

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

All county council member candidates were asked the same questions by the creators of this guide. The answers that follow are in their own words.

Questions asked:

1. What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?
2. What are the three key messages of your campaign?
3. How would you describe the relationship between your community and law enforcement?

We recognize that response lengths vary among candidates. To ensure we fully honor their perspectives, we are sharing each answer in its entirety. You can find their contact information in the “Snapshot” sections.

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DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #1

Daniel Flanagan (R) - Incumbent*

This candidate was contacted with the questions through many methods and did not respond.

David Williams (R)

This candidate was contacted with the questions through many methods and did not respond.

Cody York (D)

Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?

I bring frontline public service experience, a strong sense of accountability, and a practical approach to problem-solving. As a social worker, I work directly with families facing complex challenges, making critical decisions, coordinating with multiple agencies, and ensuring outcomes that protect and support those I serve. That experience has given me a clear understanding of how policy impacts real people. I also bring strong communication skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to transparency. My focus is on responsible budgeting, protecting taxpayers, and delivering common-sense solutions that strengthen our community and ensure local government works effectively for the people.

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DISTRICT #1 (CONTINUED)

Cody York (Continued)

Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?

My campaign is built on three key messages. First, keeping taxes under control through responsible budgeting and accountability. Second, protecting affordability so Delaware County remains a place where families can live, work, and succeed without unnecessary financial strain. Third, restoring common sense to local government by focusing on practical solutions, transparency, and putting residents, not politics, first. These priorities are grounded in my experience working directly with families and reflect a commitment to leadership that is disciplined, responsive, and focused on real results.

Q3: Many residents believe their vote doesn't count; what roots do you already have in your community, and how will you ensure their voices are heard?

I have strong roots in this community through my work as a social worker, where I serve local families facing real challenges every day. That experience keeps me grounded in the concerns of everyday residents, not politics. To ensure voices are heard, I will prioritize transparency, regular communication, and being accessible to constituents. That means listening to concerns, explaining decisions clearly, and making sure people understand how their input shapes outcomes. When people feel heard and see results, trust in the process and their vote, begins to grow.

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DISTRICT #2

William Hughes (R) - Incumbent*

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DISTRICT #3

Tony Skinner (R)

This candidate was contacted with the questions through many methods and did not respond.

Ashley Wright (D)

Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?

I love my community. I am a lifelong resident of Delaware County. I have experience dealing with municipal budgets and previously worked for the county. I am a natural problem solver that enjoys serving.

Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?

I want to make county government more accessible. I want to help find ways to keep taxes low while still maintaining our infrastructure and improving the quality of life.

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DISTRICT #3 (CONTINUED)

Ashley Wright (Continued)

Q3: Many residents believe their vote doesn't count; what roots do you already have in your community, and how will you ensure their voices are heard?

I have already proven by my prior experience that I always try to do what is best for the community. I am able to work bipartisan and have no political agenda. I just care about my hometown!

DISTRICT #4

James Mochal (R) - Incumbent*

This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.

Ryan Webb (R)

This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.

Michael Durall (D)

Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?

- Infrastructure Inspection: I was responsible for inspecting structural steel welded and bolted connections during the construction of Lucas Oil Stadium, specifically focusing on the adjustable roof and windows...

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DISTRICT #4 (CONTINUED)

Michael Durall (Continued)

Q1 Continued

- Budgeting and Administration: Through my work within a government entity, I have gained a foundational understanding of how department budgets are structured and how they interrelate.
- Communications and Fundraising: As the communications director for my union, I managed budgeting and developed creative solutions to fund a hardship program for members in need.
- Conflict Resolution: Being a fire department Lt. requires me to resolve internal conflicts and maintain positive public relations during high-stress situations.

Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?

Budgetary Efficiency and Economic Viability: We must work within current budget restrictions, while prioritizing long-term economic stability. **Public Safety and Rehabilitation:** It is essential to fund public safety to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. This includes providing resources for incarceration prevention as well as support services for those reentering the community. **Revenue Generation and Collaboration:** I am committed to finding creative ways to increase county income beyond traditional tax increases. I will collaborate with leaders across government and the business sectors to identify new opportunities for community wealth generation. I want to make county government more accessible. I want to help find ways to keep taxes low while still maintaining our infrastructure and improving the quality of life.