

The Republican

2024 PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE

USING THIS GUIDE: *What You Probably Don't Realize*

By Scott Flood

Thanks for taking the time to get to know the candidates who will appear on your primary ballot. If you're like most Hendricks County voters, you probably assume the names at the top of the ballot -- for President, Governor, Senator, and such -- represent the most important votes you'll cast. Given the amount of hype and the number of campaign ads you'll see in the coming weeks, it's easy to draw that conclusion.



Actually, the people who should matter even more to you are those described in this guide. They're some of the people who will vie for roles in local government. If you're like most voters, you're probably not sure about what they do. That's understandable, because the civics classes you've taken and the Schoolhouse Rock episodes you've sung along with always focused on the federal level.

The simple fact is that the President, Governor, Senators, and the rest have far less impact on your daily life and personal well-being than the people who hold those county and community positions. Your local officials are the ones who keep your home safe, prepare your children for economic stability and success, protect the investment you've made in your home and property, and handle all sorts of critical decisions you're probably happy not to have to make. Simply

put, you don't have to worry about a lot of things because they're in place to look out for you and your family.

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I know it isn't always easy to gain an understanding of local government. Many of the folks on this year's ballot hope to be elected to positions whose titles mean something very different than what you'd assume. For example, you'll cast a vote for an Auditor who never audits, a Surveyor who rarely surveys, and a Recorder who has never been seen playing an annoyingly high-pitched woodwind instrument. You'll also elect the one individual in Hendricks County who's legally allowed to put the Sheriff in handcuffs, although their job title doesn't suggest that. (Sorry, no hints.)

Some even have the power to make you pay taxes. Others simply carry out tasks the state assigns to them. A few do both, such as school board members, although you won't see their names until November's ballot (their positions are legally nonpartisan, so they don't run in party primaries).

Many voters are puzzled by some aspects of the process. After every primary election, my Mom was furious about being asked to declare her party. That

may bother you, too, but there's good reason for it. While some other states do things differently, Indiana holds primary elections so the two major political parties can select candidates who will run in the November election. The election officials aren't asking you to choose a party because they're nosy. When you state R or D, you're telling them which party you want to help make that choice. (There's no such thing as being a "registered Republican" or "registered Democrat" in Indiana, because our voter registration laws don't demand you disclose your political preferences. So if someone claims they are registered with one of the parties, be a little wary of any advice they share.)

Again, thanks for taking the time to browse through this guide. Please don't stop here, though. Spend a little extra time getting to know the people who are listed here. Check their websites or Facebook pages to learn more about them. Attend candidate forums to see how they answer tough questions. If there's an issue that's particularly important to you, reach out directly to learn their stance. You probably won't be able to chat with your congressman about what's important to you, but these local folks will listen.

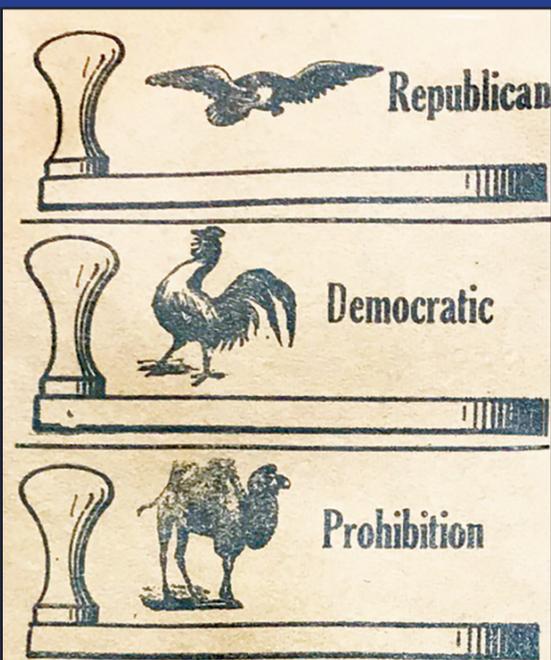
Most of all, show up to vote. If only 20 percent of registered voters turn out and you're one of them, you're essentially voting for yourself and four of your neighbors who can't be bothered to do so. (And here you thought your vote didn't matter!)

SAMPLE BALLOT OF ARRANGEMENT ON VOTING MACHINE

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1960

PARTY LEVERS PULL TO RIGHT TILL BELL RINGS	National and State Offices															District, Circuit and County Offices										Constitutional Amendment	
	1 For President ELECTORS	2 For Governor	3 For Lieutenant Governor	4 For Secretary of State	5 For Auditor of State	6 For Treasurer of State	7 For Attorney General	8 For Superintendent of Public Instruction	9 For State Representative At-Large	10 For State Representative Fourth District	11 For State Representative Fifth District	12 For State Representative Sixth District	13 For State Representative Seventh District	14 For State Representative Eighth District	15 For State Representative Ninth District	16 For State Representative Tenth District	17 For State Representative Eleventh District	18 For State Representative Twelfth District	19 For State Representative Thirteenth District	20 For State Representative Fourteenth District	21 For State Representative Fifteenth District	22 For State Representative Sixteenth District	23 For State Representative Seventeenth District	24 For State Representative Eighteenth District	25 For State Representative Nineteenth District	YES	NO
Democratic	1 A JOHN F. KENNEDY For President LYNDON B. JOHNSON For Vice President	2 A MATTHEW E. WELLS	3 A EARL M. LUTHE-BACK	4 A ROBERT A. PASTERICK	5 A WILLIAM A. WILSON	6 A JACK A. HAY-MAKER	7 A JOHN DILLON	8 A WILLIAM E. WILSON	9 A CHARLES SCHREINER	10 A CHARLES E. MONAHAN	11 A WARREN W. MARTIN	12 A RICHARD C. O'CONNOR	13 A ALEXANDER L'YSHOE	14 A RICHARD W. SMITH	15 A FRED WAMPLER	16 A FRANK E. HARPER	17 A LARRY W. WILSON	18 A CHARLES L. SNODGRASS	19 A RALPH A. TUDOR	20 A WILLIAM J. BROWN	21 A MARY KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	22 A L. B. ELLIS	23 A ALLEN V. FOX	24 A WALTER J. SMALL, Jr.	25 A JAMES E. RHEA		
Republican	1 B HERBERT H. ALTON For President HENRY CAROL LUGER For Vice President	2 B CRAWFORD F. PARKER	3 B RICHARD O. RISTINE	4 B CHARLES O. HENDRICKS	5 B DOROTHY GARDNER	6 B ROBERT E. HUGHES	7 B EDWIN K. STEERS	8 B PHILIP H. WILKIE	9 B VIRGINIA B. CAYLOR	10 B HAROLD E. ACHON	11 B JAMES C. COOPER	12 B JOHN M. RYAN	13 B BRYCE KELLEY	14 B JOHN W. PFAFF	15 B RICHARD L. BOUDING-BUSH	16 B RICHARD J. GROOVER	17 B CHARLES E. KELLER	18 B LEON A. HALL	19 B CLAUDE HUGHES	20 B RALPH I. PARSONS	21 B FRANCIS L. LEACH	22 B ROBERT W. BARTLEY	23 B ROBERT W. ARN-STRONG	24 B ARTHUR HANSEL	25 B LEON FRANKLIN		
Prohibition	1 C For President L. BRYAN For Vice President E. HANCOCK For President GEORGIA COLEMAN For Vice President	2 C J. HUBERT MILLER	3 C WALTER E. YEATER	4 C HAROLD N. SMITH	5 C RAYMOND M. MORRIS	6 C PAUL EWALD	7 C ZOE M. WYATT	8 C FLORENCE M. MURRAY	9 C LUC KLAN-DELL	10 C VIRGIL H. APPLE-GATE	11 C HARVEY L. AUSTEN	12 C C. L. ENTNER	13 C SUSAN P. BONTA-GER	14 C HARRY J. LOVE	15 C	16 C	17 C	18 C	19 C	20 C	21 C	22 C	23 C	24 C	25 C		
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Sample Ballot from General Election, 1960. Source - The Republican Newspaper, Danville, Indiana.



Pull a lever or push a button, make your choice an informed one



A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE GUIDE



A Note from the Publisher

By Jerry Vornholt
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Well, here we are. Just around the corner from the opening bell of the 2024 Hendricks County primaries! I don't use exclamation points often but something tells me this will be a year to remember. Crazy right? Every one of the candidates in this guide wants you to vote for them. Every candidate in this guide believes they are the best person for the job. You are the interviewer. You decide who gets your vote and no one else.

Who are you voting for? In Indiana, the primaries are partisan elections in which each party fields slates of candidates for available seats and the voter chooses who will represent the party in the general election in November.

What seats are available? In this election cycle you will have the opportunity to vote for national, state and local seats. From the White House to the Republican committeeman for all precincts.

This guide could not have been brought to you without contributions from the Indiana Secretary of State's Election Improvement Grants and the ever tenacious builders of community, the Hendricks County Community Foundation.

The Republican has spent countless hours compiling bios, interviewing candidates, editing pictures, and placing ads. Our staff worked closely with Republican Party Chair Anne Engelhardt and Democratic Party Chair Cindy Hohman helping us get information to and from their party candidates.

Hours were spent working with the Chief Deputy Clerk of Elections D.J. Hoskins and her staff getting accurate information about voting, registering to vote, voting processes, voting dates and accurate candidate information.

Thank You!

Special thanks to our editor Betty Bartley for providing guidance and history while still putting together the newspaper every week, to Michelle Pritchett for paginating (look it up) this good looking guide, and to voter guide super-volunteer, Alice McColgin for

working on candidate information and to Isabella Zarate for conducting over 40 interviews for the guide. Hats off to the entire crew.

Common Interests

Considerable effort has been made, is being made, in Hendricks County to turn the tide of division towards a path of common interests.

The Bicentennial Committee is providing a shared experience by celebrating our 200 years of existence. Check out their website: Hendricks200.com. You will learn a lot.

The four chambers of commerce have pooled resources to collectively form a public policy advocacy group to benefit all businesses in the county. Join your local chamber, they are worth it.

Leadership Hendricks County birthed a capstone project called VoteHC.org. A place for Hendricks County residents to find accurate and up to date information on voting, elections, current candidates and polling stations. Check out: VoteHC.org

HCCF funded and organized this year's Primary Candidates Forum. A forum for all candidates representing Hendricks County residents to meet voters and answer voter questions. The forum was taped and is available for you to watch at: HendricksCounty-CF.org.

HCCF also funded the making of several short voter education videos. They featured the chairs of the Republican and Democratic parties standing alongside the Chief Deputy Clerk of Elections. The videos are quick and easy to understand explanations about voting.

Informed citizenry

They say an informed citizenry is the best defense against tyranny.

Along with the above mentioned efforts to educate and inform voters, this guide is being mailed to over 64,000 Hendricks County households.

Be informed. Delve in and read what your candidates have to say and note what they don't say. Remember, they want your vote. Choose wisely.

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The project itself was the result of collaboration between the Hendricks County Voter Registration Office, the Hendricks County Community Foundation and The Republican Newspaper.

We hope you find it to be thoroughly informational, as well as a useful tool for the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 7th.

The guide is broken down by National, State and County elections. Candidates are listed alphabetically within each office. We reached out to all candidates requesting a bio and photo for these pages. If one isn't present, it was not provided. Interviews were sought from candidates in contested races, and are included here as well.



All candidate interviews for the election guide were conducted and composed by Republican Newspaper Reporter Isabella Zarate.

All candidate bios were provided by the candidates and their teams.

*Incumbent Candidates are noted with an **

Voter Rights

You cannot be denied the right to vote if you are legally qualified to do so.

You have the right to:

- Vote if you have been registered at your current address at least 30 days before Election Day
- Vote if you moved within 30 days before the election (at your current registered precinct address)
- Ask any election officer for assistance
- Be shown how to mark and cast your ballot
- Be shown how to use a voting machine by an election officer
- 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
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; *and*
 - You are registered to vote in Hendricks County
- Bring your child into the voting booth
- Vote if you are in line by 6:00 p.m. when the polls close
- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of your County in Indiana; *and registered to vote*
- You will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next General or Municipal Election, and registered to vote

County Receives Voter Registration Grant



Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales stopped by the Hendricks County Clerk's office Government Center to present a big check to Clerk Marjorie Pike and Chief Deputy Clerk of Elections, D.J. Hoskins.

Indiana Secretary of State's office offered grants to every county in Indiana for purposes of educating voters and encouraging voter turnout. The Hendricks County Clerk received \$84,838.00 for their grant.

Diego spent almost 30 minutes talking to the staff at the election offices. He encouraged all of them to reach out if they need anything from the Secretary of State's office to assist any election or voter education.

After personally shaking every hand in the office including the maintenance guy emptying the trash cans, Morales and the election staff stood outside the office in front of the flags to present the oversized check. County Republican chair Anne Englehardt was also on hand to speak with Morales and the election office staff.

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NATIONAL

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

***Joe Biden - D**
Donald Trump - R

UNITED STATES SENATOR

***Jim Banks - R**
Marc Carmichael - D
Valerie McCray - D

JIM BANKS - R U.S. SENATOR

Congressman Jim Banks is a native Hoosier, born and raised in Columbia City. While serving in the Indiana State Senate from 2010 to 2016, he chaired the Senate Veteran Affairs and the Military Committee where he led the charge on many significant pro-growth, pro-family, and pro-veteran reforms.



In 2014 and 2015, Congressman Banks took a leave of absence from the Indiana State Senate to deploy to Afghanistan during Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel.

Congressman Banks was elected to U.S. House of Representatives in 2016 to represent Indiana's 3rd Congressional District. In the 117th Congress, Congressman Banks served as Chairman of the Republican Study Committee—the largest caucus of conservative legislators in the House. He currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the newly formed House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the U.S. and the Chinese Communist Party.

Amid Congressman Banks' work as a public servant, he has been recognized for outstanding service and leadership. Congressman Banks has received the Family Research Council's "True Blue" award for his 100% pro-life, pro-family voting record, an A rating from the NRA and the NFIB's "Guardian of Small Business" award and the FreedomFighter Award from FreedomWorks in recognition of his dedication to economic freedom and personal liberty.

MARC CARMICHAEL - D U.S. SENATOR

Marc is a lifelong Indiana resident and a Notre Dame graduate who was elected to the Indiana House when he easily defeated the sitting Republican House Speaker in a 60% Republican district. Carmichael defended his seat twice before stepping down to become the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Indiana Gas Company.



In 1999, Carmichael took over as President of the Indiana Beverage Alliance, a statewide trade association for Indiana's family owned beer distributors, and retired from that position in 2020. He is single with three children and five grandchildren.

"I'm running because I want to be a dignified and dedicated leader serving Indiana and all Hoosiers, in the mold of legislators like Richard Lugar and Lee Hamilton"

VALERIE MCCRAY - D U.S. SENATOR

My name is Dr. Valerie McCray and I'm working hard to become your next U.S. Senator representing Indiana.



As a Psychologist, I've witnessed how U.S. policies profoundly affect the mental well-being of our people. I've worked directly with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individuals in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, and youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence. It's clear that mental health must be a national priority and we cannot address our nation's challenges one crisis at a time. That's why I'm running for U.S. Senate.

Relentlessly, I will fight for beyond-subsistence wages, unions, healthcare for all, women's rights to choose, equal rights for everyone, strengthening public education, and repealing Citizens United so people (not corporations) can be truly represented. In addition, I will champion student loan debt reduction, closing the wealth gap, and funding environmental restoration efforts.

I am both compassionate and fierce, and can relate to the struggles of working class Hoosiers. I will break barriers and build a brighter future for Indiana. Together, we can build a movement for change—one that prioritizes mental health and ensures every individual has access to resources needed and policies that help us thrive. Visit <https://valeriemccray.org> for more information.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4

***James Baird - R**
Charles Bookwalter - R
Rimpi Girn - D
Derrick Holder - D
John Piper - R

JAMES R BAIRD - R U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Congressman Jim Baird is a lifelong resident of West Central Indiana. Representing Indiana's 4th Congressional District, he serves on the House Committees on Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Science, Space, and Technology.



Before being elected to Congress, he served eight years as a State Representative in the Indiana General Assembly. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, he played an integral role in balancing Indiana's budget.

Additionally, he served in local government as a County Commissioner and focused on improving his community's infrastructure and keeping local services efficient and cost-effective.

Congressman Baird is a decorated Vietnam Veteran, whose distinguished service was recognized with a Bronze Star with V device and two Purple Hearts. A graduate of Purdue University, he holds a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in animal science.

After returning from Vietnam, he earned a Doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky in monogastric nutrition.

Congressman Baird is married to his high school sweetheart Danise, and together they have three children, all graduates of Purdue University. Before joining Congress, he ran a home healthcare agency and a farm with his family. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and working on his farm.

INTERVIEW - JAMES R. BAIRD

Why are you running?

I feel like I have a background and experience that really help bring to the legislative table some experience in various issues.

What are some of your top priorities this time around?

We've got some priority issues. I served on the Ag Committee. So certainly getting a farm bill that comes up every five years, is extremely important. I'm chair of the subcommittee on conservation research and technology, and that area, and those three topics, are impactful to how we produce food and fiber in this country.

The science part of that ties in with the Ag part. So my emphasis and focus on research is important. And then this year, I'm serving on the foreign affairs committee and there's a tie in there because we send a lot of food for peace, US AID, around the world that uses commodities that we produce here in this country.

I also want to make sure that we're effective with those dollars spent and that those are beneficial to making sure that America is appreciated around the world.

Why do you believe you are the best person to continue doing this job?

Simply because of my association with my colleagues in Washington D.C. And I think it's important to remember that when I was serving in the Indiana House of Representatives that I received the Civility Award, which means we worked across the aisle.

I also serve on a group called the For Country Caucus, which is a group of veterans that come together to try to find common ground. We're hoping to capitalize on that, to make sure that we can find common ground and plant the seed that's important for the success of our Congress.

Would you do anything different this time around?

I think the difference this time is some of the priorities that we have focused on recently. The open border is a tremendous problem. It's not only a security concern, but it's a national security issue. We got people coming in from untold number of countries, many of them are adversaries.

So I think it's important that we close the border. The other thing is that we need to get these appropriations bills passed. We need to be aware of the tremendous indebtedness that we have accumulated in recent years.

How would you represent the demographically diverse population of District 4?

I think it's important to represent all people. When you talk about the demography of District 4, it is agricultural oriented, it's small town. Purdue University sits right in the middle of that. You tie in the research that they are able to deliver not only to the rural area and agriculture and farming and agribusiness, but to industry and manufacturing. You know 29% of the GDP in Indiana, and that's the same for District 4, comes from small manufacturing firms.

People that live in the small towns, they provide services and those in towns and cities like Lafayette...they have a labor force that does a lot of the work.

All those people, in my opinion, contribute to the well-being of the district and so I think they deserve to be represented in the legislative process.

What do you want voters to keep in mind?

I'm a product of this district. I grew up in this area. I understand this area. I understand the people in this area, and I feel I can be effective at delivering their message to where it needs to be in Congress.

CHARLES BOOKWALTER US REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Why are you running?

I grew up in Indiana. I graduated from Indiana University. I served my country and after 9/11 I joined the army and became an army Green Beret Special Forces.

After that...I came back to Indiana and used that job that I had learned in the army as being a medic...and used that to get a job in medical device sales.

During COVID my job was to be in the operating room every single day from 7 to 4 p.m. training surgeons...on the robot. And then my investment was a Jimmy John's.

I resigned my job because I had to go now work 60 hours a week at Jimmy John's. I had to fill in because people were getting \$600 stimulus checks.

I remember telling these young kids at that time, like, 'hey, you may think that's great to get a \$600 stimulus check, but two years from now, your sandwich is gonna be 10 bucks. I hope you know that right. Because I'm not paying for all this.'

I looked around like okay, I live in a conservative Republican state. What is my congressman doing about this? What are my state representatives doing about this?

Jim Baird, our current representative, didn't do anything.

What would be your top priorities?

I have a de-legislative agenda.

I'm not going to waste my time out there, working hours and hours to develop a bill to make your life more difficult or take more of your money.

We need more legislators out there that are de-regulating the federal government and sending these decisions back to the states.

I would pursue getting the federal government out of our federal elections. That's where they take a lot of our taxpayer money, and they give it to the states and now the federal government is in bed with the states.

Another thing is with regards to medical liberty, would be getting rid of the legal immunity that vaccine manufacturers have over their products.

The number one reason why is because I'm just a regular guy that has common sense that's in touch with my neighbors and my friends. I've never been elected.

How would you represent the fourth district?

I knew what people were thinking all over the fourth district and what our congressmen doing it does not reflect the will of the people.

A 20-year-old male says the same thing as a 90-year-old male. They're all saying the same thing that we've completely lost control, and they don't feel like they're being represented in Washington D.C.

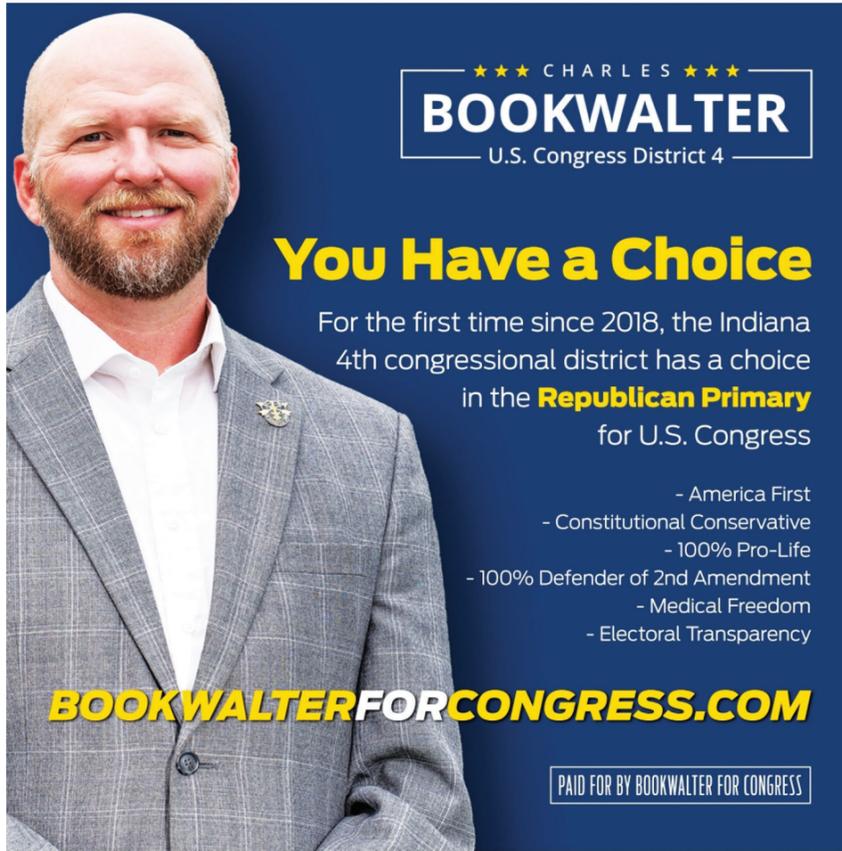
What do you want voters to keep in mind?

Just like Joe Biden, Jim Baird has been in office long enough to actually make an impact in Washington, DC. So he has either been unable to fix the problems that we're facing, or he's unwilling, or he's complicit in it.

We need new leadership, we need new blood. And we need people that are willing to stand up, that have a backbone, that they're willing to stand up and fight for our values.

"By voting, we add our voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions."

- Pat Mitchell



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BOOKWALTER
U.S. Congress District 4

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RIMPI GIRN-D

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE- DISTRICT 4

Born in India, I hold the values of integrity, accountability, transparency, and respect at the core of my identity. My journey reflects these principles through various roles and achievements.



I started my career as a dedicated employee at McDonald's, where I learned the importance of hard work and commitment. Transitioning to the hospital employee under non-profit union worker then insurance industry, I thrived as an agent and broker, where I passionately helped clients secure their future.

My dedication was evident in my accomplishments, as I proudly held the title of a top producer at AmBetter Insurance for three consecutive years. This success affirmed my belief that perseverance and ethical practices lead to excellence.

Beyond my professional life, I cherish my role as a family person. Married since 2000, I find inspiration in the bond I share with my husband and our three wonderful children – a son and two daughters. They drive me to create a better future for all families.

Fueled by a desire to serve my community, I am now committed to translating my values and experiences into impactful political leadership. With a focus on integrity, accountability, transparency, and respect, I aim to advocate for positive change that reflects the aspirations of those I'm privileged to represent.

INTERVIEW - RIMPI GIRN

Why are you running?

The reason why I decided to run, I feel like our healthcare system is getting neglected. Our education system is getting neglected. If we don't push healthcare and education to our future generation, or in present generation, we're moving our country backwards.

We don't need a politician in politics. . .we need a real household person who knows what we're going through daily.

So it's time, mother needs to step up and fight for their own children.

Define the role, and what qualifies you for it?

I'm not a politician. I'm a human. I'm a mother and I'm a businesswoman. And I see day to day some kids who are suffering, that they don't have a better education system.

I know the pain. And I think I can be a cure to this. I say for the people by the people. So we need someone in politics, who knows real pain every day.

I want my kids to have a good future and good future comes with a brighter education.

Why are you running for this position opposed to others?

Someone reached out to me, it wasn't even in my mind that I will be running. They're like we're looking for a candidate from Democratic Party. We feel like you're a good fit.

I spoke with my father, my brother and they were like, 'you know what? It's an opportunity. God brought it to your door. Let's grab it and let's go with it.'

I feel like you can make a change when you're inside. When you're outside you can talk all you want, nothing happens.

What would be some of your priorities?

More budgeting for our public schools for extracurricular programs. I want to focus on more rural school areas because I was doing a little bit of a search on them about budgeting and how those schools can do a little bit more better. Our rural schools need more help. If we can provide them enough budget and enough resources, they can become really good schools.

We're living in America you know and don't have decent hospitals. One area comes under my district, they don't have a labor and delivery department in their hospital. Women have to deliver the babies in an emergency room. So we need to work on that.

How would you ensure your voice is heard amongst all the others trying to do the same?

Someone told me once, let's say there's a river going on and there's a lion on the other side. You keep throwing the rocks at the lion. The other person was right next to the person says 'why are you keep throwing the rock at the lion?'

The lions now moving but the lions getting distracted. So if you keep saying same thing over and over and over and again, it will hit someone's mind.

If elected, would you work with local municipalities?

Yes, because these are the people who are going to elect me and sending me to D.C. so I cannot forget about them.

DERRICK HOLDER-D

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE- DISTRICT 4

Derrick Holder, candidate for Indiana's 4th Congressional District, embodies hope and progress. A Marine veteran, he faced a pivotal moment post-graduation, returning home due to injury. Undeterred, he pursued higher education, earning a bachelor's degree in history and religious studies from IU, showcasing his intellectual curiosity.



From cashier to paralegal, Derrick's versatile professional path, coupled with overcoming 2008 financial hardships, grants him a unique perspective on Hoosier struggles. Enriched by a loving marriage in 2014, Derrick and his wife are expanding their family through adoption and fostering, highlighting their commitment to community and family ties.

Derrick Holder's candidacy is beyond ambition; it's a pledge to be the voice of constituents, fueled by a sincere desire for meaningful change. His blend of personal experiences and professional diversity makes him a relatable, compassionate, and competent candidate. Voting for Derrick Holder means choosing a representative dedicated to the betterment of Indiana's 4th Congressional District, poised to lead with heart and determination for a brighter future for all Hoosiers.

INTERVIEW - DERRICK HOLDER

Why are you running?

I'm running because I am tired of the ineptitude of Congress. At this moment there's way too much politics being played when we're supposed to be doing the business of the people.

I just do not believe that Indiana is being represented properly and it is time for change.

How would you define the role of a member of congress and what makes you best fit to carry out that role?

The role of congress is to represent its people. Indiana has nine congressional districts. Each one of us is supposed to speak as one voice for our district. That is the whole design of the republic that we live in. We do not live in a democracy. We live in a federal republic.

The reason why I believe that I fit the role best is I listen to everybody. My mind is not completely made up on anything. It molds it evolves, like I believe all of our ideas should.

Why this position?

The House of Representatives is the people's house. It's designed for people like me, the normal person, everyday worker.

The reason I chose it is I believe I can do more on a federal level than I can on a state level.

How would you represent a demographically diverse population like that of your District?

When it comes to the rural areas, farmers are the lifeblood of Indiana. We grow the world's food. We need to salvage as much farmland as we can to keep our food being sent out.

Going into suburban, they need better schools. They need, at times better internet access, federal hospital access. A lot of the areas don't have the access to a good hospital.

What qualifies you?

My first job was a dishwasher. I worked retail so I know how to deal with the public. I've worked as a paralegal, I've worked as a teacher, I am a Marine. So I have a wide range of experiences that lets me understand where people are coming from.

I've dealt with poverty. I've dealt with pain, I've dealt with suffering. I've dealt with being angry at the system. And it takes someone who has experienced all of that to understand the wide range of constituents.

What would be your top priorities?

Women's Health Care, LGBTQIA rights, Veterans Affairs, agriculture, and education reform

How would you ensure your voice is heard?

You have to be adamant about what you want done. You cannot be a meek person for this position whatsoever. You have to be commanding when you need something done. I believe that you also have to reach across the aisle. You have to work with everybody that's willing to work with you.

Would you work with local municipalities?

County governments are there for a reason. Township governments are there for a reason. Home Rule knows what their people really need. At a federal level, it should be an overarching thing.

What do you want voters to keep in mind?

Your voice, your vote. I don't care who you vote for as long as you vote, it is our basic civic responsibility.

If you are a citizen of this country, you have the innate right to vote. Don't let anybody tell you any different. Don't let people take your rights away.

JOHN P. PIPER-R

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE- DISTRICT 4

Why are you running?

My wife looked at me one day and said, 'How in the world did we fall ass backwards into the biggest crime in the world?'

The reason I'm running for Congress is because with our own efforts and help from the Polaris Project and from the International Justice Mission, IJM we have closed two sex trafficking operations, which were also major distribution points for heroin, cocaine. And we've learned over the last several years, the modern day drug mule is the child.

The neighborhood we live in was part of the buyout area for the Indianapolis Airport. So the second part of our subdivision was never built. Some guy. . .he's passed away since then, he took a home and he moved it into the slot that was supposed to be the second part of our subdivision.

I would come home from work every night and I'd see these cars coming and going and thought 'what the hell is that.'

He ended up. . .damming up the creek. That meant everybody upstream, including my house, my neighbor's, we started to flood. So we wanted to talk to him, and he goes well I gotta have water for my cattle.

All of a sudden we start seeing all these Chinese children being dropped off. . . I never saw a child leave.

What would be your top priorities?

One thing I wouldn't be doing is telling people I'm gonna bring in jobs. We have so many jobs we have no one to work.

We have to stop food stamps and welfare to those not in need. How in God's name do you have so many, Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs talks about this, we have eleven and a half million jobs, we have eight and a half 18 to 35 year-olds that refuse to get a job. So we have to cut off the social benefits, we just have to.

Why do you think Congress is the right platform to do that?

The easiest elected office to get is a congressional seat because you don't need those crazy signatures, you just have to have the time and the energy and the money.

And for whatever reason, the Fourth Congressional District is a major hub for all the drugs going to Chicago. And for whatever reason, I have this magnificent hospital, and I have all these whistleblowers that come to me from the I-69.

The whistleblower who works with The Indy Star, and if you know the author, Tim Evans, he wrote the big story about Hogsett. . . when in fact it was the FBI that planted the story. I mean, it's just the corruption with Hogsett, with the FBI, the DOJ.

Josh Minkler who is a former US Attorney for the Southern District, absolutely refusing to do anything as far as the sex and drug trafficking and the attempted murder against myself.

Refusing by the way, did you hear what's going on with Simone Biles? The FBI was part of Dr. Larry Nasser raping and molesting all these kids.

Here's the way it works in Indiana: the FBI was allowed to bring in all the sex and all the drug trafficking. Jim Baird allowed it. Mike Pence allowed it. Eric Holcomb allowed it.

In return, the FBI allowed Mike Pence and Jim Baird, and Eric Holcomb to launder all the money to the Spanish company Isolux to build the corrupt highway, I-69.

But if I get on the national stage and I expose the times, the dates, the location, the number of kids, it's all going to come out.

Working the Polls



If interested in becoming a poll worker, the party chairs for the 2024 election include:

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Anne Englehardt at chairman@hendricksgop.com

Democrat:

Cindy Hohman at hcdemschair@gmail.com

Libertarian:

Evan McHamhon at chair@lpin.org

For hours and locations of all poll sites, call the voter registration office at 317-745-9249 or visit <https://www.co.hendricks.in.us/egov/apps/document/center>.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the U.S. presidential election of 1872 featured a candidate who ran & received votes while deceased? Horace Greeley, one of the founders of the Republican Party, died after Election Day but before the Electoral College cast its votes, making him the only presidential candidate to posthumously receive electoral votes.



STATE

GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

- Mike Braun - R
Brad Chambers - R
Suzanne Crouch - R
Eric Doden - R
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Jennifer McCormick - D
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Jamie Reitenour - R

MIKE BRAUN-R
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Mike Braun is a conservative outsider who spent his career as a Main Street entrepreneur building a family business with three of his four children, creating thousands of good-paying Hoosier jobs before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018.



Mike has lived the American dream and his drive in becoming the next Governor of Indiana is to preserve the same freedom and opportunity to achieve prosperity for future generations of Hoosiers.

The values of faith, family, and community guided Mike while growing a business and raising a family and have inspired his call to serve fellow Hoosiers throughout the years. Mike began his public service as a member of the local School Board for ten years and then as a State Representative from 2014-2017.

Mike has been a conservative voice for Hoosiers in the 2018 U.S. Senate election, having led over 35 bills into law and was recently named the most effective first-term Republican Senator.

Mike has also consistently been ranked as one of the most conservative members of the United States Senate and has been endorsed by President Donald Trump, along with the National Troopers Coalition, Americans for Prosperity, Club for Growth, and maintains excellent ratings from the NRA, National Right to Life, and Susan B. Anthony List.

Mike is an avid outdoorsman and enthusiastic morel mushroom hunter every spring.

Mike graduated summa cum laude from Wabash College and received his MBA from Harvard Business School. Mike and Maureen have been married for 47 years and have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

INTERVIEW - MIKE BRAUN

Why are you running?

"I'm running for governor. I had an either or - run for a second Senate term or come back and run for governor. You're one of 100 here, the issues are a lot more ideological in major. You set the agenda and if you're willing to lead and you get along with the state legislature, which I think I will, you've got a lot more ability to have direct impact on solving problems.

I am a big believer in term limits. So I was not going to run for Senate more than one additional term. I decided it made more sense to come back and run for governor."

Top Priorities and Potential Change

"I ran a business as primary expertise before becoming a senator. I will make sure that our 30 agencies and thousands of employees are being run efficiently.

I'm going to be entrepreneurial. I'm going to engage the agencies that come into play as well as the legislators, and feel good about what to do hitting the ground running."

"We're willing to take a little risk, do things differently from what's been done in the past, make sure we don't try to fix anything that's not broken.

I will listen and learn. And we'll do that even more because I'll be here in-state and I want people have access to their state government, to their governor."

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"I was born and raised in our state, spent all but two years living here. My wife started her own business back when we moved back and still does that. Three of our four kids work in the business that I ran for 37 years. So I think I get a good feel for what makes our state tick.

We are a state that has got that combination of urban and rural. We are the biggest manufacturing states per capita in the country.

Agriculture would probably be the next biggest industry and the needs, many times for urban areas, are maybe going to be a little different from rural areas. Rural America is not going to grow or the rural part of Indiana unless we get high speed internet.

Cities have issues like how can you make sure the basics like good roads, the City of Indianapolis, our state capitol its got a lot of roads to maintain.

You've got to look at each unique part of our state, make sure no one is being favored over the other and make sure that prosperity is shared broadly across the state."

"I'm an entrepreneur, business owner that decided to get into government and I think that at the level of being a senator or a governor, that's the proper sequence.

So many people that want to become a senator or a governor, pivot into elected or appointed politics out of the gate, and I don't think that gives whoever is going to lead the state or represent you in the U.S. Senate as the best way to go about it.

I'm going to take that ability to listen and take the broad experience of building a little business into a regional and international company and I'm going to say that it is going to be probably the kind of individual you need running your state."

Voting is how we participate in a civic society - be it for president, be it for a municipal election. It's the way we teach our children - in school elections - how to be citizens, and the importance of their voice.

Loretta Lynch

BRAD CHAMBERS-R
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Brad Chambers is a political outsider and the only candidate for governor who has never run for office before. Hoosier-born and raised, Brad started a business to help pay his way through college. Over the past 40 years, he has grown that business from its first rental property into a real estate portfolio exceeding \$3 billion and employing hundreds of Hoosiers. Brad recently concluded a two-year term as Indiana's Secretary of Commerce, where he stepped away from his business and ushered in an unprecedented committed investment, tens of thousands of jobs and wages 30% higher than any time in state history, taking only \$1 a year.



Brad is a trustee and longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. He and his wife, Carol, have one son, Nick.

INTERVIEW - BRAD CHAMBERS

Why are you running?

"I believe that if you have views about things or complaints about things you should be willing to go do something about it.

Indiana's a great state, but it can be even better if we play economic offense and pursue the future that's good for Hoosiers."

"The number one job of governors is to grow the economy to put more money in people's pockets."

"I've been a consumer of the state's economy, of the state's quality of life for my entire life. And I think there's no better training ground than being a CEO.

I believe that government can and should be run like a business. My experience as a volunteer Secretary of Commerce, I think is especially relevant. With my belief that the one thing that a governor does that touches every Hoosier is economic growth."

Top Priorities & Potential Changes

"I'd re-look at the entire government infrastructure to make sure it's delivering cut results for the customers which are our voters. Hoosier taxpayers are our customers.

So make sure the government is operating efficiently to make sure we're delivering good customer service number one.

Number two, I would say bold economic vision. And three, take the proceeds of that economic growth, to fix education, support public safety, address mental health and healthcare issues.

The only way to fix the things that need to be fixed is through a growing economy."

"A business approach to government, a non-political approach to long term decision making that I believe is good for the health of the state."

Representation of Indiana & Hendricks County

"I think you need to start from 10,000 feet and realize that 83% of Indiana is farm or forest. So agriculture is a very important industry.

As I talk about growing the economy, I'm inherently talking about growing our agricultural economy as well. It's also becoming more efficient. So because of modern techniques and efficiencies, you're getting more agriculture, more output per acre of land; which takes the pressure off of being able to urbanize too.

Our urban areas are really important and growing other industries outside of agriculture is equally important.

It's really important that we are attractive to industries that pay wages, that will lift Hoosiers up, and I was successful doing that as Commerce Secretary.

The wages were 30% higher than any time in state history, which is going to allow our kids graduating from Purdue with an engineering degree to stay here and work for Google or Amazon or Skywater or, or some of the other cool industries that we're recruiting to Indiana."

"Hendricks County is an incredibly important county to the growth of Central Indiana and to the future of our state. Hendricks County has done a great job maintaining the balance between commercial growth and agricultural growth."

SUZANNE CROUCH-R
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Hoosier Conservative Suzanne Crouch will lead the fight to eliminate Indiana's individual income tax. "Axe the Tax" is her bold plan to reduce the burden of Bidenflation, grow Indiana's economy, and put thousands of dollars back in Hoosiers' pockets.



In 2022, Suzanne, while serving in her role as president of the Indiana Senate, cast the tie-breaking vote to ensure Indiana is one of the most pro-life states in the country.

Additionally, Suzanne has fought to make government more transparent. While she was State Auditor, Indiana ranked number one in the country for spending transparency. As county commissioner, she fought to ensure meeting minutes were made available to the public for the first time.

Currently, Suzanne works for Hoosiers as our 52nd lieutenant governor. Additionally, she chairs the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force, the Indiana Roundtable on Mental Health, the Civic Education Task Force, and the Next Level Veterans Initiative.

Born and raised in southern Indiana, Suzanne was brought up in a hard-working family who emphasized conservative values, education, understanding, integrity, and kindness.

Suzanne and husband, Larry, have an adult daughter Courtney. As a family, they like to travel the state discovering Indiana's unique festivals, restaurants, and destinations.

INTERVIEW - SUZANNE CROUCH

Why are you running?

"I truly care about Indiana and about Hoosiers, and I had the passion, the commitment, the courage, and the experience to be able to deliver results.

We're going to axe the tax, putting thousands of dollars back in Hoosiers' pockets and making Indiana a place that is a no in-

come tax state where people will want to move and people will want to stay.

As governor, I want to be sure that we are taking care of our most vulnerable Hoosiers. That includes the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and those struggling with mental illness and addiction because they are our families, our friends and our neighbors."

"The reason I believe that I am the best candidate for that is because I have served as the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer of the third largest county in the state."

Top Priorities & Potential Change

"As we look to the future, I have four building blocks for the state of Indiana - growing our economy and infrastructure.

Being able to be sure that we have the infrastructure that we have to have in order to move our economy forward because infrastructure drives economic development. Also, we will look at how we invest in education.

One of the things that I want to do and the vision that I have and the experience that I have allows me to have a vision for the state of Indiana where we're going to modernize state government. And we're going to take our 100 state agencies and get them down to under 35.

A priority for me is focusing on helping those Hoosiers that struggle with mental illness and addiction."

"We will eliminate the state income tax...many of my opponents are saying it can't be done. I'm telling you, it can."

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"We have to be respectful of each other, regardless of what our opinions are." "I want to continue to work with Hendricks County because you are our leader in the state. We need to have a strong partnership to ensure that you will be able to thrive.

We're going to have a bottom-up grassroots people government where we will have true partnerships and true collaboration."

ERIC DODEN-R
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

A husband, father, Christian, and business owner, Eric Doden is running for the Republican nomination for Indiana Governor to enact a bold vision to protect Indiana's most vulnerable and enable families and communities to flourish



He brings twenty-plus years of experience as a business owner and executive, as well as serving Hoosiers as the Former President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and as the CEO of Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

A man driven by faith, instilled by his preacher grandfather, Eric lives by his Christian Conservative values. This campaign is centered around James 2:14-16, "Faith without work is dead."

As a boy who grew up in the small town of Auburn, Indiana, Eric has proposed a bold plan to restore and grow our Indiana Main Streets, enable success for both students and educators in our school system, improve our broken healthcare system, and create 21st-century economic opportunities for families.

An ardent protector of life, he is the architect of the "zero-cost adoption" plan which would help give loving homes to the 13,000 Indiana children in foster care. Eric understands that family needs to come first to form the values and character that make our communities, state, and nation strong.

A native Hoosier, Eric proudly calls Fort Wayne home with his wife Maci and their five children. They attend Blackhawk Ministries Church. Doden received a J.D. from Valparaiso School of Law and a B.A. in Business Finance from Hillsdale College.

INTERVIEW - ERIC DODEN

Why are you running?

"From my perspective, growing up in the small towns of Butler and Auburn, we need to have a 92 county strategy where the entire state of Indiana is successful.

Right now, we have four to five counties that have been successful and one of the most important things that we need to do is try to retain talent, which really is our kids and grandkids.

We need to be able to grow population, and grow opportunities for each community across the state. We also need to protect the vulnerable."

"The role of governor is to have a vision of how to utilize state resources to partner with people across the state. My reputation is one of collaboration, teamwork, everywhere we've been, we've been successful because we've built a great team. And I think that makes me uniquely qualified in this race."

Top Priorities and Potential Changes

"Top three goals is to implement the Indiana Main Street Initiative, which is the small town we spent a billion dollars here in economic development. We're going to put 100 million towards our small towns where two and a half million people live.

Make sure we attract and retain talent across the entire 92 counties of Indiana and then protect the vulnerable. I'm ardently pro-life. I think it's a human rights issue, not just religious pressure for me, but also zero cost adoption is the next step that I think is pro-mother, pro-family, pro-child."

"I've made it clear that all 30 agency heads will have to re-apply for their job. You're going to see a lot of accountability."

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"We are talking about a 1% growth rate. Most of it is centered around improving your community. I think when we finally talk about it, they get excited about it because they realize that this isn't like you're growing 10% a year. This is just thoughtful community revitalization that leads to more opportunities.

We also have this thing called the Regional Cities Initiative, where there's 13 regions usually anchored by a larger community like Terre Haute. This initiative has been successful in getting the private sector engaged in restoring those communities.

So we're going to put 200 million of our billion into regional cities and 100 million into small towns. In 2015, Fort Wayne was not ranked as a region and seven years later, because of a bold vision from local leaders, we're now the 32nd best place to live in America, according to U.S. News and World Report. We'd like to see that same thing happen in all 13 regions over the next 10 years."

"I have a bold vision for your community. That's what I need our leaders locally to have and then expect us as leaders in the state of Indiana to hold us accountable to be a good partner to you."



STATE

CURTIS HILL-R GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Curtis Hill is a lifelong Hoosier who has spent his entire life serving his community. Curtis has served as Indiana attorney general and Elkhart County Prosecutor.



As attorney general, Curtis ushered in a new era of accountability, stood up for the sanctity of life, defended churches and businesses from restrictive government shutdowns, and brought executive leadership to an office of government in desperate need of revival. Curtis lives in Elkhart, Indiana, with his wife, Teresa, a schoolteacher. Curtis and Teresa have five children.

INTERVIEW - CURTIS HILL

Why are you running?

"I'm running because in my travels and experience I firmly believe that Hoosiers are interested in proving conservative leadership during this time period.

I think some of the big issues are the assault on absolute truth, the weaponization of race, the manipulation of justice, we're also seeing the sexualization of children."

"The governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state of Indiana, responsible for enforcing the Indiana code and administering the state apparatus. I bring a level of leadership to the position that will give the public the best sense of having some of the help, who knows how to get the job done and will take action."

Top Priorities and Potential Changes

"One of the first priorities is eliminating the diversity office in the state of Indiana. Not because I'm against diversity, I'm for diversity. I'm against checking the box politically.

One of the things that we're looking at is envisioning an education system in Indiana that is getting away from the federal government mandates and what I call sort of the crack cocaine addiction of federal dollars. We want to encourage schools to not get caught up in federal dollars and therefore the federal rules and programs."

"They [voters] can expect action. The governor, one of the examples of his failed leadership, and I think he's not right again, but I think it's a matter of pointing out distinctions, was his handling of emergency power during the pandemic. We had 23 months of emergency orders, long after the average person felt that there was an emergency situation.

We need to have someone who's going to be able to recognize that we don't follow the federal government all the time. We don't follow other states."

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"The trick, if trick is the right word, is to create an atmosphere where people recognize that they have a commonality.

It may seem in a county like this that there is an extreme gap between rural and urban. But when you step back and compare this entire community with Indianapolis, everything in this community begins to be much more similar. The idea is to develop an understanding between groups that are supposed to be on opposite sides, to make sure they recognize what's common about them."

"The times that we have before us are grave. There are issues that we're seeing in the forefront that demonstrate that there are efforts to control our freedom to wrestle it away. And it's incumbent upon each and every citizen of this community to step up and understand what's happening and to take a position."

JENNIFER MCCORMICK-D GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Jennifer McCormick is a lifelong educator and fifth-generation Hoosier from New Castle, Indiana. She has spent decades serving Indiana as a teacher, principal, and, most recently, state superintendent of public instruction.



While superintendent in rural Indiana, Jennifer fought to protect local control of school districts to ensure parents, teachers, and administrators could make the best decisions for their children.

As state superintendent, she was a powerful advocate for teachers and students, ensuring they had the resources they needed to succeed while protecting taxpayer dollars by demanding transparency and fiscal accountability. Jennifer believes it's time we elect a public servant leader who empowers Hoosier voices so that together, we can make Indiana an attractive state in which to live, work, and thrive.

INTERVIEW - JENNIFER MCCORMICK

Why are you running?

"The reason I'm running is simple. I think people are tired of extremism. They're wanting someone who can bring some common sense and civility back to state offices."

"I feel that I am ready for that position due to having been in an elected statewide position before. I was responsible for over half the state's budget. I also have proven that I will always put people before politics and that is incredibly important in that office."

Top Priorities and Potential Changes

"Restoring women's reproductive freedoms has got to be the top priority. Obviously, education, but seeing that in a systematic way in order to look at it from childcare, universal pre-K, K-12 education, and making sure we are pushing post-high school again because our education attainment is now 43rd in the nation.

Also just access to affordable healthcare for all. And making sure we have a strong economy and that means an increase in our wages."

"A voice to speak up against things that the majority of Hoosiers do not agree with, but also celebrate those things that we could bring to Indiana. We are 47th in the nation in quality of life and that has got to change.

Obviously our healthcare, our education, our recreation, our environmental, there are so many concerns. So, refocusing that and being a voice and speaking up and speaking out on things that will better Hoosiers, but also things that are not good for Hoosiers."

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"I am originally from Henry County, but have lived in urban, suburban, and rural Indiana. So I understand the similarities, I also understand the differences.

The local level is such a powerful role. Making sure we are embracing that role, making sure we are working with our local government officials in order to bring opportunities to Indiana, but also to help our local communities grow.

That approach needs to be hands down one of the first things we do. Doing a deep dive into who is at the table, who needs to be at the table, and what we need to do across the state of Indiana, and not just in pockets."

"I promise to be a voice of reason with common sense and civility. I promise to create a state where people are proud to live here and our young folks want to stay here and thrive. I understand the power of an economy, but a strong economy cannot be taken to the highest level without a strong education and health-care system. And that is what we deserve, and that is what I will work tirelessly to do.

As far as bi-partisanship, I have proven when I was in office that I am willing to work across the aisle in a bi-partisan fashion. I think that is truly the only way we can get things done."

DONALD RAINWATER-L GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Donald Rainwater is a lifelong Hoosier. He graduated from Warren High School in Indianapolis in 1981. He then attended Bob Jones University for one semester, before enlisting in the United States Navy in August 1982. Donald was honorably discharged from the Navy after eight years of service to our country as a Yeoman Second Class.



Donald has held positions as a computer applications instructor, manager of a residential property, and manager of a retail store. He has spent the past 20 years as a software engineer, with the past 7 years in management positions. Donald is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a certified Scrum Master (CSM).

Donald and his wife have a blended family that includes six children and three grandchildren.

Donald Rainwater is running on a promise to make Indiana State Government smaller, more efficient and more tolerant. When elected he will strive to reduce your overall tax burden by eliminating state individual income tax and the personal property tax on your primary residence; reduce regulations and licensing that stifles the growth of small business; reform criminal justice and invigorate our economy through decriminalization and legalization of all forms of cannabis in Indiana.

INTERVIEW - DONALD RAINWATER

Why are you running?

"I started running for office and becoming politically active because I really got disillusioned with our state government telling us things that didn't make any sense.

There was, in particular, back in 2016, the cigarette tax. They said they were going to raise the cigarette tax to help people to stop smoking and to raise money for the roads. And it occurred to me that if people stopped smoking, they wouldn't be raising money for the roads.

I started getting involved in politics and noticed that our state government, as well as our federal government, and most local governments, are not very honest."

"[The role of the governor] is to carry out the day to day activities of doing the things necessary to safeguard people's individual rights. I think that I'm more qualified than the other folks currently running because my focus isn't on 'hey, what can I do with all this money?' It's 'how can we reduce the size and scope of government and do things better with less?'"

Top Priorities and Potential Changes

"I think the first thing we have to do is figure out where we have bloat. I think there are a number of state agencies that should be consolidated."

"We need to look at every executive order, every executive action that was taken over the last eight years that added spending to the budget that added unnecessary government oversight or regulation to the citizens of the state of Indiana. And we need to start rolling that stuff back.

In my opinion, Governor Holcomb's last eight years has been an explosion of big government. You don't need Democrats in the state of Indiana when you have a Republican that spends like Eric Holcomb does."

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"I harken back to the Declaration of Independence where Thomas Jefferson talked about the rights of the individual. We all have unalienable rights...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It's not government's job to decide who gets to pursue being happy and who doesn't. Government should get out of the way. We need less state government intrusion in what local governments and local communities are trying to do.

There's an old cliché that all politics are local. And the reality is that all decisions should be local."

"I would say each one individual is as important to me as any other individual in Hendricks County, and that Hendricks County is just as important as all other 91 counties. And that as governor of the state of Indiana, I am going to focus every day on what allows people to pursue their destiny in their life without having to think about me and the government that I lead on a daily basis."

JAMIE REITENOUR-R GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Born to military parents and raised in a military family. She attended college on scholarship, where she participated in team sports. She graduated from what is now Missouri State University in 2001 with a degree in psychology and a minor in communications.



Jamie has worked for Windsor Capital Mortgage, where she was promoted to run compliance. In 2006, Jamie made the decision to leave corporate America to devote her talents and efforts to ministry. She was an Athletic Director at Calvary Christian School in Vista, California. She has continued volunteering in various women's, student, and worship ministries over the past two decades. During that time, Jamie also held an executive assistant position with an engineering firm for four years, and has established a wonderful family with her husband.

Jamie is married to Nathan Reitenour, a mechanical Professional Engineer. Nathan's career led the Reitenours to live in Michigan, Illinois, and Michigan again before they were called by the Lord to Indianapolis, Indiana, which they now call home. For the past several years, Jamie has boldly represented herself and family, pro se, in a civil case regarding the harmful non-disclosure of problems during neighborhood construction.

Jamie and Nathan are proud parents of five young children, who are part of Indiana's growing and thriving homeschool community.

Jamie enthusiastically follows God's callings on her life, and the Indiana Goodness gubernatorial campaign is her latest example of walking in that calling. Jamie brings a love for people, a passion for conservative values, and an unwavering defense of the Constitution to her first ever political endeavor. As Governor of Indiana, Jamie wholeheartedly believes that our state will shine like a City on a Hill, through the goodness of its people. Jamie, and every person who joins her, believes in Indiana Goodness!

INTERVIEW - JAMIE REITENOUR

Why are you running?

"I'm running for governor in the state of Indiana because I've been called by the Lord. My calling came over six years ago. It was a whisper in my ear that simply said, 'You'll be governor of the state of Indiana.'"

"The governor is in charge of reporting to the people how the General Assembly is doing. The governor oversees all of the different departments that the state runs.

I really feel that what has lacked is vision. The governor should be the one that gets the vision for the state and ensures that the state is running according to that vision." "I don't need a qualification to do that [be governor]."

Top Priorities and Potential Changes

"Education is our huge priority. The education scores in the state are low. We have third through eighth graders that are passing ILEARN at extremely low percents, we're at like 34%.

That's a problem. And when you're talking about how to bring high-paying jobs to the state of Indiana, which is what a lot of the candidates talk about. I don't know what workforce they're planning on putting into those jobs because the children in the state of Indiana have not been prioritized."

"I would like to see a big table made and put into the center of the statehouse. I actually asked a carpenter if he'd be willing to do that. I asked him to go into the Amish communities, beautiful Amish communities of the state of Indiana, and ask them to build the state of Indiana a huge, massive table. And on that table, I want them to inscribe the Constitution of the state of Indiana. Those first words that speak of We the People, and I want it to be something that people all over the state of Indiana come to with their families and friends."

Representation of Indiana & Hendricks County

"[Representation] is a problem for leaders of Indiana because oftentimes they look at just one area and then they say this is the answer for Indiana, but that won't fit over the other area. I have different solutions for different parts of the state.

I love the idea of bridging the gap and creating an environment for kids that are in the city to go express themselves and start small businesses and then having the private sector meet kids there and bring their businesses there. I think that's a great way to start vision and goodness in the rural communities. In the smaller town areas, with our farmers, we focus on reviving the rails in the state. We want to look and see if we can revive the rails to connect the small towns."

"I would say that I have a great respect for people that are willing to take the time and study what it means to be an educated voter."



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STATE

STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 7

*Brian W. Buchanan - R
Joseph Bookwalter - R

BRIAN BUCHANAN
STATE SENATOR- DISTRICT 7

Why are you running?

My goal as a State Senator is to make good, common-sense decisions that make Indiana a great place to live, work, and play. I am running to help local communities continue to thrive, businesses continue to grow, schools continue to excel, and keep the overall tax rate low.

If elected, what would be your top priorities?

My top priority would be to ensure Indiana continues its tremendous success. We are consistently ranked as a Top 10 state when it comes to tax policy, economic development, educational freedom, business regulatory environment, and much more. However, we must continually be evaluating and identifying ways to improve. The world is moving at a faster and more competitive pace than ever before, so we need to ensure Indiana maintains its leadership position.

How do you feel about the current state of Indiana legislation? What, if anything would you change?

I think the current state of legislation in Indiana is very good. The Indiana General Assembly consistently tries to focus on issues that will have a positive impact on the lives of Hoosiers. Personally, before considering whether legislation is a good or bad idea, I ask myself this question, "Is this something government needs to be involved in?" If the answer is yes, then we have robust discussions and debate on these real issues to provide realistic solutions.

Education seems to be a hot topic. What are your thoughts on the current state of Indiana education legislation?

Education is 64% of the state budget and 100% of our future. It is critical we get education right and ensure all students receive a quality education. We are very fortunate in Indiana as we have tremendous schools and teachers that do an excellent job educating our students. I will continue to support legislation that ensures parents are in control of their children's education, eliminates many of the mandates and requirements on schools, and provides new methods to effectively evaluate students.

What are your thoughts on term limits?

It's always a balance between having individuals who can provide new, fresh ideas and individuals who can provide the much-needed background and knowledge on important issues. I think both are equally important. I would be open to considering legislation regarding term limits, if it provides that balance needed.

What changes do you think that need to be made to Hendricks Co?

I am constantly having conversations with local leaders and constituents learning about the issues and challenges they are facing. As a state legislator, my role is to provide support to help local leaders solve problems. I strongly believe in local control and allowing local leaders to make decisions regarding their community. As a member of the Indiana Senate, I will do everything I can to support and provide resources for local officials.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I pride myself on being accessible and available to talk with constituents. Personally, I prefer to have conversations about issues because it allows me to gain some context about issues and better understand the potential solutions. Furthermore, I believe my business experience, ability to collaborate with others, and willingness to provide creative, realistic solutions to problems, make me the right person for the job.

STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 24

Brett A. Clark - R
Anne Engelhardt - R
Veronica J. Pejril - D

BRETT CLARK-R
STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 24

Brett Clark is a lifelong resident of Hendricks County. He grew up in North Salem and graduated from Tri-West HS. He attended Purdue University and served in the US Navy. He worked at the Hendricks County Sheriff's office for over thirty-three years with the last eight of those as the elected Sheriff. He retired from the county in 2023 and currently works in business development.



Sheriff Clark decided to run for the Senate because he cares about his community and wants to serve. He will prioritize public safety, mental health, infrastructure, natural resources, and education. He is a conservative who will focus on solutions and getting things done. He is a proven servant leader who has been on several non-profit boards and committees. He is an Elder at the Danville Christian Church and has been a Republican Precinct Committeeman since 2002. He was the President of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association in 2021 and on the National Sheriffs' Association board of directors. He was recognized as the Hendricks County Leader of the Year in 2015 and presented with a Sagamore of the Wabash award in 2022.

He and his wife Karie have two adult children and reside in the Danville area.

INTERVIEW - BRETT CLARK

Why are you running?

I love our community and I want to serve. I know I can contribute to the conversations that people care about and make a difference.

If elected, what would be your top priorities going into office?

Public Safety, Mental Health, Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Tax Reform, and Education.

How do you feel about the current state of Indiana legislation? What, if anything, would you change?

I would have liked to have seen a broader effort on the issues surrounding water. My hope is that some of the issues that didn't

get as much attention this time, will get more there.

Education seems to be a hot topic in legislation. What are your thoughts on the current state of Indiana's education, and if elected what plans do you have to help?

Too many kids are struggling with reading proficiency so the effort to address that is critical in this year's session. Our state has done a great job giving parents options and is a national leader in the area of school choice. We need to keep that going and make sure our parents have full access to what their kids are learning. We also need to continue to promote programs like our Men in Action reading day and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We need to spread the word about the excellent work being done at Area 30 in Greencastle and the Area 31 program at Ben Davis that our Hendricks County kids attend. Let's promote and expand our MADE in Plainfield effort and the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program.

Our kids have a tremendous amount of options and are blessed with teachers and leaders who truly care.

What are your thoughts on term limits and why?

I know first hand how term limits work, having been subject to them as the elected Sheriff.

If we are going to have a serious conversation about term limits at the state level, we need to do a better job of explaining how they work, how they can be changed, and why they were established in the first place.

What changes do you think need to be made in the parts of Hendricks County that you would represent, and how would you go about making them?

Infrastructure is an area that I think needs attention. While much of that is dealt with at the local level, the state should be a partner and help locals with access to grants and guidance.

Infrastructure includes things like increased access to high speed internet connections. This not only helps in our homes but on our farms and on the medical front with things like telemedicine.

We need to continue to support training efforts like crisis intervention teams (CIT) for law enforcement and building out the 988 system as we work on who to send to persons in crisis and ultimately someplace safe to get people help that isn't a jail or prison.

We should work with all the stakeholders as it relates to watershed management and conservation.

We can remove barriers to adoption and make sure kids and the loving parents who want to adopt them are supported.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I have spent a lifetime in public service and was taught very early about hard work and doing the right thing. As the elected Sheriff I dealt with public safety, budgets, laws, courts, leadership, mental health issues, and running our jail.

Most of us just want our community to be safe and for our families not to have to worry about violent crime yet only a few members of the general assembly have any law enforcement experience.

ANNE ENGELHARDT-R
STATE SENATOR- DISTRICT 24

Anne Engelhardt is a caring, courageous, Christian, conservative Republican, who is committed to her community. She is an advocate for reducing governmental overreach; parent choice in education; addressing student mental health issues and learning loss; cost-effective economic development; and reducing taxes.



Since moving to Avon in 2000, Anne has demonstrated her passion for service by participating in and leading various organizations. For the past 16 years, she has served on the Avon Community School Corporation Board, previously servicing as Board President. As a board member, Anne works with the other members and educators to provide a safe, productive educational environment.

Anne has served as Hendricks County GOP Chair since 2017. She has been appointed to the Avon Redevelopment Commission for 14 years and belongs to the Avon Rotary and the Avon Chamber of Commerce. Anne is a devoted Service Team Member at Traders Point Christian Church.

Anne received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from WGU and her Associates Degree in Respiratory Therapy from IUPUI. She was in the Leadership Hendricks County Class of 2014 and is a self-employed real estate broker. Anne is a wife, mother, grandmother, and proud long-time resident of Hendricks County.

INTERVIEW - ANNE ENGELHARDT

Why are you running?

Since relocating to Avon in 2000, I have served our community in a variety of roles. As a current school board member, I work daily with the other members and educators to provide a safe and strong educational environment. With my experience, I am the right person to work with other legislators and the Department of Education to support students across the state. I have a strong background in economic development and will have high expectations of transparency concerning new developments.

If elected, what would be your top priorities going into office?

My goal would be to continue addressing literacy rates for third graders. Discussing the retention of third graders should be paused until the new changes are implemented. Kindergarten and first-grade student indicators will bring awareness if a student needs extra support and we should be more focused on the early educational years. The state also needs to make changes to ILEARN.

How do you feel about the current state of Indiana legislation? What, if anything, would you change?

Other than education, my focus has been on bills addressing economic development and the requirement of 2 appointed positions made by state legislators to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation which would provide greater transparency. This will be a topic for many years to come and should be since taxpayer money is being utilized. I have been following bills dealing with Human Sex Trafficking which provides for legal representation for a minor, who is victimized. As I speak with constituents they often mention childcare costs so have been following bills for equitable facilities to lower costs.

Education seems to be a hot topic in legislation. What are your thoughts on the current state of Indiana's education, and if elected what plans do you have to help?

This is an area of great strength for me since I have served on the Avon school board for the last 16 years.

The state has embarked on the Science of Reading which is a great start. Avon has used this approach for many years so I have seen firsthand the student literacy growth. We just need to follow

through with changes to ILEARN to adequately assess the student's performance. Truancy is another concern and I am pleased the bill addresses holding parents accountable. Schools cannot do it alone! The expansion of Century 21 Scholarships to include career and technical schools addresses the need for employees in the workforce while offering broader options to students.

What are your thoughts on term limits and why?

Term limits are needed first and foremost when serving on committees. I appreciate the historical benefit but legislators can get too comfortable serving on a committee and potentially not provide the attention needed.

What changes do you think need to be made in the parts of Hendricks County that you would represent, and how would you go about making them?

As the GOP chair, I have the privilege of meeting with other county chairs and honestly, we are the best county in the state of Indiana.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I have the knowledge, experience, and ability to be a collaborative leader. The state of Indiana is facing some real challenges and I have the skill set needed to meet the needs. I will be ready on the first day and will serve wholeheartedly the constituents in Hendricks and Putnam.

VERONICA PEJRIL-D
STATE SENATOR- DISTRICT 24

Veronica Pejril is a candidate for Indiana Senate District 24. She is the daughter of a city water-treatment engineer and a public school math teacher, and the parent of two Purdue graduates.



Pejril was elected to Greencastle's City Council in 2019, making history as Indiana's first openly-transgender elected official. In public service, she has worked across the aisle to champion improved efficiencies, new investments in infrastructure, and pay-raises for first responders.

With Greencastle's Human Relations Commission, Pejril spearheads community sessions to bring together countywide first responders and healthcare providers, working toward improved outcomes for mental-health crisis responses. She is President of Greencastle's BZA, and serves on the Plan Commission. Pejril is board President for the Putnam County Recovery Coalition, working to save lives and combat the opioid epidemic for rural families impacted by substance use disorder.

She is Treasurer for Indiana Youth Group, the longest continually operating LGBTQ+ youth center in the country. IYG provides programming and access to healthcare and housing for vulnerable Hoosier youth who have been caught in the crosshairs of toxic legislation.

An alumna of Princeton's Graduate School, Pejril is an Assistant Professor at DePauw University. More about her campaign is at http://www.veronicaforindiana.com.

INTERVIEW - VERONICA PEJRIL

Why are you running?

I'm unhappy with the ways the Indiana General Assembly is setting its priorities. For example, the very first bill to make it out of session to the Governor's desk this year was one that rolls back wetlands protections.

Now, at a time when Indiana ranks last in the nation with 1 school counselor for nearly every 700 students, the general assembly is advancing a bill that places unlicensed clergy as chaplains into our public schools as a solution.

What would be your top priorities going into office?

Providing a ballot initiative process that empowers Hoosiers with a way to have a direct say on 60/40 issues like reproductive freedom and 80/20 issues like cannabis legalization.

Adopting a legislative approach to substance use disorder that treats addiction as a public-health issue, rather than a crime.

Working to ensure that our state's investment in public education is only used for schools that don't practice discrimination in enrollment and hiring. Our disabled and special needs students deserve that much.

How do you feel about the current state of Indiana legislation? What, if anything, would you change?

The state of Indiana legislation reflects the misplaced priorities of the politicians in charge. Instead of putting our precious natural resources at risk, restricting reproductive freedoms and holding 3rd graders back, I would champion priorities like improving early literacy through pre-k, and expanding workforce development programs to recruit qualified school counselors and mental health professionals who can serve our rural communities.

Education seems to be a hot topic in legislation. What are your thoughts on the current state of Indiana's education, and if elected what plans do you have to help?

I've heard more and more great teachers tell me how much they love their students, but also how they're fed up with the declining value of their work. The teaching profession is bleeding qualified educators, but the General Assembly turns a deaf ear.

What are your thoughts on term limits and why?

I'm generally in favor of term limits, because I believe that younger folks should have better access to serve in elected office.

What changes do you think need to be made in the parts of Hendricks County that you would represent, and how would you go about making them?

Some municipalities in Hendricks County like Avon are experiencing explosive growth, both in population and in economic activity. These units of government are especially constrained by Indiana law that restricts local control over Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding, and their ability to adequately respond to the market forces that drive economic development. I will advocate for code that restores more local control and flexibility for this important financing tool, to provide capital for infrastructure, housing and workforce development.

More rural parts of the county, like in Coatesville and Amos, have a need for faster mental crisis care services. The General Assembly is making some flexible changes to funding models for first responders, but that doesn't address the reality that access to qualified mental health workers may be hours away.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I'm the only candidate for this office with a proven track record of working across the aisle in a divided elected government to deliver solutions that work for workaday Hoosiers, regardless of party. I'm the only candidate for this office who has ever run successfully in a partisan election by appealing to her Republican, Libertarian and Democrat neighbors. At a moment when we as Hoosiers are so divided among ourselves, it's time for a pragmatic approach that works for us all.

STATE

STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 35

Philip Clay - R
*R. Michael Young - R

PHILIP CLAY-R
STATE SENATOR- DISTRICT 35



Philip Clay is a native Hoosier who was born and raised in Plainfield. He is a father, husband, and small business owner dedicated to serving his community.

Dedicated to give back to his hometown, he co-founded Arthur Clay and Company - an organization dedicated to fill the gap between education and the workforce.

Philip is a prominent leader in his community. As President of the Redevelopment Commission for the Town of Plainfield, he promotes growth and development for the district.

INTERVIEW - PHILIP CLAY

Why are you running?

I'm running because the state house is changing and I think, as we see change, you know, obviously fresh ideas and fresh perspectives are incredibly important.

What would be your top priorities?

I keep getting asked that question, and I know it's kind of a political answer, but the only expectation I really have is to serve the constituents.

My primary opponent has been in office for 35 years. And I know he's done a fantastic job of passing great conservative legislation, but I think with a fresh Senator comes the chance to have some fresh perspectives about what the communities really need.

I'd really like a chance to hear the community out and an idea of what the community needs.

What is your position on term limits?

I think term limits are incredibly important. I think at a certain point, if you're in office for so long, you're no longer of the people or by the people, and it kind of makes me question whether you're for the people.

At the end of the day, democracy was made to have fresh ideas and fresh perspectives.

What would you change about the current state of legislation?

We have a Republican supermajority and I think the only thing that I would really work to change is I know there's a lot of infighting that happens nationally. Luckily, in the statehouse, we're in a pretty good position where there's not a ton of infighting, there's not a ton of back and forth.

Education seems to be a hot topic amongst legislation.

What are your thoughts on the state of Indiana's current education? And what things would you do to help?

Education is incredibly important to me. My mom's a teacher. And so you know, education directly impacts her. I've got a two year old son and the educational system is obviously going to shape and influence who he is.

I think there's a way to just reach common sense solutions that impact not only the students, but the teachers who educate them. But I also think that parents have to be a little bit more involved in their child's education.

It's my job as a parent to instill the morals and responsibilities that I find important to my kid. And then... my son's teacher should be able to help reinforce that.

What qualifies you?

I think for a lot of people, we think politics has to have this pedigree: you have to have some type of military service, you have to have an advanced degree from an Ivy League school or a well certified school and at the end of the day, that's not always the case.

I think our legislative body should look like the people who represent us. We should have doctors and we should have lawyers, but we should also have butchers. And we should have barbers and we should have just everyday people who represent us because at the end of the day, that's what our country was founded on.

MICHAEL YOUNG-R
STATE SENATOR- DISTRICT 35



I grew up in Hendricks County where my parents raised 9 children. I attended Belleville and Cartersburg schools. I graduated from Northwest High School in Indianapolis, earned a B.A. degree from I.U.P.U.I. and a law degree from I.U. Indianapolis.

After losing the wonderful mother of our children, I faced the challenge of single fatherhood to three great children. My life is enriched by five terrific grandchildren.

I have a strong love for my country and the political process. I volunteered for and managed several campaigns for Congress,

Governor, legislature, and local races. I won office as State Representative, and State Senator. I earned the reputation as a strong defender of conservative values by authoring and sponsoring legislation to protect our unborn children, Castle Doctrine, and the Second Amendment.

I am honored by the faith and trust that citizens have placed in me. I pledge to continue to fight hard for our conservative values and our citizens. I have served three terms in Hendricks County and would appreciate the opportunity to continue the fight for our citizens.

INTERVIEW - MICHAEL YOUNG

Why are you running?

I just believe that we need to have strong people with conservative values that are willing to stand up and fight. I've had a reputation over the years of standing up and fighting hard on controversial issues.

What would be some of your priorities going into this next term, if re-elected?

I started the process of elimination of property taxes for senior citizens. I just find it is so bad as a state policy that we tell people you can work your entire life, pay off your mortgage, and then lose your house because you can't afford taxes.

Also, back in 2015 I had a bill to completely eliminate property tax for everybody in the state of Indiana - all homestead credit. But when I was going to introduce the bill this year there wasn't enough money to pay for it and I couldn't figure out why.

What things have/would you do in the realm of education?

This year, I am so saddened by what has happened in education, and it harms not only our children, but our future. We got to make sure our kids can read.

We've added full day kindergarten, although it's not mandatory, and we started On My Way pre-K for kids who are four or five and six before they get into kindergarten.

In 2013 before the program started, we were at 82% and 80% proficiency rates for reading and for math. Since we put in these new programs and spent all this money, our test proficiency rates have dropped.

I put in a bill this year, didn't know that we also had a caucus Bill. It was Senate Bill One, but they were very similar. My bill and Senate Bill One. Both of them said we're going to check kids in second grade.

What are your thoughts on term limits?

I introduced bills to limit the number of terms that a person served in the legislature in Indiana and I could never get a hearing because nobody else was for it.

I believe that we can limit ourselves, but if we don't put term limits on everybody, people who fight hard, who are successful, who stand up for the right principles and ideas, who can get things done to benefit the citizens of the state.

What continues to make you the right person for the job?

I think based on my experience, and my ability to know how the system works and be able to work the system to get things done. I think that's the most important thing.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 25

*Becky Cash - R
Tiffany Stoner - D

BECKY CASH - R
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 25



State Rep. Becky Cash of Zionsville was first elected in 2022 to serve House District 25, which includes portions of Boone and Hendricks counties.

Cash and her husband, Chris, run a nutrition business, and she is a naturopathic practitioner. She has also spent more than 15 years helping parents navigate services for children with special needs, explore educational options and help them know their rights.

Cash earned a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and certification from Steubenville University. She's been a member of the Boone County Republican Women, Indiana Federation of Republican Women and Stand for Health Freedom.

INTERVIEW - BECKY CASH

Why are you running?

I initially ran for Indiana State Representative because I became growingly more concerned that the rights and freedoms of Hoosiers were being threatened. My family and I moved from Illinois to Indiana, 19 years ago, to find a better place to raise our family.

What are some of your top priorities if elected?

My priorities remain constant. Hoosiers have the right to make the decisions that are best for themselves and their families. In order for this to continue to be true in Indiana, we must ensure that we lower taxes, expect academic excellence from our schools, ensure that all Hoosiers can make the medical decisions and educational decisions that are best for their families and that we constantly push back on government overreach into the lives of individuals.

What is your position on term limits and why?

I supported HJR3, in the current legislative session, that calls for term limits. The constituents that I have spoken to and that have reached out to me largely support term limits in Congress.

Education seems to be a hot topic amongst legislation, what are your thoughts on Indiana's current state of education? And what, if anything, would you do in the realm of education, if elected?

It is not a secret that Indiana's literacy rates, math competency and science competency is struggling. This is consistent throughout the country however this does not need to be an excuse for status quo. As a member of the Indiana education committee, I have supported legislation to change the way schools teach reading, give our high school students more opportunities for Career Technical Education, bring robotics into our schools, prioritize science and bring literacy coaches into all of our schools.

I also support school choice opportunities for all Families in Indiana. As a mother of six children, four of whom have special and medical needs, I know firsthand that not all children learn the same way or in the same environment.

What part of Hendricks County would you represent?

I represent House District 25 and if re-elected, will continue to represent the northern part of Brownsburg.

What changes do you think need to be made in that area?

Brownsburg is a thriving community. The people of Brownsburg tell me that they want safe schools for all of their children, clean water, lower taxes, safe communities and to be free of government overreach into their lives. Families with school aged children also tell me that they want school choice secured.

What makes you the right person for the job?

In my first term as state representative, I believe that I have fulfilled my promises to speak for the people of our district. With every vote I make, I am thinking about the people of Brownsburg, Whitestown, Zionsville and Lebanon, respectfully. With every vote I make, I also ask if this vote will raise taxes for the people of our district and what my constituents would want me to do.

TIFFANY STONER-D
STATE REPRESENTATIVE- DISTRICT 25



Tiffany Stoner moved to Zionsville 24 years ago to grow roots with her husband, having been born on a Texas Air Force Base and raised outside of Chicago. In post-college, she earned a masters degree from Ball State University in Information and Communication Sciences.

Tiffany also is an entrepreneur and started an award winning photography company with her brother in 2001. During the pandemic, she traveled across the region photographing 650 families at their doorstep while raising money for Gleaners Food Bank.

Tiffany has served the community in many ways, from teaching third grade history, as well as PE, after a local referendum failed and the school had no funding for a gym teacher, participating in the ZCHS After Prom Committee to keep our kids safe, and raising over \$250,000 for various charities she is passionate about.

She is thrilled to be running for the Indiana House of Representatives in District 25 as your moderate Democratic candidate.

"The right to vote is the crown jewel of American liberties, and we will not see its luster diminished."

- Ronald Reagan



STATE

INTERVIEW - TIFFANY STONER

Why are you running?

I want to help make Indiana a place where more people move to than move away from. I want it to be a state that is no longer distracted by poor policy that is driven by a supermajority, but one that prioritizes what the collective population wants.

What are some of your top priorities if elected?

Hoosiers, regardless of party affiliation, want vibrant and safe communities! To that end, my top priority as your state representative includes creating a more effective government. I am passionate about:

Strong public schools. They are the foundation of a healthy community and drive the state's economic success. I am disappointed that 18% of our third graders cannot read and I am concerned about the growing shortage of professional educators. Our public schools are increasingly required to do more with less money.

Home rule. Indiana towns need greater autonomy, which has been compromised by the overreach of the state legislature.

Fiscal duty. I am committed to fiscal responsibility. When we tax someone we should be enhancing their quality of life or redistributing those funds back to the taxpayer.

Veteran support. I will collaborate with Indiana businesses to recruit and employ these well-trained, hard-working and intelligent veterans to get them ingrained in the workforce.

Medical freedom for women. I am deeply disturbed that Indiana has the third highest maternal mortality rate in the U.S. Only 35 of our 92 counties have birthing centers and easy access to quality prenatal care.

Water quality. I am concerned we rank worst in the country for water pollution. Most of our lakes are considered "no touch" as a result of the pollution that comes from construction sites, parking lots, sewer overflows, farms, roads and even our own lawns.

What is your position on term limits?

I support term limits for both federal and state elected officials. Without term limits, politicians become complacent and lack accountability to their electorate.

Education is a hot topic amongst legislation, what are your thoughts on Indiana's current state of education? And what would you do in the realm of education, if elected?

As your state representative, I would advocate for policies that: provide adequate funding to compensate teachers, consider the benefits of a statewide pre-K program especially to combat early reading comprehension, direct more resources to mental health and special education services, address Indiana's per student funding formula and complexity matrix, encourage financial literacy at different stages throughout K-12, emphasize STEM integration throughout K-12 to support curriculum to develop students' critical-thinking and problem solving skills, make sure all seniors graduate prepared to succeed whether that be path toward joining the workforce, military, or attending junior college, a trade school or a higher education.

What changes do you think need to be made in the parts of Hendricks County you would represent?

I am eager to continue to meet and learn from residents in Brownsburg. Reacting to development opportunities must be handled very carefully to ensure that the infrastructure is in place to handle the growth effectively. To me, infrastructure isn't just about the obvious, but includes accounting for greater: public safety, water and sewage, roads and sidewalks, and classroom sizes.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I'm a mother of four bold children that have benefited from the public school system, a small-business owner, a military wife, a former consultant with Accenture, and an avid volunteer. I have spent years working to serve my community through various charity programs, board positions, and teaching PE after our school referendum failed and the district was unable to pay for the specialty staff that was needed. My life experience has given me the qualifications needed to do effective work at the Indiana Statehouse.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 28

- Joe Batic - R
*Jeff Thompson - R
Karen Whitney - D

JOE BATIC-R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 28

Age: 62; Vice President Sales DSH Indiana
Self Employed
42 years employing hundreds of Hendricks County residents.
Lifelong Hendricks County resident.
Brownsburg High School class of 1979-IUPUI Indianapolis.
Common sense approach to smaller government.
Strong Conservative Values.
I feel a call to serve Indiana and believe that holding an elected office should not be a lifelong career. Our citizens of district 28 and our state deserve fresh ideas and perspectives, not lifelong politicians.
I enjoy golf, fishing and meeting people.



INTERVIEW - JOE BATIC

Why are you running?

I have always been fascinated by our government. I am 62 years old now and with my children grown, I have time to devote to public service. I know that I can be an effective legislator and would love nothing more than to be your elected official.

What are some of your top priorities if elected?

I had a small business for 42 years and believe that small business is the foundation of our economy and the entrepreneurial spirit sparks patriotism. I will work hard to create a friendly environment in Indiana for the nearly 500,000 small businesses and keep the burden of government off the backs of small businesses.

Our communities are not as safe as in the past. We need to support our law enforcement officers and rebuild the respect that they deserve.

What is your position on term limits and why?

Holding an elected office should not be a lifelong career. Our district and state deserve fresh ideas and perspectives.

Our system of government was designed to represent the citizens. Our founding fathers realized that without changing our elected representatives the system would not function in a fair manner or represent the new and fresh ideas of our citizens.

Education seems to be a familiar topic amongst legislation, what are your thoughts on Indiana's current state of education? And what, if anything, would you do in the realm of education, if elected?

Teaching is such an important part of the growth of our children into productive law-abiding citizens. We have 71,000 educators in Indiana and 92 percent of our school districts report having trouble filling positions. We must address why Indiana is falling behind in educator salaries compared to neighboring states.

If elected, I will work hard to get increased wages for these vital, extremely dedicated educators. However, wage increases need to be targeted specifically to those directly educating our students, and not just dumping more money into the already bloated administration budget present in many of our school districts.

I support Senate Bill 185 which restricts the use of cell phones and wireless devices in the classroom and makes teaching in our Indiana classrooms more rewarding. With that being said, I also am a strong advocate for parental choice when it comes to education. Parents have the right to direct their child's upbringing and education and should be informed as to what the current curriculum entails and is being taught in Indiana classrooms.

You would be representing 1 of 100 districts. How would you ensure your voice is heard amongst all the other representatives trying to do the same?

Our legislators need to work as a team. Team building and compromise are skills that I obtained years ago. I will build relationships with other legislators through listening and respectable dialogue.

What part of Hendricks County would you represent?

District 28 covers a large part of Hendricks County, as well as portions of Boone and Montgomery counties. However, I would essentially be working not just for those covered in Hendricks County or District 28, but the entire state of Indiana.

What changes do you think need to be made in that area?

Our area is exploding in growth with businesses and citizens. Changes must be made to protect the communities from crime and strained resources.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I have always been a person that handles obstacles. I am determined to create transparency in our government and to call out injustice. A common sense approach and smaller government is the key for a healthy Indiana.

JEFF THOMPSON-R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 28

State Representative Jeff Thompson currently serves as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, where he continues to support balanced budgets with adequate reserves as he leads the process of crafting the state's budget.

During his years of service in the House, he has contributed to Indiana's nationally recognized business climate, resulting in major business investment and declining unemployment. His reconfiguration of the school funding formula while chair of the K-12 Subcommittee led to the General Assembly's change from funding school corporations to funding students.

Jeff has been uniquely prepared to serve in the House of Representatives with his widely varied leadership experiences on the Indiana State Fair Board, Hendricks County Fair Board, and the Board of Directors of the North Salem State Bank. Through his membership in the Indiana Farm Bureau and his experience in operating a livestock and crop farm, he understands the needs of rural communities. He also comprehends the needs of schools as he spent more than thirty years teaching chemistry, physics, and math at Danville Community High School.

Thompson lives in Lizton with his wife, Michelle. He has six children and four grandchildren and is an active member of Northview Christian Church.



INTERVIEW - JEFF THOMPSON

Why are you running again?

I want to make Indiana the best state in the country. We're already a great state, but I have a mindset -always try to improve.

And to say Indiana's perfect, I can't say that, but you want to be a part of a team that has really brought Indiana along. We know that by the fact that citizens come to this state, from other states, because they know it's a great place to work and live, but you want to continue to make it better.

What are some of your top priorities if re-elected?

I can tell you the thing that I'd like to do before I leave. . .assuming I can stay longer. . .is local government finance. That is a broad term, both on the property tax side and local income tax side.

We have a 50 year old system that leads to lots of difficulty for some units of government. It will be the most difficult thing I've ever attempted, but it needs to be done because my mind thinks this way. 'What's it look like a decade out?' I'm always trying to think what would things look like in 10 years, and the current path is not good.

What is your position on term limits and why?

I understand why that is a concern. The flip side is, it's a place where knowledge and the amount you learn is so, so great, and so helpful.

Education seems to be a familiar topic amongst legislation, what are your thoughts on Indiana's current state of education? And what, if anything would you do in the realm of education, if re-elected?

I'm a retired high school teacher. . .and taught chemistry, physics and math. But work on the operations fund. There was a growing inequity, \$6,00 per student - that is a statewide view.

The data I'm looking at by the end of the decade, it'd be \$10,000 difference. I just believe in setting up policies that try to treat children the same.

How would you continue to ensure your voice is heard amongst all the other representatives trying to do the same?

I find that I already know that most people really want limited government. So a lot of those things just over the course of time you kind of know where the people stand.

I'm not one to make a great big scene, I just talk with people quietly and try to find resolutions to issues and topics.

What changes do you think need to be made in District 28 and how would you go about making them?

Local government finance would be the one that would have some long term good implications.

Always want to improve education. I think we have really good schools. . . Make sure I have policies that let the really really good schools get even better.

Why do you think you are the right person to continue doing this?

I think my life experiences beyond the legislator, spent 31 years in the classroom, spent 20 years operating a family farm with my cousin, board of directors of a local bank, still raise a garden like everybody else and wash dishes like everybody else. I am just a person that listens to others and tries to find solutions.

KAREN WHITNEY-D STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 28

Dr. Karen Whitney has served in public education for over 40 years in various leadership capacities. For over half of her career she has held executive administrative positions at a variety of universities. Early in her career she realized the transformative impact that college and a college experience can have on others and dedicated her life to higher education and to what it can mean to students, families, and communities.



From 1999 to 2010, Karen served as the vice chancellor of student life at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis leading the institution to developing a robust campus life that supported students success and graduation. In 2010, Karen was recruited to become the 16th president of Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania. Leading that University to meet its mission and serve the region with excellence and distinction. Since 2018, Karen has served in a variety of leadership capacities and is a consultant and advisor to college presidents and leaders throughout the country.

Karen has served on a variety of boards including board membership on a rural community college, a community development board in metropolitan Indianapolis, various community based boards and organizations dedicated to the public good, and currently serves as the president of her homeowners association in Brownsburg Indiana.

INTERVIEW - KAREN WHITNEY

Why are you running?

I am running for Indiana House of Representatives District 28 seat because our community needs a fresh perspective to solving old problems.

I am here to listen, learn and lead. I am committed to creating new and better state policies. For instance, Hoosiers need an approach to state spending that will work to make west central Indiana even better for great lives and livelihoods.

If elected, what would be your top priorities going into office?

The broad areas that I will first address are: Smart Government. Jobs. Education. Health Care.

How do you feel about the current state of Indiana legislation? What, if anything, would you change?

I feel that the current state of Indiana legislation is in over-reach. Hoosiers need a legislature that has two political parties who work together. To ensure great lives and livelihoods throughout the state, legislators must arrive at the very best ways state government can listen to and serve the people.

Education seems to be a hot topic in legislation. What are your thoughts on the current state of Indiana's education, and if elected what plans do you have to help?

As a retired college president and someone who has spent over 40 years as an educator, I can say with complete certainty that the current state legislative approach to education shows a lack of trust, if not an outright contempt, for educators and educational leaders.

This must stop and the state legislature, as well as the Governor, should embrace, respect and consider educators, educational leaders and our schools, colleges and universities as true partners in the future growth and prosperity of our state.

What are your thoughts on term limits and why?

I support term limits for state representatives and state senators. The state constitution expressly indicates that our legislature should be a citizen legislature and not a body populated by career politicians. When elected I commit only serving up to 8 years. I do not think anyone should serve in any position for more than 8 years.

What changes do you think need to be made in the parts of Hendricks County that you would represent, and how would you go about making them?

I love Hendricks County; it's my home. Today I am a regular citizen and I want to listen to the people of Hendricks County and come to learn and understand what they love about our community and what they most want improved.

Once I am grounded in what the people want, I would consider what role the state should take in partnership and with respect to the other governmental organizations that comprise the community. Knowing what the people want and knowing which organizations are best positioned to make things happen is how I would go about bringing people together to get good work done.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I am not a politician. I am a leader and educator who cares deeply for my state and my community. I have fresh eyes, an open mind and heart and a willingness to work hard with others who believe the people of this state deserve smart government that works for them. Bottom line, I get things done and work with others in ways that builds community and belonging.



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 40

Brian Paasch - R
Robert Pope III - D
***Gregory E. Steuerwald - R**

BRIAN PAASCH-R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

Brian Paasch and his family settled into a suburban neighborhood in Hendricks County the summer of 2000. While many fellow Hoosiers had the great fortune of being born here in Indiana, the Paasch family made the choice to flee the crazy land of California, do a cross country migration, and are now happy adopted Hoosiers. Brian served within the Hendricks County organization of Republican Precinct Committeemen from 2003 through 2021 when he stepped away from that due to government overreach during the COVID situation. Brian continues to participate in conservative thought groups in Hendricks County. During the COVID situation which began in late 2019, we Hoosier citizens got a harsh, personal life-lesson on what it is like to live under a government determined to control us, We the People. In sharp contrast to our government's violation of us, Brian offers himself to genuinely serve his fellow Hoosier citizens and uphold our State and US Constitutions!



INTERVIEW - BRIAN PAASCH

Why are you running?

The reason I am running is basically COVID. I have a bit of a background in medical science and I was really quite surprised with the government's reaction at COVID.

I reached out to my state representative with some concerns and he would not engage. I realized that Indiana state government is pretty out of touch with us citizens, We The People, and maybe we need to get some fresh blood in there.

What would be some of your biggest goals going into office?

Right now the parliamentary rules favor giving... a lot of the procedural power to the Speaker of the House. And I think that's part of the problem, the disconnect between our representatives and us the people.

The acronym is CCLA to work on, changing those rules so our representatives have more responsibility, therefore more accountability, in terms of what is being pushed through in terms of a legislative agenda.

What is your position on term limits and why?

I actually don't care for term limits. But my feeling is it's a lazy solution to a challenge that we all face as citizens. We need to be engaged in the election process.

Education is a hot topic amongst legislation, how do you feel about Indiana's state of education, and what would you do to change it?

Looking at the numbers that I've been seeing is that the funds going into education have been continuously going up and the performance scores are continuously going down. And they really fell off a cliff during COVID I don't think anybody should be surprised at that with the lockdowns and the masks. Lots of lots of people were saying this is gonna be really bad for the kids. And the government didn't care. And the kids really got beat up. One thing I want to do is make sure parents have as many education opportunities as possible to them. If the government schools are not getting the job done, then parents need to know okay, 'what are my options if the government schools aren't getting it done? What else can I do realistically?'

How would you ensure your voice is heard amongst all the other representatives?

One of the things I have learned in my careers is collaboration is critical. And so finding like minded legislators getting in there will be a first priority for me, finding other legislators who really are concerned about their voters really concerned about the people really following the rules of the Constitution.

What changes do you think need to be made in District 40?

Going back to COVID, I would watch some of the things that emerge from that in terms of the forced vaccinations. I guess they weren't forced. I lost a job because I wouldn't do the vaccination. Some would argue well, you had a choice you could either get vaccinated or lose your job. And so that's technically a choice, and I don't think that's a reasonable argument.

I think my fellow citizens need some protection against being coerced into doing things that they don't want to do. We have some protections in the workplace now, but obviously, there's some gaps and there's been some advantage taken of the workers.

What qualifies you?

That's really up to the people to decide, but what I can bring to them is a familiarity with various industries.

ROBERT POPE III-D STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

Robert Pope, a U.S. Army combat veteran and twice elected Avon Town Councilman and Council President, stands out for his exemplary leadership and economic stewardship. During his tenure, Robert has played a pivotal role in bolstering Avon's local economy through strategic initiatives that fostered job creation and business development.



Now running for State Representative, Robert's platform emphasizes education and affordability. Because education is the cornerstone for personal progress, he advocates for robust investments in Indiana's educational system to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive without the need for local property tax referendums. While our Statehouse leaders have been more focused on culture wars than actually serving the people of this community, Robert is committed to working for you by reducing healthcare and living costs, recognizing the financial strain many Hoosiers face.

With extensive experience in military and civilian leadership roles, Robert brings a unique perspective to the table. Driven by a deep sense of duty and a passion for making tangible improvements in people's lives, he embodies the values of service, integrity, and commitment to a better future for all Hoosiers.

INTERVIEW - ROBERT POPE

Why are you running?

Just to bring about new fresh leadership to the State House for this community. I think 20 years of one person being in that role is not it's not conducive with democracy.

The most important thing I think about why I'm running is the supermajority.

What qualifies you?

I'm of age, I'm a resident. Those are the legal qualifications, right? I don't know that I'm any more qualified than anybody else. But I think that's my humility. That's just my nature. I think my service to my country is one of the things that put me in a position to be a good, valued person to run into that seat.

But definitely my time on council has probably been the most valuable part that makes me qualified to run.

What would be your top priorities?

First and foremost is public quality education. Modifying the state funding for public education across the state. I really want to push for a fight for state funded pre-k.

The other side is, I think a lot of Hoosiers are very concerned about healthcare costs and living costs. I have some policy ideas that we haven't yet fleshed out, so I'm not ready to share them quite yet. But I want to focus on improving public quality education and lowering health care and living costs.

What is your position on term limits?

I think personally, I'm in favor of it. I think there's pros and cons to each view as there are with most issues. But I don't like seeing someone who is in the same elected position for multiple terms.

We've seen a precedent set when President Washington stepped down after two terms.

You would be representing 1 of 100 districts. How would you ensure your voice is heard amongst all the other representatives trying to do the same?

I'm a fighter. I love my community. Anything I love I'm willing to fight for and I'm very confident that while I might be in the minority I will be able to accomplish things that will make the lives of not only my community residents, but across the states lives' better.

What specific changes do you think need to be made in District 40, and how would you go about them?

We definitely have quality public education. So I'm not necessarily trying to change the quality of that. But the fact that because of the state funding model, this community has to go to a referendum to meet those high quality education needs shows to me that something is broken.

What I want for all Hoosiers, which is the role that I'm trying to step into, I want to mimic the successes we've had here in Avon and Plainfield across the state.

If elected, would you continue to work with local municipalities?

I'm kind of excited for that opportunity. We looked into it, there was only like six or seven state lawmakers, both chambers, that have ever been elected previously to the local level.

I think anybody who drives in Indianapolis right now will recognize one major problem. Potholes. Avon has some of the best roads in the State - from a maintenance standpoint.

Reclamite... it's this oil substance, we spray it on our roads. It's like lotion for your skin.

What if we add lotion to that road... it extends the life.

It's things like that, that I've learned that I'm really excited for not only my district, but for the state of Indiana to have somebody with that experience.

GREGORY STEUERWALD-R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 40

Greg Steuerwald resides in Avon with his wife, Christy. He has three grown children: Joshua Garver, D.D.S., Jordan Lee, and Adam Steuerwald, J.D. He is a partner at his law firm, Steuerwald, Witham and Youngs, LLP.

Prior to attending law school, Steuerwald utilized his Master of Criminal Justice degree by serving as a probation officer for two years. While attending McKinney Law School, he served as an intern in the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office.

At the Statehouse, Greg is a leader on criminal justice policy. He authored the law providing the foundation for a revision of Indiana's criminal code, which had not been revised in over 30 years. The new code provides for certainty in sentencing and keeps the most violent offenders in prison longer. He also worked to tighten the loopholes in the state's sex registry to ensure offenders report any changes in address or appearance to local authorities. In 2021, Steuerwald authored HB 1006 to fund increased training for Hoosier police officers and much needed improvements to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Greg has been named Legislator of the Year multiple times by Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council, Indiana Sheriff's Association, and Indiana Chiefs of Police.



INTERVIEW - GREGORY STEUERWALD

Why are you running again? What are some of your top priorities if re-elected?

Indiana is a national leader in criminal justice reform and with the support of law enforcement, we've taken a smart-on-crime approach that focuses on reducing recidivism, holding violent offenders accountable, and increasing mental health and addiction supports. However, more work remains to be done.

I want to continue focusing on these key issues and others including addressing Indiana's mental health crisis and the negative impacts of illegal drugs like fentanyl pouring in through our nation's southern border. In talking with Hoosiers and employers alike, it's also clear that we have more work to do to lower the out-of-control costs of health care.

What is your position on term limits and why?

During the 2024 legislative session, I voted for House Joint Resolution 3 in support of term limits. I believe reasonable term limits could help our nation avoid the partisan gridlock and runaway spending that we continue to see in Washington, D.C.

Education seems to be a familiar topic amongst legislation, what are your thoughts on Indiana's current state of education? And what, if anything, would you do in the realm of education, if re-elected?

We know that about half of all jobs require some training beyond high school and that number continues to grow. To help expand our workforce pipeline, we've made tremendous progress in providing more pathways for students to pursue career training or industry-recognized certification while still in high school.

This session, I also supported legislation to expand work-based learning opportunities so more students can obtain certificates and certifications, and be better prepared to enter the workforce. I want to build on this momentum so that all students have an opportunity to choose a pathway that sets them up for success upon graduation and beyond.

You would be representing 1 of 100 districts. How would you continue to ensure your voice is heard amongst all the other representatives trying to do the same?

I'm fully committed to representing the voices and values of our district at the Statehouse. The needs of House District 40 and Hendricks County are always top of mind when I approach issues or bring legislation forward.

I'm committed to maintaining meaningful relationships all across our district, so that we can tackle issues together, find common ground when needed and support policies that make our area of the state an even better place to grow a family or business.

What changes do you think need to be made in District 40 and how would you go about making them?

Our community is not unlike other growing communities that face unique challenges. To ensure we remain on the right track, I think it's critical that we continue working together to support strong schools and families, infrastructure improvements, and public safety efforts.

What makes you the right person for the job?

I've worked hard to build a reputation and record of supporting our state and community. Whether it's working with the Indiana Department of Transportation to install a new stoplight on Rockville Road to help our fire department or leading efforts to invest \$90 million into the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, I enjoy rolling up my sleeves and bringing people together to solve problems.

It's been a tremendous honor to represent our community at the Statehouse and I want to continue to build on our successes.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 57

***Craig Haggard - R**

CRAIG HAGGARD-R STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 57

Craig Haggard graduated from Mooresville High School in 1987 and Hanover College in 1991. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on May 25th, 1991. Craig was an AV8B Harrier Aviator and served in the Marines until January 2000. He then transitioned to an active-duty position with the Indiana Air National Guard. Craig flew F16 Falcons out of Terre Haute and was the Commander of the Air to Ground Range at Camp Atterbury. Craig retired in June of 2013 as a Lieutenant Colonel.



While serving in the military from 2001 to 2012 Craig led humanitarian groups to a small mountain village in central Mexico. He raised funds, handled logistics, operations and personally led all the groups to Calnali Hidalgo Mexico. On these trips the groups poured concrete floors, built homes, made improvements to community health, held medical clinics, and worked with local schools with supplies and repairs.

Also, during this time, he held leadership roles on the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church and was Trustee for 3 years. While serving with the Friends of Calnali group and Church duties Craig helped with many local charitable projects.

After retiring from the military, he joined the not-for-profit National Rifle Association Foundation as the Indiana Field Representative for the next 6 years. During his time with the NRA Craig personally raised funds and over saw the Indiana grant process which gave away just over 4 million dollars to Indiana residents. The grants supported the Boy Scouts, 4H, Safety training, School Shield programs and many other worthy causes.

Craig is the current State Representative District 57 and currently resides in his hometown of Mooresville with his wife Brooke and his children.

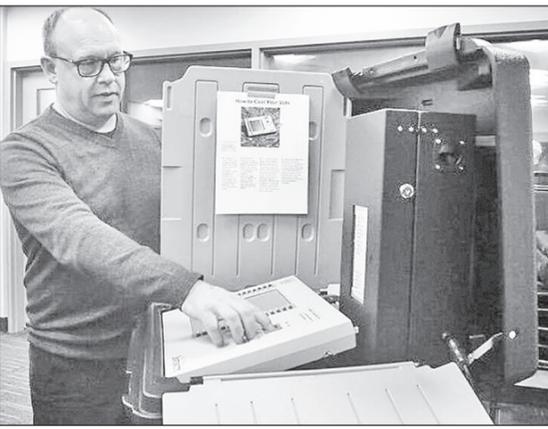


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In 1845, Congress decided that voting day would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.



Voting machines; how secure are they?



Steve Shamo, Sales Representative for MicroVote General demonstrates important aspects to the voting machine.

By Melissa Gibson

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Early voting has begun and on occasion, questions arise surrounding the voting machines used, if they are reliable and why Hendricks County has chosen the current system.

The process and efficiency of voting has changed dramatically in a fairly short period of time and steps have been taken to ensure security, confidence and reliability on the system currently used.

Steve Shamo, sales representative for MicroVote General said the company currently services 56 counties in the state of Indiana and though the county technically owns the equipment, Shamo is one of the leaders in the process to secure the machines.

“There are at most five credible voting system manufacturers. We’re one of the smaller ones but have had a large presence in Indiana and have been around since 1984,” Shamo said. “We’re the oldest manufacturer in the country and have been supplying Hendricks County with voting machines for more than 29 years.”

Shamo said it wasn’t that long ago that votes were being counted by hand and some smaller locations were still putting beads in a jar and weighing the jar to determine a winner.

Regardless of how it was done in the past, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, ensuring people with disability had the same access to voting as all individuals, seems to have been the beginning of major changes seen in the voting system and how it works today.

The Republican looked at a few common beliefs or misconceptions surrounding voting machines and asked

Shamo for answers based on his years of experience.

Q: Why not use some of the more modern touchscreen models in voting machines?

A: The tricky thing about voting machines is, they are only used six times over four years. The machines sit. So, we have to look at durability and make certain the machine will work on any given day.

At one point, everyone thought the touchscreen was the way to go, but based on how the machine is activated, each name on the ballot doesn’t have an isolated location. If you pushed this candidate and it read another, that’s a defective screen. We chose to put buttons on the side to isolate each location and eliminate human error or screen error.

Q: How confident are you, that voting machines are secure and accurate?

A: Like the sun comes up every morning. The federal certification process has become more and more elaborate over the years. There is independent testing lab certification on every machine. Some states require an election assistance certification (EAC), as well as pre- and post-election cybersecurity sweeps (PECS) that confirm the integrity of the system. We’ve also implemented the VVPAT Solution which secures a paper trail in a locked ballot box and gives the voter a chance to see the vote they’ve cast before closing out their final votes.

Each year, four, randomly selected audits are done post-election to once again, validate the security of the system.

The checks and balances are extraordinary. Prior to 1998 the checks were okay, but not perfect. Then it migrated to testing at a construction level, like testing a toaster. Today, it’s tested against surgical room testing; as in, 100 percent, zero failure rate potential. I don’t know of any other state outside of Indiana that has taken things to the level they have for audit ability with a program called VSTOP.

Q: What does VSTOP do?

A: Elections used to be ran through the clerk’s office and more and more states now have a specific election office. When you get into term limits, you have a person working a few elections and once they really get into the wheelhouse, they leave and a new person comes along.

VSTOP certifies people in elections through the Certificate Program in Election Administration, Technology and Security (CEATS) due to the amount of work that has increased in the past 10 years. They also test machines for unique, Indiana scenarios. The machines go through the federal lab testing and then it goes to VSTOP for specific Indiana voting and is approved by the Indiana Election Commission.

Q: Is there any way I could alter the results or tamper with the machines?

A: Let’s just say you were able to retrieve the 3,000

lines of code and 500,000 lines of code used in the machines, along with a list of candidates and you know where each appears on the ballot. Then, you have access to the equipment you want to alter and then have the ability to alter the central software and make it non detectable.

Each machine generates a random ID number and anything that touches it, that number has to move forward with it, so you’d need that number too. The scale of what’s being suggested just doesn’t make sense. No one person would have all the tools needed.

In addition, nothing in the voting machine can be connected to the internet.

Q: Is the current system just like an odometer?

A: No. In fact, the system retains each and every ballot individually. I can print out totals by precinct or by summery, but I can also print every single image of how a specific voter voted. Federal requirements say it has to be



The voting machines in Hendricks County have undergone extensive testing for reliability, accuracy and security.

retrieved in a random order, so I can’t say I want the first voter in for today and pinpoint which one that is, but I can see every ballot individually.

Q: Why not use paper ballots for everyone?

A: There’s a general perception that the paper ballot would be more reliable, however, we actually want to use as little paper as possible because it allows for human error. When filing a paper ballot, the voter makes a selection and a secondary piece of equipment reads the ballot.

We have to make sure those two pieces fit perfectly. If I have a piece of paper and feed it into the scanner, the machine is interpreting what I entered. For instance, if I made a change or didn’t darken my selection well, the machine could make a potential error. The most available technology is attempted to be applied if it makes things more efficient but are we to a point where the evolution of technology is not trusted for the task?



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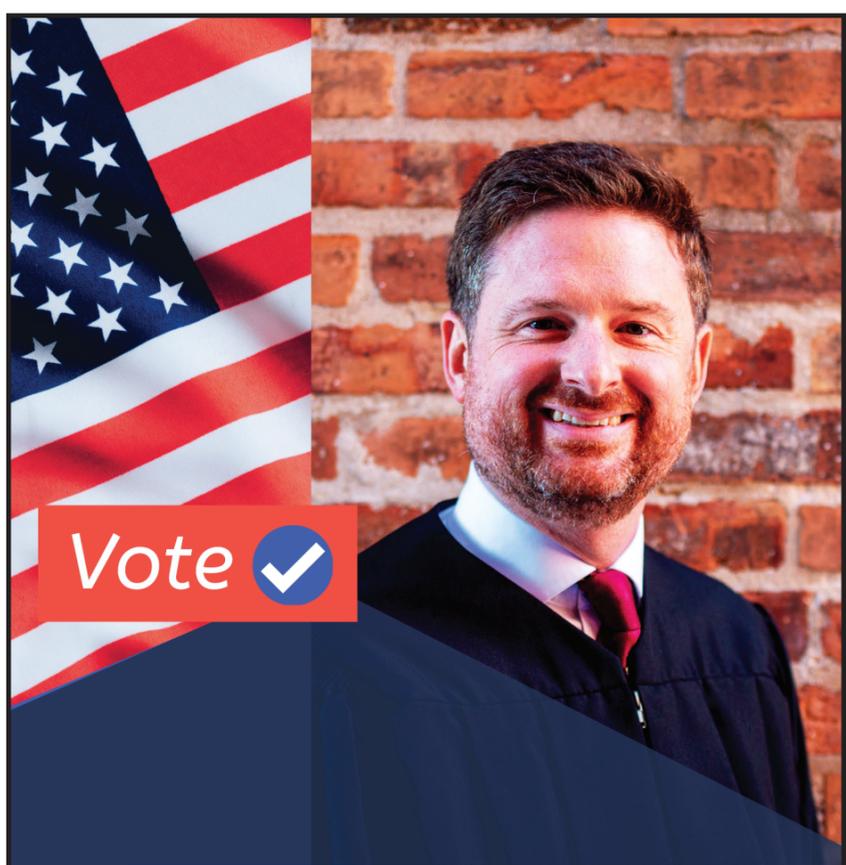
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The County Auditor: Is fiscal officer of the county, files the county treasurer's report, and presents to county commissioners monthly. The Auditor is a watchdog of county funds. Also: Performs duties of the clerk during meetings of the County Commissioners and County Council.

The County Treasurer: Shall receive money to which the county is entitled, and shall disburse it on warrants issued and attested by the county auditor. Also: May keep the money found on dead people (in certain circumstances) and may sue the coroner for money found on dead people but not reported to the Treasurer.

The County Clerk: Is the record keeper for all county level court cases, oversees and conducts all elections, issues marriage licenses, and processes child support judgement and probation payments. Also: Must complete 15 hours of training in the first year and 40 hours of training within three years.

U.S. President: Term is four years. Two term limit. The President is the head of state and head of government of the United States of America. The President directs the executive branch of the federal government and is the commander-in-chief of the United States Armed Forces.

U.S. Senator: Term is six years. No term limits. A U.S. Senator belongs to the legislative branch of government. Each state is represented by two senators, is typically seen as the more deliberative and prestigious body of the legislature.

U.S. Representative: Term is two years. No term limits. A U.S. Representative belongs to the legislative branch of government, is known as the "people's house", is meant to be a body that reconstitutes itself every two years to bring in new ideas and not stagnate.

The County Coroner: Shall investigate deaths reported to office, observe, photograph and document scene of death and body, interview witnesses. Also: Coroner serves arrest warrant to county sheriff when legally directed to do so. And, performs the duties of the county sheriff if sheriff is incapacitated, or if sheriff has no chief deputy to perform duties.

County Commissioners: 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.

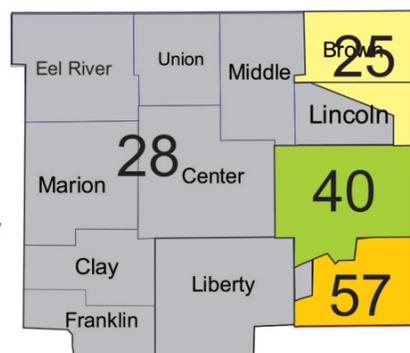
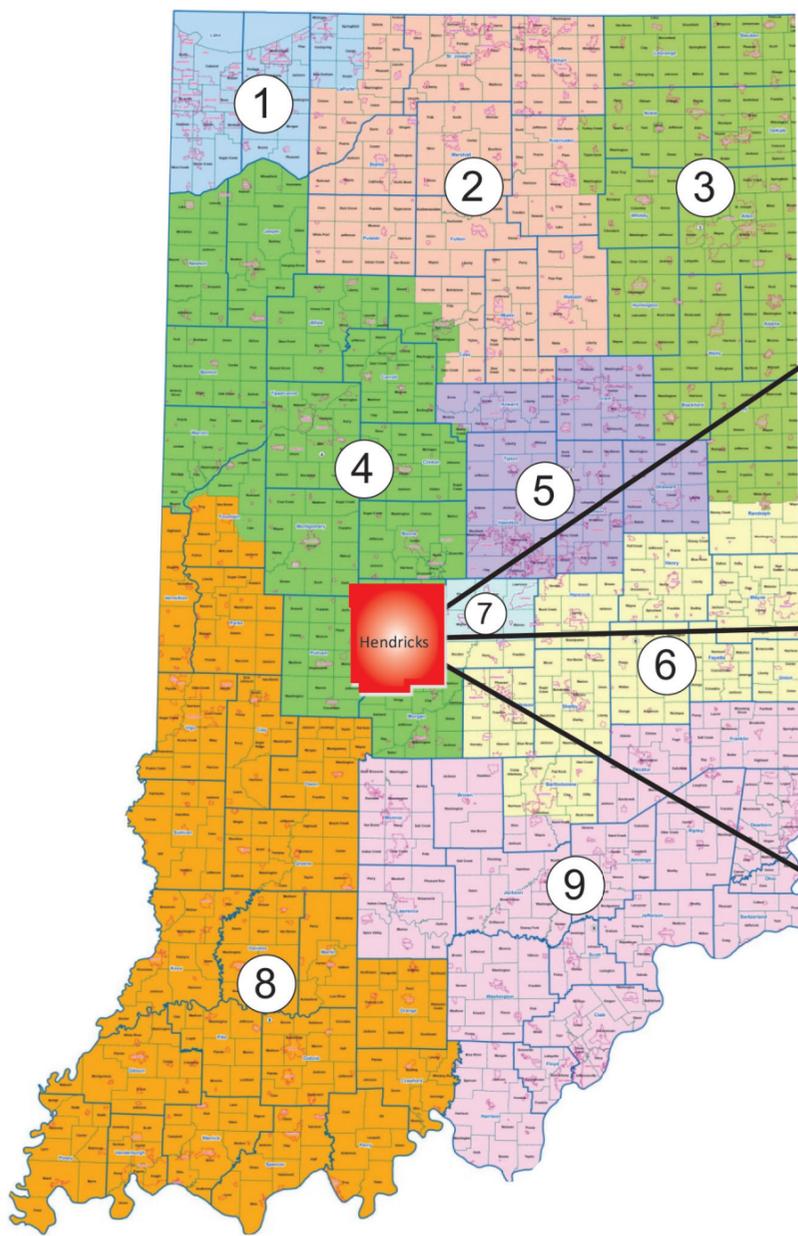
County Council: Is the fiscal body of the county, has the ultimate decision-making power regarding county fiscal affairs, sets priorities for allocations and expenditures of county funds, approves and fixes annual operating budgets of all county offices. Also: Establishes wages for all county employees.

Two term limit for constitutional offices (clerk, sheriff, auditor, treasurer and recorder). Each term is four years. No term limit on other offices.

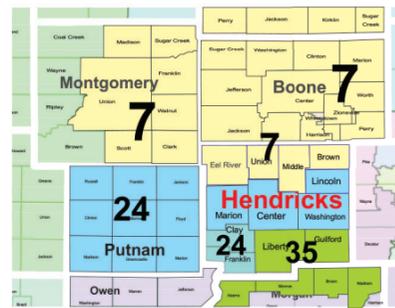
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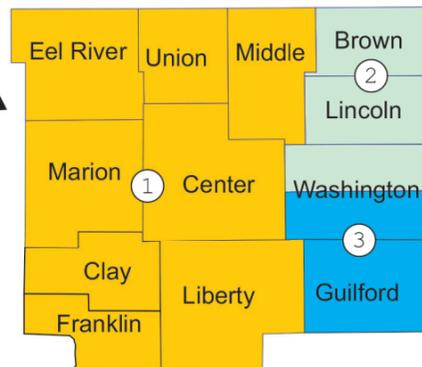
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ELECT JUDGE SCOTT KNIERIM

Superior Court 1

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Former Officer in Indiana National Guard
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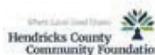
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WAYS TO VOTE

Find a voting location

to find a voting location go to www.co.Hendricks.in.us or indianavoters.in.gov.

Election Day ANY LOCATION

Polls are open on Election Day, May 7, 2024 from 6:00am – 6:00pm

By mail as an absentee voter

Request an absentee ballot **by April 25th, 2024, by 11:59pm.** at indianavoters.in.gov; call 317-745-9249. Return it by mail, deliver it to the voter registration office, by 6:00pm Election Day

In person before Election Day

Any Hendricks County qualified voter can vote early at the Hendricks County Government Center starting April 9th, 2024. Learn more 317-745-9245 or www.co.hendricks.in.us

EARLY SATELLITE VOTING

Beginning April 17, 2024, satellite voting locations will be available in Avon, Brownsburg, Danville and Plainfield Wednesdays and Thursday's from 2:00pm to 7:00pm Fridays and Saturday's from 10:00am to 2:00pm

TRAVEL BOARD

If you are a confined voter, you can request to vote by travel board. Travel board is a bi-partisan team that will bring your ballot to you. Call Voter Registration office at 317-745-9249 or visit www.indianavoters.in.gov

VPD VOTER MEANS

as an individual who is unable to independently mark a paper ballot or ballot card due to blindness, low vision, or a physical disability that impairs manual dexterity. Indiana Code IC 3-5-2-50.3

Email: elections@co.hendricks.in.us call 317-745-9249 OR Visit: www.indianavoters.in.gov

Be aware there are deadline to register to vote and to vote, please visit: www.co.Hendricks.in.us or call 317-745-9249 or Email elections@co.Hendricks.in.us

DEADLINES

- April 8, 2024**, deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration
Every time you move, you must update your registration
- April 25, 2024**, deadline to request an absentee application to vote by mail
- April 29, 2024**, deadline for voter registration office to receive a FPCA from an absent - uniformed or overseas voter to process as a new or updated voter registration application
- May 4, 2024**, deadline to vote at a Satellite voting location
- May 6, 2024**, at NOON for voter registration office to receive an absentee application request by travel board
- May 6, 2024**, at NOON to vote an early absentee ballot in person (at Hendricks County Government Center)
- May 7, 2024**, at 6:00pm all voting locations will close

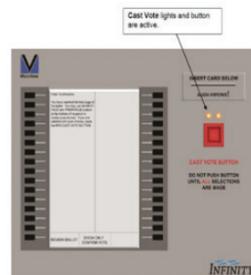
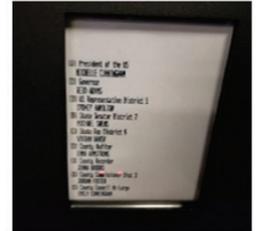
TO VOTE ON A VOTING MACHINE

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



Verify your votes before you cast your ballot.

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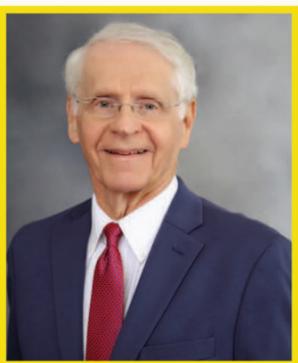


Press the **RED CAST VOTE** button once you confirm the candidates you selected are correct.



HESSON COUNCIL

RE-ELECT



REPUBLICAN

Larry R.

HESSON
HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

I am dedicated to maintaining the spirit of cooperation within county government and with other government units in Hendricks County. My experience as a council member has been valuable in helping make the best use of the limited funds available to the county. I will continue to assist efforts to attract additional employers in order to expand the tax base and keep property taxes low. I will participate in the ongoing lobbying efforts for funding for expenses incurred due to mandates from the State.

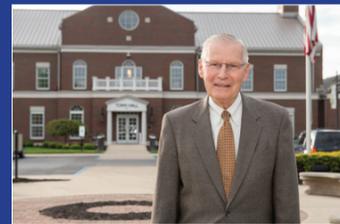
In my years of experience on the Council, I have had the opportunity to serve in several capacities in support of county government and particularly Hendricks County. I have been one of three elected county officeholders in the state serving on the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and have testified a number of times before General Assembly committees. I have served on the Executive and Legislative committees of the Association of Indiana Counties, where I am on the board of directors and past president.

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For Hendricks County COMMISSIONER

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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.

VOTER ID GUIDELINES



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

If you get to the polling place without photo ID, you will have to vote on a provisional ballot and provide your photo ID to the election board by Noon May 16, 2024

Acceptable forms of identification

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

- Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university (see www.indianavoters.in.gov for those accepted)
- 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!*



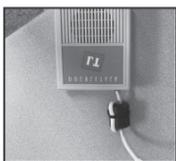
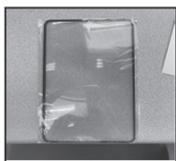
ACCESSIBLE VOTING

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.co.Hendricks.in.us 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 for assistance.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

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, may need to provide additional documentation.

QUESTIONS

Visit the following to find out more:

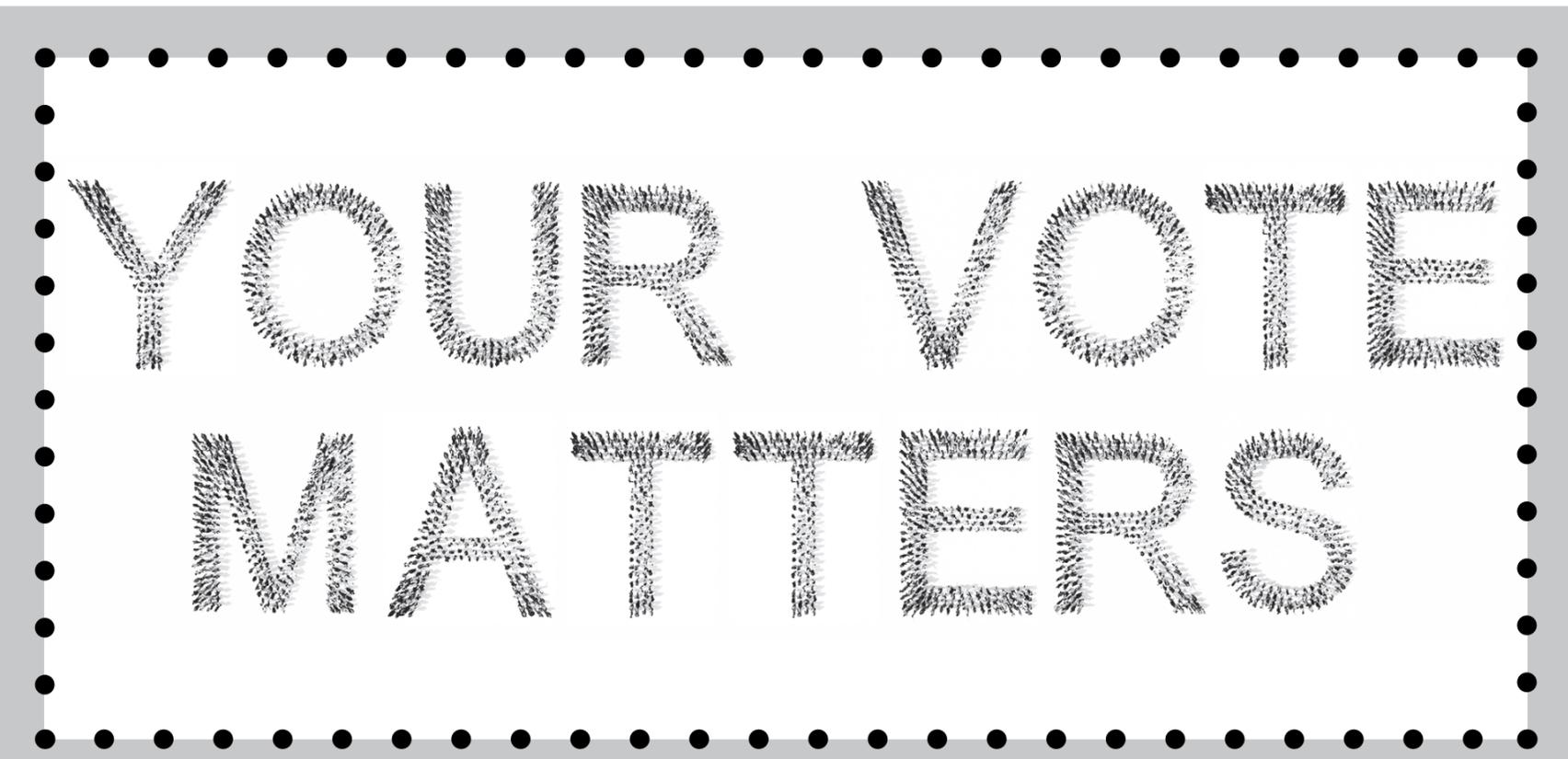
- www.indianavoters.in.gov,
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- www.vote411.org
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to find more information about registering to vote, to see who is on your ballot, candidate bios, how to vote, how to check to see if your ballot was 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.**



COUNTY

HENDRICKS COUNTY - SUPERIOR COURT 1

Joshua D. Adair - R
Jeremy Eglen - R
Scott Knierim - R
Kathryn M. Kuehn - R

JOSHUA D. ADAIR-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT 1

Joshua Adair was appointed Magistrate Judge for the Hendricks Superior Courts in September of 2022. Magistrate Adair was selected by the current elected Judges of the Hendricks Superior Courts to preside over Hendricks County's small claims, eviction, proceeding supplemental and criminal initial hearings. In addition, Magistrate Adair serves on Hendricks County's Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC).



Magistrate Adair's legal career began at the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office where he conducted many jury and bench trials while overseeing the juvenile docket and prosecuting felony offenses in adult court. This experience put him in the courtroom multiple days per week and helped him develop a deep respect for Judges and their decision-making process.

Magistrate Adair left the Prosecutor's Office for Private Practice where he learned to manage client expectations and worked on a variety of case types including family law, estate planning/guardianships and civil litigation. He also served as a public defender in both felony adult court and in CHINS (Child in Need of Services) Court.

Magistrate Adair's extensive legal background, as well as his judicial experience as a Magistrate Judge, uniquely qualify him to effectively serve Hendricks County as Judge of Hendricks Superior Court 1.

INTERVIEW - JOSHUA ADAIR

Why are you running?

Since I was appointed as magistrate in September of 2022, I've really been able to see how the courts impact people's lives. I feel like I've learned a lot of how the community reacts and what they need.

If I am elected, I will bring new ideas to the table that may have not been discussed

Why is Superior Court 1 the best fit for you?

I do feel like my experience and my background has led me kind of all along the way to get to this point. I'm a former prosecuting attorney. I was a prosecutor for about six years. I then switched and did some public defender work.

I've drafted wills I've drafted trust. I've litigated issues related to that and that's currently what the court handles. I'm also very adaptable in the fact that the courts allocation or how the courts handle their cases can change at any time. If Superior Court 1 ever received any criminal matters, I obviously have that prosecutorial background as well as defense background.

What characteristics would make you a good judge?

I do believe that the way I conduct my court and how I try to hold myself in general is that that they feel as if they were treated fairly and that they were heard. And I think that that's what I can bring to the table.

How would you ensure fairness in your court?

What I want to be able to do, if I am elected is that again, that both attorneys will know that I'm going to apply the law fairly, and I'm going to apply the facts to the law.

I'm not going to let any outside influence or anything like that determine my decision. One way that is consistency in my decision making. If the attorneys can know what to expect going in and know what they need to do, I think that helps the entire process.

How would you handle conflict of interest?

If there's even a question of that, I'll make sure to get off those cases, because at the end of the day, fairness is what I seek to display in everything that I do.

What would you contribute to the community?

I just completed the Hendricks leadership County I was class of 2023. I love to get involved in nonprofits. I've been on boards of nonprofits. I go to church regularly.

Another way that I can show that I have gotten involved in community, when it comes to my eviction cases I let a nonprofit come into my courtroom - Family Promise of Hendricks County.

Not only legally they can point to different attorneys and things like that, but they offer options if you are getting evicted. They can offer clothing, they can offer temporary housing they can offer all these different items.

What would be your goals as judge?

When you talk about the mental health court, I think that is one of the biggest things that I can do to try to help this community.

At the end of the day people are suffering from mental health issues. A lot of them are asking for help, but they don't know how to get there. Unfortunately, as a judge, we typically don't interact with these individuals until something's happened.

Ultimately, if we can create a system that reduces recidivism, and get them help, then the community as a whole is better.

JEREMY EGLEN-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT 1

Jeremy Eglen has practiced law in Indiana since 2003. He worked first at Digonex Technologies in downtown Indianapolis, and opened his own practice in Avon in 2014 focusing on small business, real estate, and probate estate. A native Hoosier, Jeremy graduated from Terre Haute North Vigo High School in 1996. Traveling north, he graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Computer Science



in 2000. Finding New England not to his taste, he went to law school at the College of William & Mary, graduating in 2003.

Jeremy served as the Avon Town Judge from 2020-2023, and on the Avon Board of Zoning Appeals from 2014-2019. As Avon Town Judge, Jeremy ruled on cases involving traffic infractions and ordinance violations.

In addition to working at his law practice, Jeremy has been an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Software engineering at Butler University since 2009. He presently teaches Computer Ethics and has taught Robot Programming in the past.

Jeremy lives in Avon with his wife, Karen (who teaches 5th grade music at Avon Intermediate East), 3 children (Jonah, Ruth, and James), 4 cats, and 2 dogs. The outnumbered humans in the family attend Plainfield Christian Church.

INTERVIEW - JEREMY EGLEN

Why are you running?

I have been successful as both attorney and judge, and combined with my desire to serve, I believe being a judge is my purpose.

Why do you feel Superior Court 1 is a good fit for you?

Superior Court 1 presently handles all of the probate cases in Hendricks County.

My solo practice started in 2014 with a focus on small businesses, but quickly expanded to include real estate and estate planning.

Superior 1 also does civil torts and some family law cases, both areas I have experience in.

What do you think is the most important skill of a good judge, and how would you embody that?

Justice Steven David, who retired from the Indiana Supreme Court in 2022, wore a wristband which said "The Rule of Law Always". I believe that slogan means that a good judge does everything in their power to uphold the rule of law -- even (or especially) when it's inconvenient, contrary to what the judge wants to happen, or personally painful to the judge.

Have you always wanted to be a judge?

My mom always thought I would be a good judge, but I wasn't even sure I wanted to be a lawyer until I was in law school. However, my interest in becoming a judge specifically began when I got to act as a judge several times in mock trial competitions and it felt right to me the way I imagine that a bird feels flying after walking on the ground.

How would you ensure fairness in court?

My first step to ensuring fairness is to realize that I'm human and I bring all the flaws of that humanity with me to the bench.

My second step is to remember that upholding the rule of law always requires the application of the law equally, and does not permit a judge to bend the law to fit his own preferences.

The last step is to strive for continuous improvement, and never be satisfied that I have achieved a state of enlightened fairness.

What about conflicts of interest, how would you handle those?

If a conflict existed, I would recuse myself from the case in accordance with the Rules of Judicial Conduct.

What would you contribute to the community?

Education is critical, and I would try to reach out to the county's schools, from elementary school to high school, to find opportunities to educate our young people.

What are the biggest changes you think need to be made to our judicial system?

On the criminal side of the law, we need to do better with mental health resources and solutions.

On the civil side, we need to ensure better access to justice for small business owners. "Access to justice" is a term that means "ability to seek justice in a court."

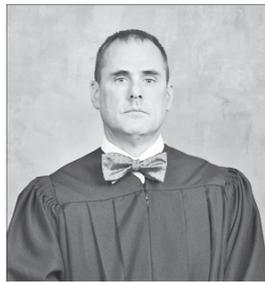
What would be some of your biggest goals, if elected?

I think I'm uniquely equipped to look forward and see not only the potential changes coming, but also understand the underlying technology.

I would very much like to see Hendricks County on the forefront of legal decisions involving technology, potentially through a specialized court or a subdivision of our current commercial courts. Delaware maintains much of its relevance in business through its corporation laws. Indiana has similar business-friendly laws, and if we could combine that with legal expertise in new technology, we could potentially make our state and county more attractive to high-tech businesses.

SCOTT KNIERIM-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT 1

My name is Judge Scott Knierim. I have lived in Plainfield for over 20 years with my wife Erica, and our three children. For over 21 years I have practiced law, starting out as a Deputy Prosecutor, and then moving on to owning my own law firm. I have practiced in almost every facet of the law, including 50 Jury Trials.



I am currently the elected Judge of the Plainfield Town Court. In that capacity I run the Court, conduct trials, issue orders, and make judicial decisions in a variety of cases. I am a former Officer in the Indiana National Guard, and current member of the American Legion. Given that experience I would like to explore the creation of a Veteran's Court for Hendricks County. This would allow our Veterans a specialized court to assist with their issues in the criminal justice system. I am a past President of the Hendricks Count Election Board. I am a member of the Rotary International Club. Additionally, I have taught Legal Research and Civil Procedure as an Adjunct Professor at Ivy Tech State College. I would appreciate your vote for Judge of Hendricks Superior Court 1.

INTERVIEW - SCOTT KNIERIM

Why are you running?

I want to run to make sure that we have a judge that is experienced in Superior Court 1.

The other thing I'd really like to do is look into creating a veterans court. I'm a former officer in the National Guard. I think I'm uniquely positioned in order to do that since I think I'm the only candidate that has any type of military experience.

Tell me a little bit more about Superior Court 1 and why you think this is the best fit for you.

I think it's the best fit for me because I have over 21 years of experience in a wide variety of legal concerns.

I'm the Plainfield Town Court judge so I conduct trials, I conduct hearings, I issue warrants, I issue no contact orders. Everything that a Superior Court Judge is going to do, I do right now.

Aside from your background in law, what skills would you say make you qualified to be a judge?

I would like to think that being a resident of Hendricks County for over 20 years, I've seen how this community wants its judicial system to be.

You can't lose sight of the fact that Superior Court 1 would not be my court, Superior Court 1 is the court of Hendricks County, the people of Hendricks County.

If you are elected, aside from sitting on the bench, what will you do for the community? I'd like to be involved. One is the veterans court. That has to pair in with the VA, which we have in Brownsburg.

I'm a member of the American Legion. I'm a member of the Rotary Club. And as a judge, I'd like to be visible in those organizations to show that the judiciary is involved with the community.

How would you ensure fairness in your court?

I think it's taking a step back and making sure that you look at everybody and all the issues involved.

You can't get the big head and think that you know everything. I think it comes with a dose of humility, added with responsibility knowing that the judgments that you're making are important and have real world consequences.

What about conflict of interest, if something like that arose how would you handle it?

I do this now, what we just have to do is make sure that you are looking at the fine points of what is going on in your court. If you have anything that even looks like a conflict of interest, you get out of it.

You mentioned a little bit about the veterans court, what would be some of your other goals?

I think we need to make sure that the people have two things when they come in. They want to be heard. So I think we need to make sure to listen to the parties that come in so they can feel that the justice system is working for them. Secondly, I think we need to move things in expedient manner.

What do you think some of the biggest changes that need to be made to our current judicial system would be?

I think we are going to have to look into how a county the size of ours is dealing with the amount of cases coming before the court. We are a county of I think 165,000 people, now. We're going to have to look at it that we are now administering justice to a broad range of people. We have to do that in a transparent way to make sure that people have the access to know what we're doing and how we're doing it.

KATE KUEHN-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT 1

I am Kate Kuehn, and I am on the ballot for Judge in Superior Court 1. I am a 1985 graduate of Plainfield High School. I have been practicing law for twenty-five (25) years as of October 2024. My law office is located in Danville, and I help my clients with Wills, Trusts, Estates, Guardianships and Adoptions. I also work as a Guardian Ad Litem for persons who are unable to advocate or speak for themselves due to young age or poor health. I serve as President of the Hendricks County Pro Bono Program and am also a member of the Character and Fitness Committee for the Indiana Board of Law Examiners.



More specific details about my professional and personal background can be found at www.kuehnforjudge.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kuehnforjudge. My contact information can be found on these pages as well for anyone with questions or wanting more information. There will also be several events before the primary to meet me and the other candidates in person. All judicial candidates are Republican. The May primary will determine who will become the next Judge in Superior Court 1. Vote May 7, 2024! Thank you for considering me!

INTERVIEW - KATE KUEHN

Why are you running?

I chose to throw my hat in the ring, because it was Superior Court One. I've been practicing, it'll be 25 years in October, and this is the court where I am at.

When I learned that Judge Freese was retiring, I didn't really honestly initially think oh, I need that spot. But when he retired, I started getting calls saying, you know, 'Is this something that you're considering? We think it's something you should consider.'

How do you expect your job as attorney to differ from the role of a judge, if elected?

When I'm practicing right now, I have a client. In those situations, I have a client and I am an advocate for my client. I am on their side, I guess would be another way to say it.

Not that I don't look at the other side. I have to be a good attorney and advise my clients the right way. But I pick a side.

When you are a judge you do not do that.

How would you ensure fairness in your court after years of picking a side?

You have to look at both sides. I think you have to realize that when you are a judge, you don't have that client beside you. So I don't know that it would be difficult.

What challenges do you anticipate may come with becoming a judge and how would you overcome them?

Judges have a lot of challenges. When I think of myself and being in the courtroom and being in front of different judges, I think one of the challenges is making sure that the people that are in front of you are heard.

I think as a judge, one of the biggest challenges is making sure that you're hearing all the sides and being able to get that information. Our courts have a really good program right now for younger children or elderly people it's called the guardian ad litem program.

They are appointed to be the voice they're appointed to make sure that these people are protected and that their voice is heard.

Aside from sitting on the bench, what role would you say a judge plays in the community and how would you contribute to that?

You have to have the appearance of impartiality. So I would think that even being a judge being in the community would be a difficult thing.

If I had someone that was a good friend of mine that I spent time with that was a lawyer, they would not be able to be in my court. And so I think when you are a judge, you have to make sure that you maintain that impartiality at all times.

COUNTY

HENDRICKS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT III

Brad Casselman - R
Travis Crane - R
***Ryan W. Tanselle - R**

BRAD CASSELMAN-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT III

Brad Casselman seeks the Republican nomination for Judge, Hendricks Superior Court 3. As a Deputy Hendricks County Prosecutor, Brad has the expertise to be an effective Judge. He has a reputation as a strong, fair prosecutor. Brad's relationship with law enforcement provides insight needed to address growing problems such as those associated with the opioid epidemic. As Judge, Brad will apply his knowledge and the court's tools to enhance our community's safety.



Brad graduated from Wabash College and IU McKinney School of Law. Brad worked as legal intern for the Indiana State Police and the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office where he subsequently has served for 11 years, handling major felonies and overseeing the work of other deputy prosecutors, including Superior Court 3 cases.

Brad resides in Danville with high school sweetheart, now wife, Dr. Ceciley (Starkey) Casselman and their two daughters. Brad has deep Hendricks County roots; parents, Bob & Beth Casselman, in-laws, Mike & Karen Starkey, are Brownsburg HS grads and current Brownsburg residents. Starkey Farms is a seventh-generation enterprise.

Community engagement includes Leadership Hendricks County, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 132, Danville Rotary, Phi Delta Kappa, Hendricks County Community Foundation Grants Committee and Mary Queen of Peace Church.

INTERVIEW - BRAD CASSELMAN

Why are you running?

I've seen over the course of more than a decade as a prosecutor the great impact our courts have on our safety and quality of life. I will bring the legal knowledge, experience, and accountability to the bench necessary to ensure a fair and efficient court.

Why do you feel like Superior Court 3 is a good fit for you?

I've spent most of my career as a prosecutor assigned to Superior Court 3, and I have handled a variety of other cases including murder, so I am well prepared for the current caseload and any future cases that might come to Superior 3.

What qualifies you to be a judge?

Fairness, integrity, and a lifetime of being raised to treat everyone with respect and civility.

What do you think is the most important skill of a good judge, and if elected how would you embody that?

In school you're taught to "read critically." As a judge, you need to be able to listen critically.

During my time as a prosecutor, I've seen the outsize effect that our courts have on our community. As an attorney in court, one of the most important factors in analyzing a case is "what will the judge do?" The judge of the court sets the standard from which the attorneys practicing in that court must work.

How would you ensure fairness in your court?

I will make sure that all parties appearing in Superior Court 3 have the opportunity to be heard and that their rights are rigorously defended by following the law and court precedent to reach a fair resolution to every case.

How would you handle conflict of interest?

Judges and attorneys are governed by the Judicial Canon and Rules of Professional Conduct. I would follow these rules to the letter, and would strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

What would you contribute to the community?

I'm currently a member of the Fraternal Order of Police - Lodge 132, the Danville Rotary Club, Phi Delta Kappa, Leadership Hendricks County, and the Hendricks County Community Foundation Grants Committee, as well as Mary Queen of Peace Church.

I will continue to give back to my community through these and other organizations. I also believe that the juvenile court in particular can be more active in preventative and outreach efforts in our schools. I intend for the court to be more involved with outreach efforts in our local school systems and would invite those schools to collaborate on outreach and education efforts.

What are the biggest changes you think need to be made to our judicial system?

Our courts need to be accessible to all and should render justice accurately, quickly, and efficiently. Particularly in the last few years since covid, there is a huge backlog of cases, and people wait months or years for a resolution to their legal issues. I would work diligently to get rulings and orders out quickly, and would be flexible in setting hearing times so that parties can get to court in a timely manner to resolve their issues.

What would be some of your biggest goals, if elected?

To ensure and improve public confidence in our justice system, particularly in juvenile cases. We have many youth in need of court intervention, and while the reasons behind that vary widely, one common factor is the lack of accountability and proper direction. I would provide both.

TRAVIS CRANE-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT III

Coming from a challenging upbringing marred by poverty, addiction, and domestic violence, my journey to Hendricks County Superior Court 3 is characterized by perseverance. As the sole family member to graduate high school, I understood early on the transformative potential of education and accountability for one's actions.



Clerking for a federal judge provided me with a profound understanding of the legal system. My commitment to community service led me to work as an attorney for the neighborhood Christian legal clinic, emphasizing my dedication to justice.

Having served as a prosecutor for both juvenile and adult cases in Hendricks County, I navigated the complexities of our legal system, gaining insights into diverse legal matters. My current role as Deputy General Counsel at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy involves teaching criminal, juvenile, and constitutional law to Indiana police officers, bridging the gap between legal theory and law enforcement practice.

These varied experiences, from overcoming adversity to instructing law enforcement, uniquely prepared me for the role of judge. Grounded in empathy and fortified by legal expertise, I am ready to bring fairness, experience, and accountability to the bench in Hendricks County Superior Court 3 as the Juvenile Court Judge.

INTERVIEW - TRAVIS CRANE

Why are you running?

I am running for judge in Superior Court 3 because I genuinely believe I can make a real difference. Having grown up in circumstances similar to many of the kids and families navigating the legal system, I bring a unique perspective.

Tell me about the Superior Court you are running for. Why do you feel this is a good fit for you?

Superior Court 3 plays a crucial role as the court presides over the juvenile and Child in Need of Services (CHINS) cases relating to family and youth legal matters. My legal background, including prosecutorial experience, and personal lived experiences uniquely qualify me for this role.

With deep insights into legal intricacies and a firsthand understanding of family challenges, I will bring a nuanced, firm, and compassionate approach to Superior Court 3. My comprehensive perspective enables me to effectively balance accountability with empathy in the way in which I will approach cases from the bench.

What do you think is the most important skill of a good judge, and if elected how would you embody that?

I believe the most important skill of a good judge is unquestionable integrity. If elected to Judge of Superior Court 3, I will exemplify integrity by upholding moral and ethical standards in my personal and professional spheres, fostering transparency, impartiality, and an unyielding dedication to the principles of justice.

How would you ensure fairness in your court?

If elected, I would ensure fairness in my court by consistently adhering to the law as it stands, separating personal beliefs from legal interpretation. I would prioritize weighing evidence and assessing witnesses based on legal principles, fostering an environment where the rule of law prevails over subjective opinions. This commitment to objective judgment and adherence to legal standards has been shaped and reinforced by my time at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

What about conflicts of interest, how would you handle those?

As a judge, I would approach conflicts of interest with the utmost transparency and integrity. I would promptly identify and disclose any potential conflicts, recuse myself from cases where impartiality may be compromised, and ensure that all parties involved are aware of the steps taken to address the conflict. Maintaining the public's trust and upholding the integrity of the judicial process would be my top priorities in handling conflicts of interest.

Aside from sitting on the bench, what other things would you contribute to the community?

My commitment to building a better community will extend far beyond the bench. If elected, I'll continue serving as a youth leader at our church, offering guidance and support to young individuals. Additionally, my involvement in the Lions Club in Plainfield enables me to actively engage in community service projects and initiatives. I'll also continue to participate in Men in Action programs and a men's prayer group at Cabin Coffee. As the doors open, I will seek other meaningful ways to make a positive impact in the community.

What are the biggest changes you think need to be made to our judicial system?

Some potential changes to improve our judicial system could include enhancing access to legal representation for underserved communities, implementing technology for more efficient case management, and promoting ongoing education for judges to stay up to date on evolving legal challenges. Additionally, encouraging transparency and public understanding of legal processes could increase trust in the judicial system. I honestly believe that it is essential to engage in thoughtful reforms that balance the pursuit of justice with fairness and accessibility.

What would be some of your biggest goals, if elected?

If elected judge, my primary goals would involve holding youth accountable for their actions, recognizing that rehabilitation is most effective when coupled with accountability. I would focus on devising creative, individualized, and impactful penalties to encourage behavior change. Additionally, I would address the circumstances under which an officer can immediately detain a juvenile involved in a violent crime or when a parent is a victim. Furthermore, I'd work toward balancing both parent and youth accountability to implement strategies to reduce recidivism within the juvenile system.

RYAN TANSELLE-R HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT III

Judge Ryan W. Tanselle is Judge of Hendricks Superior Court 3 and has served as Judge since November 1, 2022, after his appointment by Governor Holcomb. Tanselle, as Judge of the juvenile court in Hendricks County, works to ensure that the children and parents in his court have timely and better case outcomes. Judge Tanselle works to improve the lives of children in Hendricks County through efforts to expand the Youth Assistance Program. He serves on the Juvenile Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana.



Prior to becoming a Judge, Tanselle was an attorney, a significant portion of his practice in Hendricks Superior Court 3 representing parents and children alike. Tanselle also gained experience as in-house counsel and compliance officer for State Bank. He graduated from Tri-West High School, Indiana University for his B.S., and Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis for his law degree.

He served as Director of the Hendricks County Community Foundation from 2016 to 2023, including Board Chair from 2021 to 2022. He was also a member of the Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Brownsburg Public Library Board, in addition to serving in other community-focused roles. He is married, has two children, and resides in Brownsburg.

INTERVIEW - RYAN TANSELLE

Why are you running?

I was appointed by Governor Holcomb on September 30 of 2022. . . It was something that I had also absolutely considered doing.

And so it was a unique opportunity to become a judge without having a campaign first. And so why do we want to keep doing it? Because we're doing good work, and I want to keep doing the good work.

Why is Superior Court 3 a good fit for you?

I know the court inside and out. I am the Judge. I've been doing it since November 22.

None of the candidates that I knew of who had applied, in my opinion, knew Judge Love's court the way that I did.

What characteristics make a good Judge, and how do/ would you embody those?

Judge Love was very patient. She was very careful to let everyone say what they wanted to say. She was careful to be sure that everyone had an opportunity to be heard.

She was careful that when she lost her temper, that she would cool off before letting it show or before acting out. She would walk away from the situation and that's one thing I get now.

Judge Love was very careful to listen to when you were making an argument that you passionately believed in. She was careful not to just dismiss you. I've incorporated a lot of that.

Are there any new goals you have if elected?

I would explore whether it's worth it for us to go back in to JDI. It is a worthwhile program but it's also a large commitment.

I want to look at our juvenile delinquency process as a whole. It's time for us to take a review from the time that an officer makes a decision to detain a child or not to detain a child, all the way through to the end.

What are some of the biggest changes you think need to be made to the judicial system?

I think one of the biggest challenges the judicial system overall is facing is a lack of trust. I think some of that's been sown by the various events we've seen over the past couple of years.

I'm in the process of posting my court's calendar online, which sounds like a little thing, but it's one step toward transparency.

Another challenge that we've had is trying to be sure that you have open access to justice, which is a really lofty phrase, but trying to be sure that people have an opportunity to be in court.

Even though I said that I brought us back to in-person court, Zoom is a tool and there's a definite time in place for it. I've already updated our technology setup with the help of our IT people, this was not all my idea. But we have a very robust Zoom setup in our courtroom.

How would you ensure fairness in your court?

I distinctly remember one of the first times. . . I went in front of a different judge where that judge didn't wholeheartedly adopt one side's position one way or the other. And he said, I give you a little bit of what you want. I give you a little bit of what you want and give you a little bit of what you want. I felt seen. I felt heard.

Making that little acknowledgement, I think, gave my client a little bit to hold on to. It wasn't just a walk off home run or a total victory for one side. And so when it's appropriate, I do try to do that.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1881, Anthony Beranek of Chicago patented the first voting machine appropriate for use in a general election in the United States.



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HENDRICKS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IV

***Mark A. Smith - R**

**MARK A. SMITH-R
HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT IV**

My name is Mark Smith. I am the presiding judge in Hendricks Superior Court 4. I am running for my fourth term in 2024.

I have always had a heart for public service. I really enjoy serving as a judge. Every day seems to bring new opportunities. Just when you think you've seen it all, something new and different appears.

Attempting to separate the emotional baggage that people bring with them into court from what's really driving the case is always a challenge. Historically, the toughest part of this job for me are cases when children are being harmed, whether by abuse or ongoing, consistent parental conflict.

I believe my greatest accomplishment as a judge has been creating the county's first drug treatment court. Treatment Courts attempt to resolve cases via a holistic approach which includes addressing substance abuse, employment, housing, and family issues. Our program is a 2-year, 5 phase model where we prioritize improving public safety through a reduction in recidivism and lowering incarceration costs by focusing on long term treatment.

My wife and I have been married for 35 years. She and I have 2 adult children and 1 grandchild. Together we enjoy spending time with my family, boating, and trying new restaurants. I also like fishing, reading, and working puzzles.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Hendricks County and am looking forward to continuing as judge in 2024 and beyond.



HENDRICKS COUNTY AUDITOR

**Sherri Spurlock - R
Ann Stark - R**

**SHERRI SPURLOCK-R
HENDRICKS COUNTY AUDITOR**

Sherri Spurlock is ready to be your next Hendricks County Auditor.

As a lifelong resident of Hendricks County, residing in Danville, she is a loving mom of three outgoing daughters and two dogs, with a passion for serving Hendricks County with integrity, transparency, and efficiency.

With over 20 years of experience in banking, real estate, and community engagement. She has also volunteered for various local & county organizations, such as the Danville Girls Softball League, Danville Chamber of Commerce events, and Hendricks County 4-H Fair & Youth Council.

As the current county cartographer, she creates parcels and updates maps within the county, using geographic information systems (GIS) and other tools like Beacon. Other duties include working closely with taxpayers to file their deductions, transferring deeds, and verifying legal descriptions. All while working closely with Attorneys, Surveyors, and Engineers.

With excellent leadership and experience, have your vote make a difference. Elect Sherri Spurlock for your next county Auditor.



INTERVIEW - SHERRI SPURLOCK

Why are you running?

I am running for Auditor because I was born and raised here and raised my family here. I have watched it grow and develop and would be proud to be part of its future.

How would you define the role of the Auditor, and what makes you the best fit for this position?

I would define the role of the Auditor as a keeper of records—for example, preparing monthly financial reports, filing deductions, and creating parcels. I would be an excellent fit for this position because of my 20 years of experience in banking and real estate and working for the auditor's office.

If you're elected, how would you ensure things get done efficiently?

If elected, I would be assertive in getting reports done promptly. In a way, you would be a checks and balance system of sorts.

Would you feel comfortable in those situations where you may have to turn things down?

Yes, I have no issue with turning things down

What would some of your goals be as Auditor?

One of my goals as the Auditor would be to educate taxpayers on deductions. This could be done through real estate brokers, veterans, and high school business classes.

What steps would you take to ensure the budget is done correctly?

I would ensure the budget is done correctly by following the state Board of Accounts guidelines.

**ANN STARK-R
HENDRICKS COUNTY AUDITOR**

My name is Ann Stark and I am running for Auditor of Hendricks County. My husband and three children have been remarkably supportive of this decision. My family's involvement with the county has, until now, consisted of playing sports, coaching recreation leagues, and attending church. This position will be a positive addition to that involvement.

I have worked in the Auditor's office for nearly six years in a variety of positions that educated me in the processes of calculating and distributing property taxes, accounting, and my current position of payroll. My BS degree in Human Services Management will benefit me in the role of managing employees as well as developing relationships with other leaders in local government.

My goal as Auditor is to be dependable, wise, and transparent. I intend to be a dependable resource for town leadership and bridge the gap between county offices and town councils with steady communication. I will be judicious in budgeting and making decisions on spending taxpayer's money. I promise to hold my office to a high standard with the taxpayers, providing support and education to taxpayers.

These reasons are why you should vote Ann Stark as Auditor in the May election.

INTERVIEW - ANN STARK

What do you do in the auditor's office now?

Right now, I am the payroll administrator.

How long have you worked within the office?

It'll be six years in March.

How would you define the role of the auditor and what makes you the best fit for this position?

The auditor, besides making sure that everyone's money is spent how they said that they are going to spend it, they make sure that the claims are correct.

They assign tax deductions on property taxes, payroll, and we also transfer ownership for properties, as well as making sure that all of the auditor's books and treasurer's books balance.

I think that I have the education. I know how to use Excel and I know how that system works. I have to have access to it for payroll. So I think that I'm already efficient at all of that stuff. I already know how to pull the reports and how to do the checks and balances.



HENDRICKS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT V

***Stephenie LeMay Luken - R**

**STEPHENIE LEMAY-LUKEN-R
HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT V**

Judge Stephenie LeMay-Luken has served as Judge of Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 since its inception on January 1, 2007. Before that, Judge LeMay-Luken served as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Hendricks County. Judge LeMay-Luken was a prosecutor for 12 years.

She is a graduate of Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and Ball State University. Judge LeMay-Luken currently serves as the Chairperson for the Court Personnel Committee and a member of the Judicial Administration Committee for the Indiana Office of Court Services. She is a member of the BMV work group in conjunction with the Indiana Office of Court Services. Judge LeMay-Luken also serves as a judicial member of the Coalition for Court Access and Self Help work group.



HENDRICKS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

***MARJORIE PIKE - R**

**MARJORIE PIKE-R
HENDRICKS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

My name is Marjorie Pike and I am a candidate for Hendricks County Clerk. I am a member of the Association of Indiana Circuit Court Clerks as well as a member of the Association of Indiana Counties. I have gained a great deal of knowledge of the Clerk's Office operations and am looking forward to continuing to provide the citizens of Hendricks County the best possible service in providing access to court records, assistance in case filings, marriage licenses, voter registration and child support help.

I began working in the Clerk's Office in 1999. In 2005, I was appointed in a supervisory position as First Deputy Clerk and maintained that position until 2015 when I was appointed as Chief Deputy Clerk and in 2020, I was elected as Hendricks County Clerk and currently hold this position today.

In 2016, I received and Outstanding Deputy Award from the Association of Indiana Circuit Court Clerks and I have attended many trainings and conferences gaining substantial knowledge throughout my years in the Clerk's Office.

I have over 24 years of experience working in the Clerk's Office and I would appreciate your support and vote in 2024.



I know sometimes in the auditor's office, things can take a little more time than people may intend. If you're elected, how would you ensure things get done efficiently?

The relationship that the auditor has with the council members is tight because the council has to keep tabs on all the finances so anything that the council wants to do the auditor has the ability to say this is why that would work out and this is why that would not work out. So I think yes, it could take a while to get things done, but you also have a chance to stop things before they get started, if it's not a good idea. You have a chance to say let's push this forward because it is a good idea.

In a way you would be a checks and balance system of sorts. Would you feel comfortable in those situations where you may have to turn things down?

I don't know every member on the council, but I've met them all in passing at least. I used to be very intimidated by all of them just because they have that elected status. So I was a bit nervous but when I applied for a job a while ago, I got to sit down and actually have a conversation with them.

And what I'm sensing from them is that they are just trying to do what's good for the county. They may have different ideas of how to do that, but we're all there for the same reason - because we want to make it better.

What would some of your goals be as auditor?

I think my goal is to just strengthen the relationships between the county and all the towns because right now I think everyone's kind of left out on a lot of information.

What steps would you take to make sure the budget is done properly?

I think the important part is when they meet for the budget meetings, you're going this is how much you spent last year. This is how much we want to budget for the next year.

You spent that money last year, how did that benefit Hendricks County?

I think that's my number one goal. Are we helping people? Are we benefiting people? Or are we hurting people?

HENDRICKS COUNTY TREASURER

***Dawn Mayhood - R**

**DAWN MAYHOOD-R
HENDRICKS COUNTY TREASURER**

Dawn Mayhood, Hendricks County Treasurer, has distinguished herself as a civic leader with over twenty years of experience serving Hendricks County.

She began her leadership journey in the Treasurer's office in April 2003. Having gained the experience and knowledge of various duties and responsibilities, Dawn was promoted to the position of Office Manager in 2008. Being recognized for her accomplishments and abilities, Dawn advanced to the position as Chief Deputy Treasurer in 2017. After the retirement of her predecessor in June of 2022, Dawn was caucused into her current position as the Hendricks County Treasurer.

Dawn is a member of the Indiana County Treasurer's Association and Association of Indiana Counties. Dawn currently volunteers her time as the Treasurer for the Hendricks County Republican Women. Dawn also is a member of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women as well as the National Federation of Republican Women.

Dawn Mayhood is a leader - leading with honesty, integrity, and equality. Dawn's goal is to ensure the fiscal future of Hendricks County by striving for excellence while investing in the future.



HENDRICKS COUNTY CORONER

Daniel M. Chubb - R

**DANIEL M. CHUBB-R
HENDRICKS COUNTY CORONER**

My name is Daniel Chubb (Dan), a resident of Hendricks, County and I reside in Brownsburg, IN. I am announcing my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Hendricks County Coroner in the May primary of 2024.

I have resided in Brownsburg for 12 years along with my wife Renee and our granddaughter Sydney. We are members of Your Venture Church in Pittsboro. I'm active in the men's ministry as well as co-leader of the Venture Restore ministry.

My work history includes 22 years as a firefighter/paramedic with the Brownsburg Fire Territory, holding many ranks prior to retiring in October 2016. My career with the Hendricks County Coroner's office began in 2013 as a deputy coroner, and I have spent the last 6 1/2 years as the Chief Deputy Coroner. On December 23, 2021, I started full-time at the coroner's office.

I obtained my RN license in 2017, and in addition to being a RN, I am also an MDI (medicolegal death investigator) with the State of Indiana since 2013. I also have an extensive background and training in Fire /EMS, Hazardous materials, emergency preparedness, and hazard mitigation.

For questions, contact me on my cell phone. 317-438-7566 or email me at chubbforcoroner@gmail.com.



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COUNTY

HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT II

*Dennis W. Dawes - R
Eric C. Shotwell - D

DENNIS W. DAWES-R HENDRICKS CO COMMISSIONER- DIS. II

My wife, Yao-Hsin, and I have lived in Brownsburg for fifty years. We have two adult boys and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I worked at Hendricks Regional Health for forty years and served as President/CEO for thirty eight of those years before retiring in 2012. I attended Taylor University for my undergraduate studies and attended IU School of Medicine for my graduate work in healthcare administration.



I am the incumbent County Commissioner, District 2. I serve on the Hendricks County Regional Sewer District Board and the Hendricks County Drainage Board.

I was appointed by Governor Holcomb to the Indiana Public Health Commission to study the public health system in Indiana. I am Chairman of the Indiana Donor Network. I am on the Life Centers board.

I am a member of the Brownsburg Rotary Club. I serve on the Elder Board of our church and participate in Men's Bible Study Fellowship.

INTERVIEW - DENNIS DAWES

Why are you running?

I am the incumbent Commissioner for District II and I am running to continue working on several things that have begun during my first term.

What makes you the most qualified?

I have been a Commissioner for four years and know the staff and departments at the county including the judicial and law enforcement personnel. I think this gives me an edge on someone else running. I also have been involved in the Association of Indiana Counties and the Association of County Commissioners.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

I want to see the Comprehensive Plan update completed and used as a guide for the continued growth we are seeing in Hendricks County. I encourage our schools to continue the good work they are doing in education and move forward with the preparation of young people who are the future leaders that hopefully will come back to Hendricks County to work and live.

Do you know of any plans for the western part of the county? If so, what are they, and how do you feel about them?

There are several things underway for the western part of Hendricks County. One of the needs on the west side of the county is for EMS/FIRE services to become full-time paid services.

There is a large housing development/golf community that will be locating in the southwest part of Hendricks County. All of these projects are good projects and will be good for the county.

We just saw with the wind farms that commissioners can play a powerful role when it comes to development. How do you feel about things like windmills and renewable energy? And what position would you take if such a proposal came across your desk in the future?

I am against wind farms being developed in Hendricks County. With that said I am not against renewable energy. We are currently working to update the Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances that address all issues related to development like this.

The county is one of demographic diversity. If elected, how would you support those in favor of new developments, while still listening to those opposed of such changes?

There is always the need for new developments and the county should always take into consideration what the Comprehensive Plan and County Ordinances require when approving or disapproving development.

Diversity should not be a part of considering approval or disapproval of a development and to my knowledge that has not occurred.

How could you ensure that you are not letting state funding persuade how you make decisions for the county? Or would you?

With any funding outside the county be it state monies or federal monies or other types of grants there are always requirements that come with accepting those monies. So the challenge is do you want to accept the money because you know the requirements or not.

If elected, how would you contribute to effectively working with the other local municipalities?

After retiring from Hendricks Regional Health where I worked for forty years, I was elected to the Brownsburg Town Council where I served for six years before I was elected as a County Commissioner. All of these years of experience I worked very well with all of the municipalities in the county. I know most of the people working in the various municipalities. Plus the county has interlocal agreements with most of the large towns which spell out working relationships.

ERIC SHOTWELL-D HENDRICKS CO COMMISSIONER- DIS. II

Eric Shotwell is running for Hendricks County Commissioner for District 2 in the upcoming November 2024 election.



As a 30-year Brownsburg resident, he has supported local schools and community organizations as a mentor, coach, and referee for hundreds of young people in Hendricks County.

Retired from Eli Lilly, his knowledge of IT and engineering systems resulted in a successful global process improvement project for international engineering teams. Imagine how these leadership, problem-solving, and team-building skills can improve the effectiveness of our County Commissioner team.

In our county, voters are concerned that a single party dominates our local elections. As voters become concerned about voting rights, equitable treatment for all, and many other community needs, they increasingly demand a choice of candidates who represent diverse perspectives.

I am proud to represent the Democratic Party of Hendricks County: I will demonstrate my qualifications for office based on

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HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT III

Lorena (Trilby) Berry-Tayman - D
Brad Whicker - R

LORENA (TRILBY) BERRY-TAYMAN-D HENDRICKS CO. COMMISSIONER-III

A resident of Hendricks County for 17 years, Trilby has a BS in Administrative Management with a minor in Marketing from Maryville University in St. Louis, MO. Arriving in Hendricks County in 2006, and quickly getting involved to serve including the Oriole Advocates, Library Board, and Hendricks County Alliance for Diversity to name only a few.



She is currently the President of the Washington Township Library board and President-Elect for the Avon Rotary. Service to our community is top on the list of how she helps and has been for years. The County needs a fiscally responsible individual that sees the oncoming growth as an opportunity for change while maintaining the standard of living that makes Hendricks county strong and healthy.

INTERVIEW - TRILBY BERRY-TAYMAN

Why are you running?

I'm running so that our county is better represented to reflect all the different types of people of which we are made. Our county is growing and our decisions about the growth of the county needs to change and grow as we do.

What qualifies you?

My qualifications are my unique experiences with all types of people within Hendricks county and without. I'm acquainted with people of different histories and demographics. As we change, we need someone that is in touch with people and is also in the know about how the county works.

In your mind, what do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

I want a county that recognizes the changing landscape. In doing so, we can better help take care of and protect our citizens' needs.

Do you know of any plans for the western part of the county? What are they, and how do you feel about them?

I see the western part of the county fumbling towards falling into whatever voice can grab the controls without the community knowing the course. I want to make sure the county's plan for the expansion/protection of existing properties is planned responsibly.

We just saw with the wind farms that commissioners can play a powerful role when it comes to development. How do you feel about things like windmills and renewable energy? And what position would you take if such a proposal came across in the future?

First, do I think we have to look for alternative energy sources, yes. Secondly, do I think the county should have an organized plan of how and who can implement these sources, absolutely.

Regulation should exist as to where renewable energy producers can "stake their claim". Similar to urban sprawl, windmills and other sources should be considered with a blanket placement then follow with a case by case basis as to how, where and when such things can be implemented, if at all.

Hendricks County is demographically diverse. If elected, how would you support those in favor of new developments, while still listening to those opposed?

As we grow, we often have to work with towns to make a cohesive community.

Will new houses be built, yes. Can we control how dense the houses are per acre, yes. I'm all about development but understand it needs to be done responsibly and with consideration of neighbors and the community.

How could you ensure that you are not letting state funding persuade how you make decisions for the county? Or would you?

State funding has its own agenda. I am not persuaded by money. If the funding helps with decisions we make for our county, well then, I'd apply to receive it.

Our agenda should be county driven, not state driven.

How would you contribute to effectively working with the other local municipalities?

The county needs to be cognizant of not only what the local municipalities are doing but help make decisions for them and us, both.

Staying in touch with the other entities and knowing what they are facing/planning is crucial to making our county a diverse cohesive body. I know entities have tried to be liaisons to other entities but it seems to fall through time and again. As in the past, there have been efforts for entities to meet quarterly. Both these methods are noble and should be looked at again so we can all, at the very least, work towards similar goals that all good for our specific bodies.

BRAD WHICKER-R HENDRICKS CO COMMISSIONER- DIS. III

I am 55 years old, married to Renea Whicker. We have four adult children and two grandchildren. I own and operate Whicker Construction Inc. Whicker Construction's primary focus is up-scale home building and remodeling. I have been in business for 35+ years.



I have served on the County Council for the past 18 years. I also served on the Hendricks County area plan commission for 18 year and served as plan commission president for the past 6 years.

I enjoy being involved in my community & improving for the next generation. I have enjoyed serving on the County Council the past 18 years, proud to have played a small roll in county government.

I look forward to an opportunity to serve as a County Commissioner. Economic development and managed growth will be an emphasis to me, as well improving culture within the county employees, and improving the services the county provides to its residents. I enjoy spending time with my family & traveling with my wife.

INTERVIEW - BRAD WHICKER

Why are you running?

I have served on the County Council for 18 years. I've also served on the Plan Commission for 18 years, of which at least six of those years I have been Plan Commission President.

I clearly understand the inner workings of the county. I have working relationships with the department heads. I am running for Commissioner primarily because I'm intrigued and challenged by the job.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

You're going to have the growth. The growth needs to be balanced and it needs to be managed and we need to be respectful of the you know, the western portion of the county.

I see the expansion of municipal utilities, not to the west but as the county grows you ultimately only grow where you have municipal water or sewer or you know, natural gasses.

So inevitably you will see those slowly expand and that's where the growth should happen.

How would you represent the County's demographically diverse population?

The lion's share of the growth within the county is going to happen within the town of Brownsburg, the town of Avon, the town of Danville and the town of Plainfield.

The county will have some additional growth but nowhere near the amount of growth that happens in those urban areas. And you really want to manage that like you don't want to see you don't want to see spot developments where utilities aren't there.

How do you feel about things like renewable energy and what position would you take if something of the sorts came up in the future?

I was indirectly involved and will continue to be indirectly involved in some capacity with the wind farm petition, because of my role at the planning commission.

First we would hold the public meeting for that zoning change request, but the zoning change requests solely lies with the commissioners.

I would not have been in favor of it based on the outcry of the community.

Would you let state funding persuade your decision making?

The only situation I can think of recently was governor Holcomb. I think the last legislative session provided some significant funding for our health departments. What he's looking at is the health and welfare of the entire state of Indiana is below average.

His motivation is to improve that health and ultimately trying to fund that through monies from the state to the county to expand our health department.

I would say I approach that eyes wide open and ultimately don't know that it's effective. Governor Holcomb wants to improve the health and we'll help him give it a shot, but you're ultimately growing a bureaucratic department with throwing dollars.

How would you contribute to effectively working with the other local municipalities?

I would absolutely, you know, take a common sense approach and if there's there's a need or a situation that arose that we're involved in a town or a township and the county we're going to work together for the betterment of the residents.

And I think there's good working relationships for the most part with the county and other taxing agencies.

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HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL, AT LARGE

- Kevin Basham - R
- Ed Gaddie - R
- *Larry R. Hesson - R
- Nancy Marsh - R
- Joe Walsh - D
- Kim White - D
- *David L. Wyeth - R

LARRY R. HESSON-R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Larry Hesson is seeking re-election to the Hendricks County Council. He and his wife, Madalyn, residents of Plainfield, have two daughters, Elise Smith (Chad), Li-ane McClure (Mark), son Brett Hesson (Ashley), and 8 grandchildren. He is an IU grad, retired lawyer, former Judge of Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, and past Senior Judge.



Larry served multiple years as president of the County Council and 3 terms as president of the Indiana County Councils Association, which named him Outstanding Indiana County Council Member. He is a past president of the Association of Indiana Counties and on its board of directors and legislative committee.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Hendricks College Network and of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority, where he's also treasurer.

He serves on the Hendricks County Community Corrections Advisory Board and has served on the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Larry is a member and past president of the Hendricks County Bar Association and is a member of the Plainfield Optimist Club, where he coached youth soccer for many seasons. He is also a member of American Mensa Ltd. and Central Indiana Mensa.

He can be reached at larryhesson@netzero.net.

INTERVIEW - LARRY HESSON

Why are you running?

I am an incumbent. I served on the council for a number of years. That's been very rewarding and challenging at times.

I am still enjoying doing what I am doing. Still healthy. Still things to be done.

What things do you think still need to be done?

The county needs a garage facility for the highway department. We have been running back and forth on that issue for some months now. That's one thing that I hope we can accomplish in the very near future.

We always have the issue of maintaining roads. We have new roads as the population grows.

What qualifies you?

My experience would be the most important. Before I became a member I was a judge here. Just by virtue of being here. . . I've learned a lot about the county.

What would be your goals?

I think it is a high priority, getting a highway garage. It may sound like a not a big deal, but we're talking about millions of dollars. So that is high on the list of priorities.

I would say at this point that the council and the commissioners historically they've worked well together.

What are your thoughts on renewable energy developments?

Council has no role in renewable energy unless it would be in the form of a tax abatement.

If re-elected, how can citizens trust how you are spending their tax dollars?

I hope they can trust me by virtue. And it is not just me, there are seven county council members

As a resident and potentially an elected official again, what do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

I would hope that we continue to have orderly growth. We will have a continuing demand for infrastructure in unincorporated and incorporated areas.

Are there any administrative functions that you would change?

The council is really not involved in the administration, other than to provide funding to the various offices. Nothing comes to mind.

I will say this. I am proud to serve with the office helpers that we have had. We have been very lucky.

NANCY MARSH-R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL- AT LARGE

Nancy Marsh began her public service as Middle Township Trustee/Assessor where she served the people at the grass roots level offering compassion and caring dignity to those in need and was responsible for the fire protection in Pittsboro and Middle Township.



In 2000 she was elected as Hendricks County Auditor, followed by serving as Treasurer helping taxpayers navigating the complicated property tax system during the housing crash recession. In 2016 she was elected and began serving her third term as Hendricks County Auditor, again tackling the ever changing, diversified duties of serving as a County Auditor.

At the beginning of her career, she embraced her jobs giving her full self to learning and understanding every aspect of her job and local government. She leads with compassion and can always put herself in the taxpayer's shoes to strive to always do what is right, within the law.

Nancy has served in leadership roles in the Auditor and Treasurers' Associations and will begin her term as President of the Association of Indiana Counties in September. With her near 30 year history in local government she gained knowledge and experience about Hendricks County and acts as a valuable resource to her peers as well as to other organizations including the legislature. Nancy was nominated by the State Board of Accounts and was awarded the Outstanding Service in Local Government Award in 2019 and was honored to receive the Arthur R. Himsel Award for her dedication and service in serving County Government in Indiana.

Nancy and her husband Wayne have two daughters, sons-in-law, and four grandchildren.

"The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and alter their constitutions of government."

- George Washington

INTERVIEW - NANCY MARSH

Why are you running?

I have had the honor of serving the citizens of Hendricks County by being elected and serving as Hendricks County Auditor. I have reached my term limit as Auditor and I have more to give with the knowledge and expertise to offer on the Hendricks County Council, the fiscal body.

What qualifies you for the position?

I started my journey closest to the people as Middle Township Trustee/Assessor. After six years as Trustee/Assessor I was elected as Hendricks County Auditor, the fiscal officer of the County.

Serving in these positions has made me knowledgeable and skilled with budgets, levies, tax rates, property ownership, deductions, and exemptions.

What would be some of your top goals going into office?

My top goal is to be a thoughtful steward of the people's money. I want to help educate people to understand the role of the County Council as it compares to the County Commissioners and Town Councils.

What is your stance on things like renewable energy developments in Hendricks County?

I understand that renewable energy developments are important. With Hendricks County being a doughnut county to the state capital, Indianapolis, and with our population density and growth, I believe wind developments would not serve our county well.

Solar developments are also concerning because Hendricks County has some of the richest soil productivity in the state and solar farms completely remove the acreage from farm production. I am concerned about the wildlife, the noise and vibration ramifications, and that unappealing view in our beautiful north west part of the county.

How can citizens trust you with their tax dollars?

In my service as Auditor, I am the comptroller, of the finances of Hendricks County.

While the taxpayers have trusted me with the control of their tax dollars, the Auditor is not a decision maker. In the role of County Council, I will make decisions to the best of my ability, with the information I know, to benefit the citizens of Hendricks County.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County? Would you like to see it grow, to what extent?

I love Hendricks County and want it to continue to flourish. I, in my capacity as Auditor, lived through the housing crash in 2008 and all of the negative ramifications of rapid growth and pressures put on the units of government, especially schools.

Developers promote the positives but it is up to the bodies approving subdivisions to do their due diligence and make sure the infrastructure is in place or planned to be in place to support the growth.

Are there administrative functions in the county that you would change?

In county government, each department is in charge of their own administrative policies for their own specific office. The County Commissioners are in charge of the overall policies that are county wide. The elected offices are, by statute, segregated from each other to protect the integrity of the property tax data. While it is inconvenient to visit more than one office, each office has its statutory duties, by design.

How/if at all, would you work with the other local municipalities? And why is this important?

As I mentioned earlier, I work with every town (12), township (12), schools (6) and libraries (6) on a regular basis. It is important to maintain communication and establish a good relationship with everyone I work with.

As a Council member, I would continue this avenue of teamwork to make the best decisions for the County.

INTERVIEW - KEVIN BASHAM

Why are you running?

I did a lot of volunteer work, a lot of work within the towns. Just always looking to help out, that's the biggest thing. And I've had a lot of people hit me up and say, 'hey, you'd be good at this.'

What qualifies you for the position?

I'm a people person, but I'm always looking like even when I've worked within the town and stuff. I don't like it just my interest, but I look at the entire community.

I really try to have a broader spectrum than just looking at what benefits myself, it's always what is best for the area.

What would be some of your top goals going into office?

The biggest things that I would do is just keep working on the school system.

Public Safety has been a big thing of mine. We always want to look out for our fire and police and EMS and all that. And just look out for the well being of the seniors and everybody that's really planted their feet here and looking out for their families in their best interest.

What is your stance on things like renewable energy developments in Hendricks County?

I am against that right now from the information that I've obtained.

Just like how Hendricks county doesn't allow new house trailers and stuff to be built in the area because it brings down the value of their home. They did the research on that and it's from 18 to 47% is what brings property values down. We don't want that in this area. We want to keep our property values up.

How can citizens trust you with their tax dollars?

I'm used to taking a little bit of money and getting a lot of things done with it and working with communities and so I've got a pretty strong background and making a few dollars go a long ways.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

I want to see good streets. I want to see clean water. I mean just I want us to grow but grow the right way.

I want us to keep moving in a positive direction, keep crime down. Keep I said public safety police, fire, EMS keep all that strong. The schools take care of our teachers.

Are there administrative functions in the county that you would change? If so, what and why?

Not right off the bat. Whenever I get in a position like that, I always like to sort of give it a little bit of time and see. Really looking deep before just making any type of changes.

How/if at all, would you work with the other local municipalities? And why is this important?

I have a big background in that I do that on a regular basis now. As part of the Hendricks County Fire Chiefs Association on both the volunteer side and the payside, like I'm used to working with all the public officials.

If they can make me stronger, I can make them stronger. And like I said, my background is mainly in public safety, but even working on both streets and water and I've got a pretty large background in community.

ED GADDIE-R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL AT-LARGE

- Resident of Hendricks County 70+ years
- Family over 100 years (Chandler's)
- I went to Clayton High School
- Retired from Allison (Div GM) and EDS
- I was on Plainfield Council for 12 years
- Married to Pat Gaddie for over 50 years
- Pat retired from Plainfield Library
- We have 1 daughter and 2 sons
- We have 1 granddaughter and 3 grandsons
- 1 grandson in the Air Force
- 1 great-granddaughter
- I served in the Air Force for 7+ years
- Member of the Plainfield Optimist Club, Plainfield Elks, Eagles, and American Legion.



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JOE WALSH-D HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL- AT LARGE

Joe Walsh has long said, "Hendricks County is Indiana's best kept secret." From the sense of community to the rural feeling, and even the easy access to the interstate, we've got the best of both worlds here. Hendricks County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, and that growth brings demands and challenges to budget for growth.



He has been a leader in the private sector for many years since retiring from the Army and earned his Master's in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan last fall. He has also successfully managed multi-million-dollar budgets in several industries, even receiving awards for his budgeting abilities. He is raising his three school-aged children with his wife, and has a grandson entering the world here in Hendricks County very soon. His focus is not just 2024, but for the future growth of Hendricks County for his children and grandchildren.

Joe is running on making local government more transparent and accountable by pushing for more transparency and visibility for county level meetings. He wants to take politics out of local government because potholes aren't partisan. But most importantly, he wants local government to work for you.

INTERVIEW - JOE WALSH

Why are you running?

I'm running because I really believe in Hendricks County. There's so much great things that are happening here in Hendricks County, but there's a lot of things that are being missed.

For the County Council specifically, it's become a blank check for the commissioners to do whatever they want. They go through the motions of approving a budget and that's all they do. I've never in my research, cannot find them holding the commission accountable for anything.

How would you define a member of council's role, and what qualifies you?

The primary job is to approve the budget. I find it fascinating that when you go on the Hendricks County Council they don't even tell you their duties.

A good example is that there should be some level of accountability to the taxpayer, to the voter having a meeting at 9am on a Thursday is uncountable.

I've managed multi million dollar budgets, both in the military and in the private sector where I work now. And I care. I'm invested. I'm not retired and there's nothing against someone who's retired, but I have to raise a family here and so I'm looking 20 30 40 years in the future, to make sure that my children and my grandchildren will be set up for success.

How would you work with the other municipalities?

I think the issue is they communicate, but it's a one way communication. I want to go in and just start asking hard questions. Why are we doing this? Why won't you put cameras in this room? Why won't you have meetings in the evening?

What would be your goals, if elected?

I would like to start doing more studies to understand the impact of decisions. I think there could be some great conversations. I live in unincorporated part of the county. I live in a weird neighborhood where anytime it snows, I just don't get snow plow coverage, right? to really do some studies and figure out what can we do to get better coverage. How can we work better with

Avon? How can we work better with Brownsburg with Plainfield with Danville to have better coverage?

What is your stance on things like renewable energy developments in Hendricks County?

I don't see why we wouldn't want that. I mean, we're flat. Let's be honest with ourselves. We have tons of availability to have wind farms here.

We could really encourage the use of solar panels especially in the rural regions. We have a prime ability to take care of that. And we should be encouraging that because one, what it does is renewable energy. Why wouldn't you want that? But also too, it creates an image for new families coming in to decide they have choices around greater Indianapolis area.

How can citizens trust you with their tax dollars?

I would sit back and have my phone number available for anyone to call me to express concerns. I will push to have the transparency.

That's one of my number one three pillars of what I'm running on. One is transparency.

It's transparency, having government work for you, and taking partisan out of politics.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

I want a place that is diverse, by diverse I mean it has a lot for everyone to offer. I just want a place where people are gonna want to come here. We have some of the greatest schools in the state, and so you need to meet people where they're at and understand what they need.

KIM WHITE-D HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL- AT LARGE

Born and raised in Kentucky, Kim White has called Indiana home for over 32 years. After attending Franklin College, Kim joined Eli Lilly and Company in 1991, working in Product Development and Regulatory Affairs. After 16 years of working, she left the workplace to raise a family.



With mom duties complete, Kim now applies her love of working with her hands and problem solving to remodeling and managing rental homes in Plainfield. Getting involved in a neighborhood zoning issue ignited Kim's interest and desire to get involved in local/country politics.

As Hendricks County Council At-Large, Kim White will work to make sure that your hard-earned tax dollars are spent on projects that benefit ALL residents of Hendricks County, not on pet projects. Kim White will be engaged and will do extensive research before voting on any issue. Kim White will not be afraid to ask tough questions.

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DAVID WYETH-R HENDRICKS CO. COUNCIL- AT LARGE

I am a lifelong Hendricks county resident and a fourth generation farmer with 40 years of experience on a farm that my great grandfather started in 1919. I was blessed to have the opportunity to be selected for the first Hendricks County leadership program in 1993. I was also a participant in the 15th class of the Indiana Ag Leadership program in 2012-2014.



My past leadership experience includes serving on several Hendricks County boards (Purdue Extension, Soil-water, County Comp Plan, Farm Bureau). In 2009-2021, I was elected to serve on the Indiana Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the agriculture advocacy organization and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. In 2016 I was elected to serve on the Hendricks County Council. As a council member I have served as the Vice President for 2 years and President for 3 years.

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the people of Hendricks County and strive to provide thoughtful leadership in order to ensure our county continues to be a great place to call home.

INTERVIEW - DAVID WYETH

Why are you running?

I'm running because I was asked by the former council member, Dick Thompson, to consider running for County Council. And I feel like that's a good way to get yourself inserted into county politics, as well as become a public servant to the people of Hendricks County.

What qualifies you?

I've had two terms, essentially to understand the makings and the workings of the council. I'm also a farmer, a small business owner, a lifetime resident of Hendricks County. And my family has been a resident of Hendricks County since 1919.

What would be some of your top priorities?

If elected, always, there's always room for improvement within any business organization or government. How can we make it more efficient, effective and to serve the taxpayers and residents of Hendricks County is a top priority and what is best.

What is your stance on things like renewable energy developments?

You always gotta consider looking at the future of renewables and as a farmer 40% of all of our corn goes into ethanol production, of which I provide corn to two of the local ethanol manufacturers here locally of Hendricks County. It's something that we always have to consider and take a look at, but just because it works in one area or one county or a different state does not always make it feasible or attractive to Hendricks County.

How could citizens trust you with their tax dollars?

As a taxpayer myself, I think I'm the largest taxpayer on the council and the commissioners. So I always have in consideration for the taxpayers of Hendricks County. So when tax dollars are to be spent, I pretend that it's just like my own money. Not that it's just free money. It's our money.

What do you want for the future of Hendricks County?

Sometimes you can get government too big. And we have to be able to recognize what the future of the county is. We have to understand that we are in a growing County.

We are a fast growing county. We have to be visionaries in Hendricks County. We have to make sure that we're staying ahead or trying to be proactive on what Hendricks County is becoming.

For an example, our county comprehensive plan is far outdated back to when the commissioners accepted the last current comp plan of December of 2006. It's 18 to 20 years old, and that's too long for a growing county like Hendricks County.

Are there any administrative functions you would change?

As a council member and seeing what has happened over the last seven years, our commissioners are three individuals on the executive committee and the council plays the fiscal role of the county.

The council is probably needing to have an administrator to be a part of our department, because when you have over \$100 million budget, we need to be informed constantly on where we are, where things are standing, and what's going to be on the agenda future meetings.

How would you work with local municipalities?

We still have areas on the east side of the county that is still serviced by the county. Meaning like for law enforcement and such that has not been incorporated into the local towns.

We need to do a collaborative effort with those property owners along with town councils and township boards to try to facilitate a way, how can we be better and being effective and efficient providing the service that those people deserve.

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— Franklin D. Roosevelt



I am a fourth generation farmer and a lifelong resident of Hendricks County

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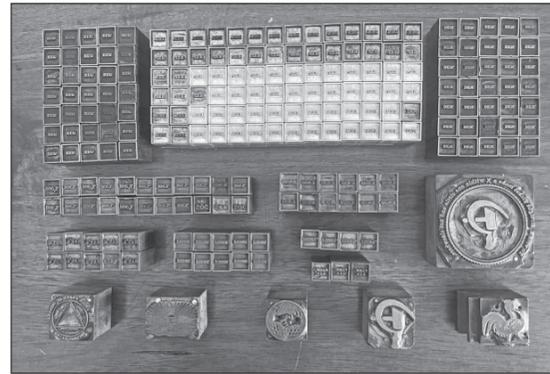
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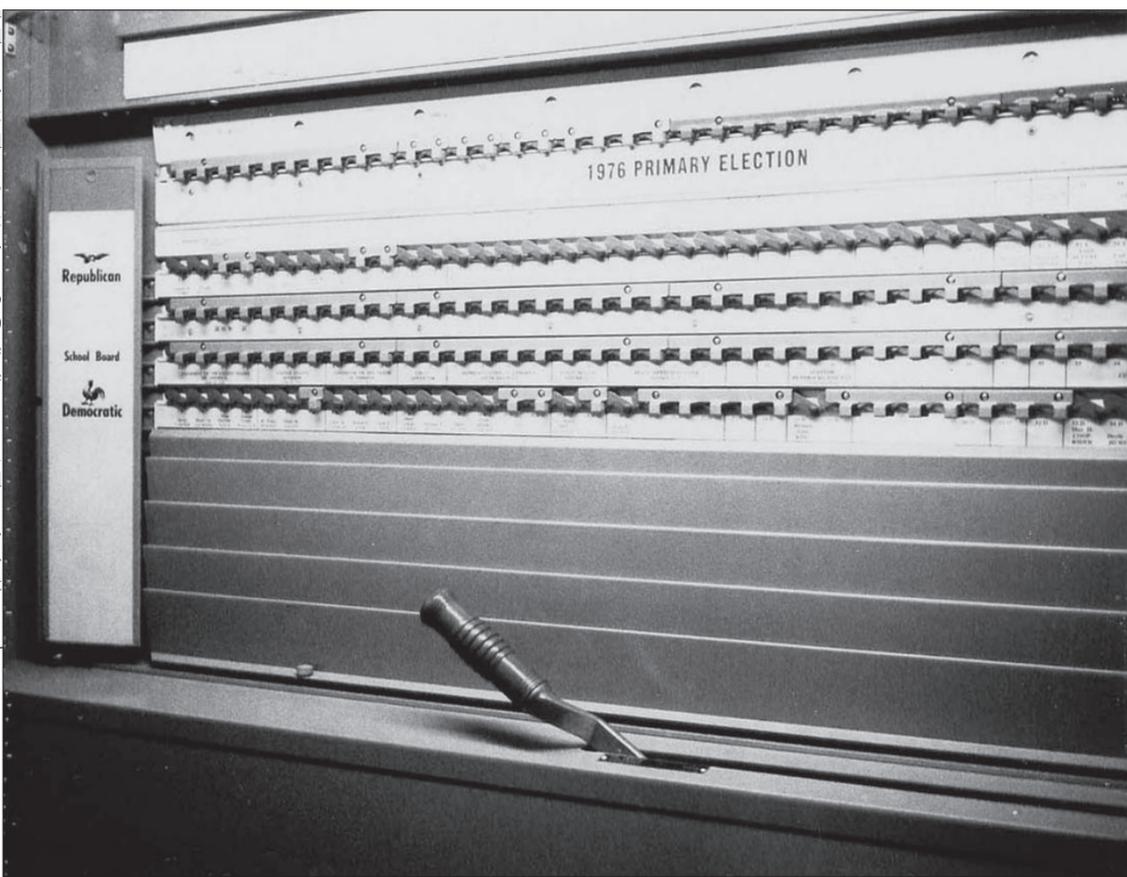
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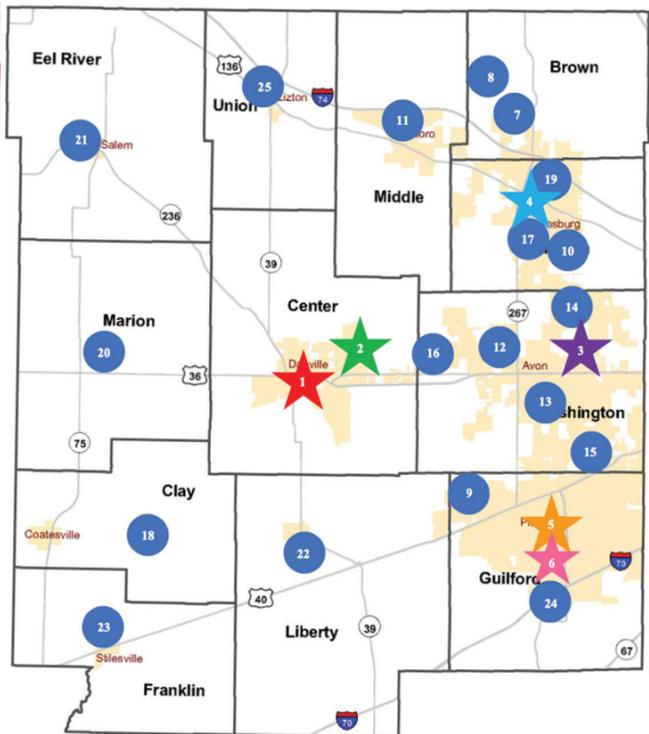
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- ★ 1. Hendricks County Government Center
- ★ 2. Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- ★ 3. Radiant Bible Church
- ★ 4. Brownsburg Public Library
- ★ 5. Plainfield Guilford Twp Public Library
- ★ 6. Guilford Twp Community Center

ELECTION DAY

- 1. Hendricks County Government Center
- 2. Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- 3. Radiant Bible Church
- 4. Brownsburg Public Library
- 5. Plainfield Guilford Twp Public Library
- 6. Guilford Twp Community Center
- 7. Connection Pointe Christian Church
- 8. Parkside Bible Church
- 9. Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 3207
- 10. F.L. O'Neal Administration Center (Brownsburg Comm School Corp)

- 11. Pittsboro Christian Church
- 12. Avon United Methodist Church
- 13. Crossroads Church Avon
- 14. Our Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
- 15. Plainfield Christian Church
- 16. Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church
- 17. Messiah Lutheran ELCA
- 18. Amo Community Building
- 19. Brownsburg Fire Territory
- 20. Revival Community Church
- 21. North Salem Christian Church
- 22. Clayton Christian Church
- 23. Stilesville Town Hall
- 24. Souls Harbor Assembly of God
- 25. State Bank (Lizton)

*Locations as of Jan. 11, 2024. Locations may change. Please visit our website for the latest: <https://www.co.hendricks.in.us/Departments>Voter Registration>

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Hendricks- 12%
Indiana- 14%

Voter turnout in 2022 General Election:
Hendricks- 39%
Indiana- 40%

Voter turnout in 2023 Primary:
Hendricks: 4%
Indiana: 12%

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Schuyler Colfax, 17th vice-president, under Ulysses S. Grant

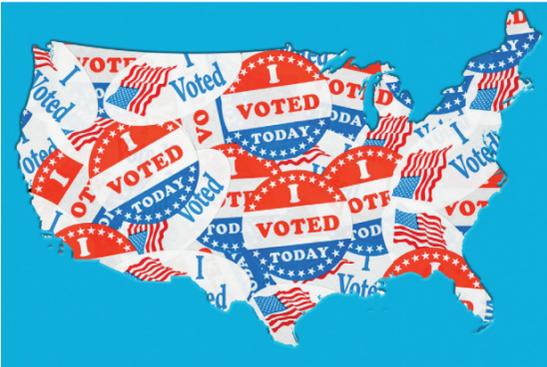
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- GOVERNMENT CENTER**
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- BROWNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**
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- HENDRICKS CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS**
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- GUILFORD TWP. COMM. CENTER**
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