

# Q&A

## INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

All state representative 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 do you bring to this office?**
- 2. What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
- 3. 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?**

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.

Note: Names placed in alphabetical order, by party. Information obtained through candidate campaign materials, social media, candidate websites, and directly from candidates.

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### **Richard Ivy (R)**

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

### **Randall McCallister (R)**

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

I am a blue-collar Hoosier not politician—who's lived the same struggles of everyday families in District 34. As a non-politician with genuine working-class roots, I bring authentic representation to the Indiana State House: a common-sense approach grounded in personal experience, not elite agendas.

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

I'm a working class conservative Hoosier who's lived the same everyday struggles of working families in District 34. I bring authentic, real-life representation not elite agendas, just common-sense representation from someone who understands what Hoosiers face. I'll work to protect small businesses, a fighter for lowering taxes, reducing wasteful spending and put a stop to government overreach – Indiana thrives on small businesses and hardworking people, not big government. Also, tackling our communities' toughest challenges mental health which has a direct impact on crime, homelessness, and addiction.

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### **Randall McCallister (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 am going door to door across District 34 to hear directly from the citizens—not the political establishment that has failed our communities time and time again. As a true grassroots conservative who's not part of the career politician crowd, I'm committed to listening to real people: your concerns about rising costs, crime, homelessness, addiction, mental health, taxes, regulations, and protecting our faith, freedoms, and values. The political class in Muncie has let us down repeatedly with failed policies and disconnected decisions. It's time for change that starts at the local level—local elections make the biggest impact on our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and families.

### **Sarah Gullion (D)**

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

I bring my past three years of campaigning for and sitting on Muncie City Council to this position. Over that time, I've met and listened to constituents from across Muncie and Delaware County. I've heard their concerns and assisted in the ways available to me. I have learned the extent to which change is possible within city government, and how the state level is sometimes the only avenue for solutions. My knowledge of our local issues will allow me to fight for the district's needs in ways that could make real differences in our residents' lives. In addition, I'm not afraid to stand up for those who need it—or to speak up for them.

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### **Sarah Gullion (Continued)**

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

While there are so many important issues that I will fight for, the three key campaign messages are: 1) raising the minimum, as well as the sub minimum, wage in Indiana so that a full day's work provides an affordable lifestyle; 2) keeping taxpayer funds with public education, including adding free universal pre-K throughout the state, helping Hoosier kids get a strong educational foundation while assisting with childcare needs; and 3) working to strengthen landlord regulations so that District 34's renters (of which we have a large percentage) have more affordable and safer housing.

#### **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 won my City Council race by 9 votes; your vote definitely counts! Except for the presidential race, votes are 1-1: one vote per person. It's so important to remind people of that. Our vote, our voice, is our power. In addition, I listen to what our constituents actually want and advocate for it. I encourage those who aren't already involved to become so, including identifying young people and new faces. I look forward to door to door canvassing: I'll take the voices of those in District 34 with me to the Statehouse. I also commit to sending regular surveys and town meetings once I'm there.