a week about information. So I do a lot of research and keep people informed so they know what their options are, and I tell them in my emails, let me know how you want me to vote on this.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** In a way, there's some things I need to clear up, like the nepotism thing. There's no penalty. Technically, when we voted for an ordinance to change us from a caucus to that, we did it in December of 2021, it had to be into the Government Center down here. I think it was by January the fifth, by state law. [Unclear name] turned it in five or six days late. So technically, we violated a law, but there's no penalty for it.

The State Election Division went ahead and let us have the election. So that's the biggest problem I had with the state legislature. There's no fines. There's no penalties, open door violations.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** I don't know that we need developed that much. Everybody I've talked to said we moved here from Brownsburg because it got too big. We like a small town. When Dan Keers wanted to put the apartments in, nobody in this area wanted it.

**Are you familiar with the current town manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** Jason's got an extensive background in construction and project management, that kind of thing. So what we're trying to do now, what I'd like to see done we're going to build a new police station, a new town hall, and we've had some pretty horrendous price quotes from construction management companies.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** I think the biggest concern most of my neighbors have is the fact that our property taxes have skyrocketed in the last four or five years.

I would think that we would quit doing property tax abatements as new construction comes in, let them start paying right away so they can help. I mean, our infrastructure is a little behind as far as water, our sewer treatment plants only rated at 1.2 million gallons. We're in the process of doing an expansion, but it's been talked about and going on slowly for probably four years now, and at some point we may have to tell people we can't handle any more growth in town because we can't handle your sewage.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** I don't like it in community areas where people go out and buy a farm.

I understand from a farmer standpoint, where, yeah, maybe I'm going to get \$6 million selling this acreage, versus busting my a\*\* for 40 years and not making much. But I really think that maybe in some areas where it's further out, you know, the one that they're talking about in Pittsboro, and I think it's kind of planned.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** Right now in Pittsboro, I still get out and walk through the neighborhoods and ride through the neighborhoods a lot. So in the summertime, I'm usually out two or three times a week engaging with people.

## LINDA THOMPSON - R PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL - AT LARGE

I am resident of Pittsboro, and I am running for At-Large Seat. I was born in Indianapolis in 1960. I graduated from Speedway High School 1979 and Ball State University 1983. I am married to Jay Thompson. We are running for the two At-Large-Seats. I am currently president of Thompson Community.

My most important job is praying to and through our Lord Jesus Christ. My favorite jobs were from 1990-1994. I covered local government news for the Hendricks County Ploverland Hendricks County Guide-Gazette. After that, I was a residential appraiser.

My goal is to have a level playing field for taxpayers at the local level by not using tax abatements and tax-increment-financing. I really enjoy talking to people. If elected, I want my constituents to reach out to me to share their concerns and encourage them to attend council meetings to voice their issues. My husband and I walk a lot, so stop us and let's talk. I hope residents would vote for me based on my knowledge of local government. I have been attending town council, plan commission and police commission meetings since 2015.

## INTERVIEW - LINDA THOMPSON

**Why are you running?** I'm really getting tired of these tax abatements and tifs in Pittsboro and really in the county and Indiana in general, because they really hurt the residential taxpayer. We have to make up that loss, because the property is continuing to be assessed, and even though in tax increment financing,

they're paying taxes, but it goes to the tif district but still, that levy that should be going to the towns, the schools and all the other in the county, we have to make up for that loss. And same way with abatements, there's no free ride. I mean, even though the businesses aren't paying the residential taxpayer and the other taxpayers, have to make up for that.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** The town gives an email to the elected officials that people can write in. But my husband, and I, we are walkers, and we go out, we talk to people. We're just very talkative people.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** They push the tax burden down at the local level by giving the local government a chance to put referendums on the ballot. They give them a chance to raise the tax levy appeal, and I understand that too, but they're not lowering property taxes.

I don't think they should be allowed to raise an excess levy appeal. You got to live within your budget. Pittsboro has done that, and it's just it's wrong.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** I'm not against development. I'm against the tax incentives that they give because they don't give residential developers tax abatements. They don't give them tifs. They require them to put in all the roads.

But then... if you're a business, it's like, oh my goodness, you can't pay for the roads. You can't do that and all that. I'm just asking for a level playing field, because in the beginning, the tax structure is that residential pay 1%, 2% for income, rental, and 3% for business, industrial. Those are the laws. And I'm just saying, then the state legislature comes around and says, give all these exemptions, that it really hurts. I think it really hurts the residential people the most.

**Are you familiar with the current town manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** Oh, Jason Love, he's a good guy. I've known him. I mean, I've been going to Pittsboro Town Council meeting since 2015 with my husband again. I covered them back in the 90s, when I was a news reporter and that.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** I would think, I would think it probably would have to be really property taxes.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** I'm not really sure. I mean, they take a lot of resources, water, electricity, but then also, too, I know this other guy who is, he works in construction of data centers and talking about new technology and that, I mean, they're coming, that's for sure.

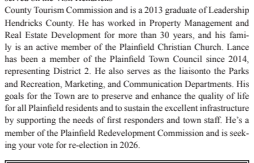
People have the right to sell the property to who they want and who they don't want to. I mean, it's an arm's length transaction and you don't want to infringe on people's right to sell the property.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I go to the meetings. And I, like I said, I get out and talk to neighbors and find out what's going on.

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
WARD 2  
Lance Angle - R  
Ryan Basham - R

## LANCE ANGLE - R PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 2

After moving to Plainfield from Cincinnati, OH, in 2005 with his wife of 33 years, Cheryl, and his two sons, Alex and Logan, Lance quickly became active in Hendricks County. He has been a member of the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce since 2005 and was elected president in 2012. He had served on the Visit Hendricks County Tourism Commission and is a 2013 graduate of Leadership Hendricks County. He has worked in Property Management and Real Estate Development for more than 30 years, and his family is an active member of the Plainfield Christian Church. Lance has been a member of the Plainfield Town Council since 2014, representing District 2. He also serves as the liaison to the Parks and Recreation, Marketing and Communication Departments. His goals for the Town are to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Plainfield residents and to sustain the excellent infrastructure by supporting the needs of first responders and town staff. He's a member of the Plainfield Redevelopment Commission and is seeking your vote for re-election in 2026.



## INTERVIEW - LANCE ANGLE

**Why are you running?** I had great parents who showed me at a very early age what it looked like to serve. I followed in their example and want to continue serving my town and community. Additionally, there are so many projects and initiatives that I've been fortunate enough to be a part of in the town of Plainfield that I'd really like to continue my service and see those through to fruition.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** There's a multitude of ways to be able to present feedback that I receive from constituents. One, well, there's actually a couple. One that I'm really proud of is in 2025 we established a resident survey that was published. We had a very large amount of responses, and that provided very specific direction on priorities that residents of the town of Plainfield would like to see.

One they really would like for the council and town staff to focus resources and capital on existing assets within the town. And then the second priority was expanding trails and parks. So I serve as liaison to the parks and trails. So I believe my experience and extension as a liaison is going to be able to directly affect those priorities that the residents have given us.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** Minimal. I think that local municipalities have more information about what our community needs, so I really would like to have more control at the local level than I would at the state or federal.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?**

any? I really, once again, go back to the resident survey that clearly stated, the priority should be to continue to develop existing assets. So continue to invest in our trail system.

So reinvesting in existing assets. So that's the development I really see the town needing, and we continue to administer the downtown conceptual redevelopment plan. So there's some additional development with road infrastructure, intersections, pedestrian safety that needs to continue in the future.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** Andrew Klinger is doing a fantastic job. He's an excellent town manager. He's very thoughtful about the future and long-term planning while building a very cohesive team to operate the town. So yeah, very familiar with Andrew. And we work really, really close together.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** Based upon the feedback received from the survey, continuing to invest in existing assets, expanding trails and park systems. I think above and beyond that, communication is a big concern. There are so many different ways that folks receive information now, whether it be social media or newspaper or direct mailers that come in the utility bills. I think identifying and implementing the best and highest approach to get... clear, consistent communication out to the residents.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** I think data centers have their place. We all use data every single day, so there is a need for data centers. I think it needs to be thoughtful, the size, the location, the resources they use. Who is paying for those data center resources? So I do believe there is a need for them.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I've been a part of the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce ever since our family moved here in '05. I currently serve on the advisory council for the Chamber. So I serve the businesses and the Chamber members through that appointment. I've also been on the Visit Hendricks County for a number of years, and served there for quite a while. I'm an active member in Plainfield Christian Church. I also serve on the Redevelopment Commission for the town, and I also serve on the Utility Department Commission for the Town of Plainfield.

## RYAN C. BASHAM - R PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 2

My name is Ryan Basham, and I'm running for Plainfield Town Council, District 2. My family and I have proudly called Plainfield home for the past 16 years. This is where I started my business, where we've raised our children, and where we've built lasting relationships. We're active in our church and deeply involved in the community.

Much of what I do happens behind the scenes — mentoring others, investing in personal development, and supporting outreach efforts that strengthen the people who make this town what it is. Plainfield isn't just where we live — it's the place we love and are proud to call home.

I'm running because I believe my leadership experience and business background can serve our town well. I care deeply about trust, accountability, transparency, and integrity in local government. As Plainfield continues to grow, we need steady, values-driven leadership that listens well, communicates clearly, and makes sound decisions for the long-term benefit of our community. If elected, you can expect a strong leader who is also a great listener — someone committed to protecting what makes Plainfield special while embracing responsible growth and positive change.

## INTERVIEW - RYAN BASHAM

**Why are you running?** I'm running because I want to make a difference in my community, a positive difference in my community.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I'd be a voice at our meetings, I mean, at the town council meetings. I'm not really sure what my role will be if elected, so obviously, I'll be at a lot of the community events. I'll have a free, open line via email, phone call, whatever the people can talk to me. Obviously, I would save all that and keep it towards the meetings. You can't really do much without all five of us together. So I would gather all the acorns, so to speak, and bring them to the meeting and make sure that your voices are heard. I can't imagine everybody's gonna get heard all the time. It's just the reality of that is probably impossible, but I mean, we'll do our best.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** It's the barometer of where we're at. I don't think it should take over like what the actual town is doing. Each town is doing, however, I think we all have to have a basis, if you will, for legislation.

Oh... at the state level. I would like to have like, I know this seems trite, but like, weather, all that stuff, a little more balanced. I feel like, I mean, like snow and like schools, stuff like that, delays. I feel like that was, I feel like that could be more mainstream instead of per town, if you will.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** We need more transparency and more bold leadership in the town. I feel like we're just getting a lot of you know, blanket answers.

I just want to have a positive impact, transparent, leadership and growth for the entire community, not just, you know, one part of it. So want everybody to win or have the opportunity to win, if that makes sense.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager? Do you see the two of you working well together?** I know him, and yes, I do see ourselves working well together.

I appreciate the visions and the leadership that the town, the town manager has. I know there's a lot, lot to handle, but with my background, I feel like I can add a lot of value to that team.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?**

I feel like a lot of the town people aren't heard, and the priorities aren't always matching what the needs are. If that makes sense — for example, like they did a huge sidewalk expansion last year, and I thought that was kind of cool, because I know the whole town was wanting it. I felt like that was a good collaboration of everybody involved. That's one little silly example. But I just feel like if ev-



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erybody can have a voice and be heard a little bit more and a little more transparency on like, you know what we're doing in the next six, eight, ten, months that would help a lot of people.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** You have to have them. So, you know, with technology it's not going away. So, yeah, we have to have them where they're positioned. That's a little out of my knowledge.

I know it takes a tremendous amount of resource power infrastructure that being said, they're typically closer to bigger cities. Obviously, it's not ideal for some people where they go. It's just a fact.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I do a lot of outreach programs that I don't talk about. I mentor a lot of youth and adults too that I don't talk about. I'm active in all the sport activities. We do a lot of donations in terms of just helping support like school activities. We do a lot of giving that's under the radar. I don't like, I don't like the recognition for it, so I'll just leave it at that.

## PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WARD 3

Clay Chafin - R  
\*Tom Kingsseed - R

## CLAY CHAFIN - R PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 3

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Since moving to Plainfield in 2006, my wife, Amy, and I have been proud to call this community home. Raising our three children, Cole, Cameron, and Ella here, we've come to cherish the small-town charm and incredible quality of life that makes our town special.

For over 13 years, I had the honor of serving as your Director of Parks and Recreation. During that time, I dedicated my career to building the trails, parks and facilities that define our daily lives. Currently, I work at Indiana University, directing the Eppley Center for Parks and Public Lands. We are members of Plainfield Christian Church and I have served locally through the board of Visit Hendricks County and the Plainfield Optimist Club.

I am running for Town Council, District 3, because I believe my experience in professional town leadership and my passion for our community's well-being make me the right choice to lead our future. I am asking for your vote to serve you.

To connect further and discuss my vision for our town, please visit my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/officialclaychafin](https://www.facebook.com/officialclaychafin). I look forward to hearing from you!

## INTERVIEW - CLAY CHAFIN

**Why are you running?** For 13 years, I had the privilege of serving as the Director for the Town of Plainfield Parks and Recreation Department. I've been in public service my whole career, and back five or six years ago, I guess now I transitioned my career to start to work for Indiana University and and whenever the council position that Mr. Kirchoff, retired from, came open this year for election, I thought, man, it's just it's my time to come back into public service and give back to the community.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** I want to make sure

that I help Plainfield prosper. I want to create an exceptional quality of life. Others may be about business, but I want the town to be successful. I want to find the intersection between creating and prioritizing a sense of community and developing spaces and places that our residents have... unique experiences so that we're not vanilla.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** The state sets the policy for the state that all municipalities follow. I really don't have enough information to dive into that too deep... but I'll just tell you that I think the town should manage the policies and procedures of the town ordinances that intimately impact the town.

**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** I think growth... is inevitable. I think that losing our character is optional. So I want to make sure that that with the background I have, working with the town and putting together plans for parks and trails and how they cohesively fit with the rest of the town and the development that that's priority.

There's a handful of things that I want to look at in terms of making sure that we keep green space a top priority, that our roads and the traffic on those roads are top of mind when we're designing and developing and reviewing. I guess request for whether it's residential or commercial development, and making sure that... our tax rates stay where... individuals who live in this town or are accustomed to having them.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager?** Do you see the two of you working well together? Andrew [Klinger] was the Town Manager while I was still the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. So I have a great working relationship with and a great relationship with the administration of the town. I think that's one of the benefits that I think I can bring, is that I can be that bridge from the town administration to the residents.

**What do you think is the biggest concern your residents have?** I think a lot of this comments that I see, whether it's posted on social media or here around town, in the, you know, it's the concern about... warehouse fatigue, or do we have too much of those types of developments and when we're developing these, warehouses or considering these proposals, are we making sure that it's the best use of our land? That's one of the things... I would dive into and... making sure that I'm working with the town to fulfill the goals of what that master plan is, that's a net comprehensive plan.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** Some of the comments that I read were the concern of residents about the impact that that data center may have, especially on utilities, electric and water.

In my opinion, when the developer comes in... they should be responsible for any impact that that might have on residents. And if we're going to make decisions, we have to make sure that it's in the best interest of all the residents.

**How are you currently involved in your community?** I'm a member of Plainfield Christian Church... I brought up three kids through the Plainfield school system.

I like to stay involved just within... the Parks and Recreation Department, primarily in the parks and the trails. I don't volunteer as much with the Optimist Club... but I used to be a member of the Optimist Club.

## TOM KINGSEED PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 3

Tom Kingsseed is a husband, father of three, and lifelong Hendricks County resident who is deeply committed to his community. He and his family have built their life in Plainfield, where he has been actively involved in local business, civic organizations, and volunteer efforts.

Tom currently serves on the Plainfield Town Council, where he focuses on responsible growth, long-term planning, and fiscal accountability. He believes

thoughtful development should strengthen neighborhoods, support local businesses, and preserve the character that makes Plainfield a great place to live.

With a background in business and finance, Tom brings a practical, common-sense approach to decision-making. He values transparency, collaboration, and listening to residents to ensure their voices are part of the process.

Above all, Tom sees public service as stewardship—making decisions today that will benefit families and future generations. When he's not working or serving the community, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children and staying involved in local events.

## INTERVIEW - TOM KINGSEED

**Why are you running?** I'm running for re-election because I just care deeply about the long term health of our community. Like over the last term, I've learned a lot about how decisions today affect families and businesses and taxpayers years down the road... and I just want to continue bringing a practical and thoughtful voice to the council... just one that listens and asks questions and keeps Plainfield moving in the right direction.

**How will you be a voice for constituents?** During my time in this position, already, I've had many emails and coffeees with residents in the community because I want to make sure that everybody is heard. I want everybody to know that I listen, so you don't have to agree with someone to respect their perspective, even when I ultimately vote a different way.

I want residents to know that they were heard and that their concerns were considered honestly.

**What role do you think the state government should play at the local level?** We have to collaborate together. It's a delicate balance, and we have to work together, listen and come up with an agreement that benefits both the state as well as the community.


**What sort of development do you think your town needs, if any?** A lot of the development people want... like new housing and jobs and amenities, right? But they also want safe roads and strong neighborhoods, and a town that keeps its character. So balancing those priorities responsibly, I think, is very crucial.

**Are you familiar with the current Town Manager?** Do you see the two of you working well together? I think communicating with Andrew [Klinger] is very easy. He makes himself readily available. He's available at all the town council meetings, or most of them, and he's very thorough and very knowledgeable about everything going on in the town. So I think great conversation is had.

**What are your thoughts on data centers?** The data center that is proposed at the moment goes through the planning commission. The Planning Commission makes the decision of whether or not that center in the community, the town council would only have input if it was for rezoning, or if there was a financial ask, it's currently zoned for data centers, so it won't come to us for that, but it could come to us if there was some sort of financial ask.

But again, growth has to be done... responsibly, and there has to be a balance.

I know a lot of people have concerns about the data centers, and I believe at the last town council meeting, our town manager addressed every single one of those very clearly, very well, and so I appreciate anyone that has come and talked at our town council meetings already about the data centers, because their input is important, and I want to make sure that they all know that they are listened to and are definitely heard.

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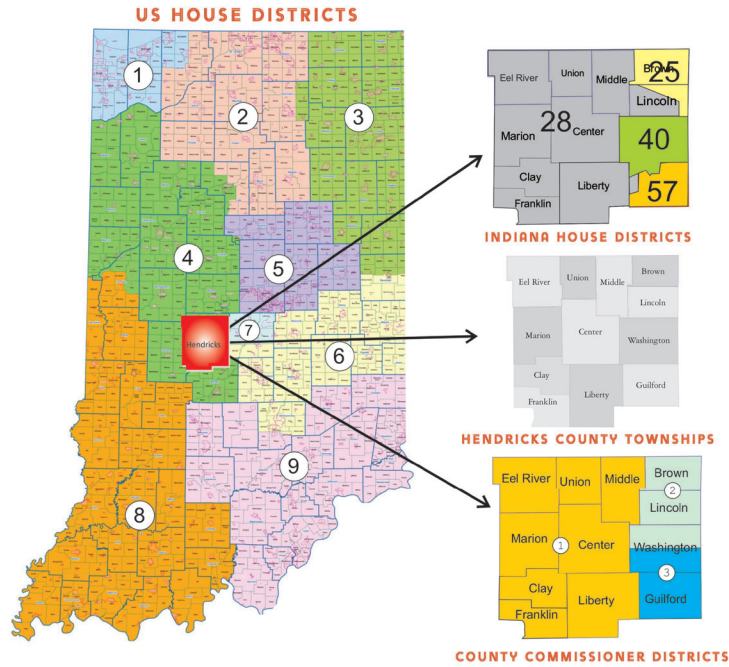
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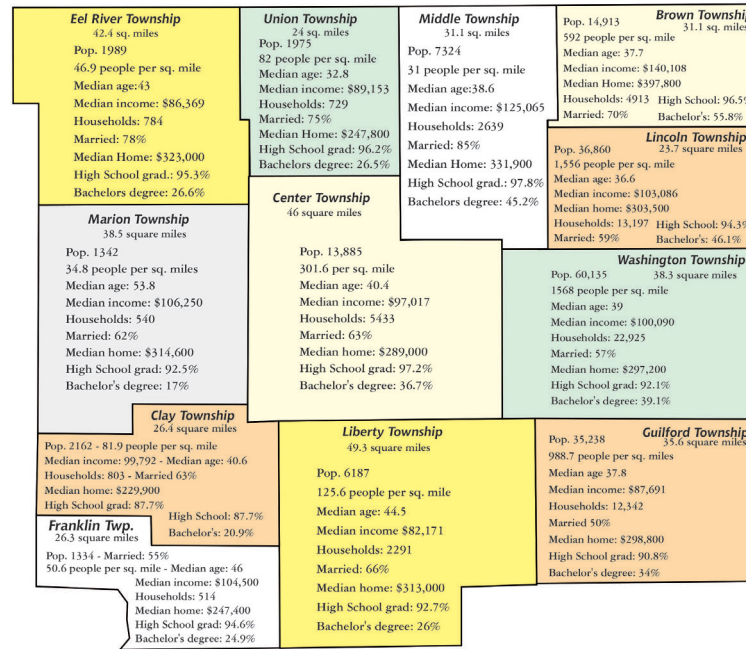
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