

Recently, the Lansing State Journal published selected questions from a candidate questionnaire sent to local candidates. Please see my responses below:

- 1) What makes you qualified to be a county commissioner and why do you want to hold that position?

I grew up in Ingham county and came to Eaton in 2008 to be closer to work. With close to 30 years of accounting and auditing experience and being the treasurer for several nonprofits, I have the right combination of experience and education for this position. I make my home in Windsor township, and I don't plan on leaving the office when the next opportunity comes along.

- 2) Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action county government could take to help address racism.

One tangible action county government could take is to ensure that due process is applied to every individual taken into police custody and that the rights guaranteed in the U.S. and Michigan constitutions are not violated. The law should be applied equally without regard to race, "protected status", or political influence.

- 3) What should the county's priority be coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how it spends its ARPA funds?

APRA funds should be used to cover budget short falls caused by the pandemic rather than pay for politicians' pet projects that serve only to promote themselves.

- 4) With a tight labor market and rising inflation, what role should government play in ensuring Eaton County's economic stability and growth?

To aid Eaton County's economic growth, we need improve customer service. The zoning and inspection processes should be overhauled to provide prompt, hassle free, services allowing businesses to focus on growth, without delays.

- 5) What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

People feel cheated. They remember in 2016, when the Electors to the Electoral college were threatened if they performed their constitution duty by casting their vote for then President-Elect Trump. They remember the Left's melt down in their "safe spaces". They remember the "Russian Collusion" hoax, that has been proven to be exactly that, a hoax. Then in 2020 they remember getting AV ballots for people who moved away or died years ago while affidavits regarding

cheating at the TCF Center on election night were ignored. They remember President Trump's rallies where he visited 2 or 3 states in a day and then saw Joe Biden in his basement and wonder how he could have won. To most people, aside from career politicians and grifters, it just doesn't add up.

- 6) Eaton County, and Lansing specifically, have seen an increase in homicide and shootings. What, if anything, can Eaton County government do to address the growing violence and protect its citizens?

An inconvenient truth for my opponent is that we increased the 2023 Sheriff's Budget by 5%. We also approved their union negotiated, member approved labor contract in October 2021, which included a bonus and a pay increase. In early 2022, Sheriff Reich was asked about his budget requirements for 2023 and he made no mention of the \$10,000 bonuses until months later, bonuses which I voted for in Public Safety. My opponent hints at hidden agendas and political games, however, his party is doing exactly that. They are using a problem (a problem they created) to wrestle back control of the county.

- 7) What is an issue facing Eaton County government that isn't on residents' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Economic development and increasing the tax base so that we can provide for essential services is a critical issue. I've heard from several sources that the county is often difficult for builders and developers to work with for permits and inspections. We must change this and improve customer service so that new businesses make Eaton county their first choice.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? If so, explain.

No, not even a misdemeanor. I think I got a "fix it" ticket back in the mid 80's.

- 2) Are you currently up to date on all federal, state and municipal taxes – including personal income and property?

Yes. Unlike my opponent, I actually pay property taxes (to my knowledge he lives with his parents). While he advocates for more school millages, he doesn't actually pay them. It is incredible to me that not only is he spending other people's money, but he is running for a position that could raise taxes, which he won't actually pay.