2026 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE

A non-partisan guide to knowing your candidates before you vote

Designed for Voters in **Muncie, IN**
Primary Election: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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Note:

- This guide lists all offices and candidates for Muncie voters.
- To maintain a our commitment to non-partisanship, Heart of Indiana United Way alternates which party's candidates are listed first. 2024 we listed Democrats before Republicans, so, this year, we will list Republicans before Democrats.
- Names placed in alphabetical order, by party. Information obtained through candidates' campaign materials, social media, and candidacy websites; as well as through direct communication.

ALL ABOUT VOTE CENTERS

DELAWARE COUNTY IS MOVING FROM PRECINCT POLLING PLACES TO VOTE CENTERS

How Vote Centers work:

- Vote Centers allow Delaware County voters to vote at ANY designated location
  - Before this, voters could only vote at the designated location in their voting precinct
  - See icon below with "Early Voting Center and Vote Center Locations" for days, times and locations.
- They are open the same times as precinct polling places
- Workers are still recruited by political party
- Votes are still recorded by precinct

Important Difference:

- On early voting day and election day, check-in will be done through a computer.
  - This is to inform all other Vote Centers that you have voted
  - This also allows every location to have the correct ballot for voters regardless of their precinct.

Vote Center Location Map

More Vote Center Information

WHERE TO VOTE

EARLY VOTING AT THE COURTHOUSE

- 100 W. Main St., Room 104 (First Floor) Muncie, IN 47305
- April 7th - May 1st
- Weekdays 8:30am - 4pm
- 2 Saturdays (April 25th & May 2nd) 8:30am - 4pm
- Monday, May 4th 8:30am - noon

EARLY VOTING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

- 1210 Wheeling Ave. Muncie, IN 47303
- Saturday, April 25th 8:30am-4pm
- Saturday, May 2nd 8:30am-4pm

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

Open May 5th 2026 from 6am - 6pm

Muncie Locations

- **Avondale United Methodist Church,** 1314 W 10th St, Muncie, IN 47302
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Muncie,** 1710 S Madison St, Muncie, IN 47302
- **Delaware County Fairgrounds,** 1210 Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47303
- **Delaware County Highway Garage,** 7700 E Jackson St, Muncie, IN 47302
- **First Brethren Church,** 101 S Morrison Rd, Muncie, IN 47304
- **First Presbyterian Church,** 1400 W Riverside Ave, Muncie, IN 47303
- **Friends Memorial Church,** 418 W Adams St, Muncie, IN 47305
- **Hamilton Township Fire Station,** 8021 N State Road 3, Muncie, IN 47303
- **Liberty Baptist Church,** 9601 S Cowan Rd, Muncie, IN 47302
- **Lutheran Church of the Cross,** 4401 N Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47304
- **Northside Church of God,** 1505 N Tillotson Ave, Muncie, IN 47304
- **Roy C. Buley Center,** 1111 N Penn St, Muncie, IN 47303
- **Southside Middle School,** 1601 E 26th St, Muncie, IN 47302
- **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,** 2700 W Moore Rd, Muncie, IN 47304
- **TRC Head Start,** 3900 E Wysor St, Muncie, IN 47303
- **Union Chapel Ministries,** 4622 N Broadway Ave, Muncie, IN 47303
- **University Christian Church**, 2400 N Nebo Rd, Muncie, IN 47304
- **Westminster Village**, 5801 W Bethel Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

FOR MORE LOCATIONS GO TO
HTTPS://WWW.CO.DELAWARE.IN.US/EGOV/APPS/DOCUMENT/CENTER.EGOV?VIEW=ITEM&ID=12068

PREPARE TO VOTE IN YOUR PRIMARY

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES WHEN YOU VOTE

What you need to know about primary voting:

- **Primary Election Day: Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6am-6pm.** Choose ANY convenient site.
- **Absentee info:** in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/absentee-voting/
- **Early voting begins April 7, 2026.** For early voting polling place and hours visit indianavoters.in.gov (Requires sign-in)

Helpful Resources

- Voting & Elections Department:
  - https://www.co.delaware.in.us/department/division.php?structureid=62
  - 765-747-7812
- Commissioner's Office:
  - 765-747-7730
- Check your **Voter Registration** status and your ballot: indianavoters.in.gov/
- Delaware County General Site: https://www.co.delaware.in.us/
- Learn about Indiana government: www.inbarfoundation.org/indianagovernmentbook/

FOR VOTING INFORMATION GO TO HTTPS://INDIANAVOTERS.IN.GOV/

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

All United States Representative District 5 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?

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Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Scott King (R)

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

Victoria Spartz (R) - Incumbent*

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

Steve Avitabile (D)

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

I bring over 20 years of real-world experience as a healthcare provider and small business owner. As a chiropractor, I've worked directly with patients every day, listening, solving problems, and helping people get back on their feet. I understand how rising costs affect families because I hear it firsthand. I've also worked in sales and consulting, helping businesses operate more efficiently and better serve their communities. I'm not a career politician – I bring practical experience, clear communication, and a focus on results. I'll approach this role the same way I've approached my career: listen, solve problems, and deliver for the people I serve.

*__Incumbent:__ This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Steve Avitabile (D)

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

First, affordability – lowering the cost of healthcare, housing, and everyday essentials so working families can get ahead. Second, fairness – ending special tax breaks and loopholes that favor billionaires and large corporations, and making sure the system works for everyone, not just those at the top. Third, results over politics – less fighting, less noise, and more focus on real solutions that people can actually feel in their daily lives.

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've lived and worked in this community for years, raising my family here and serving patients every day. As a healthcare provider and small business owner, I've spent my career listening to people and helping solve real problems. I understand why people feel like their vote doesn't count – too often, they're not being heard. That has to change. I'll stay visible and accessible, hold regular community meetings, and listen before I act. This campaign – and this office – is about giving people a real voice and delivering results they can actually feel.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

J.D. Ford (D)

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

My strength IS my experience. I'm the only candidate in this primary race that has:

- Unseated a Republican
- Won elections in a red district
- Served as a legislator
- Successfully stood up to the President's executive overreach at the Statehouse.
- Worked on bipartisan legislation
- Held energy companies accountable
- Protected healthcare for Hoosiers
- Supported public schools
- Worked with high school students on mental health initiatives
- Supported public safety measures

This race is more than just a pipe dream for me. I've spent the last 8 years in the State Senate listening to Hoosiers, addressing their issues and actually showing up for people. That's exactly what I'll do in Washington D.C.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

J.D. Ford (Continued)

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

Accountability: Washington is making unchecked decisions that affect us without any oversight. We need a strong Congressional oversight to hold leaders accountable to the American people. Affordability: Protecting your wallet from corporate overreach. As a watchdog who warned about the BlackRock/AES merger, I fought to end "corporate socialism," lower energy costs, and move back to a healthcare system centered on your health. YOU: I'll bring Hoosier voices back to the Capitol. I've been one of the most accessible legislators in Indiana, and that will continue in DC. In this campaign, I've heard about marijuana legalization, social security worries, ICE overreach, and much more.

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?

For 8 years, I served this community as a legislator, and for a decade before that, I lived, worked, and played in Central Indiana... specifically Hamilton County. Together, we've experienced the rapid growth of our community while still maintaining our small-town vibe. We've shared the highs, like cheering on our local Olympic swimmers, and the lows of unspeakable tragedies that put us in the national spotlight. Because we've lived these moments together, I'm not a face on a TV screen. I'm a neighbor you see at the grocery store. I don't just want your vote; I want your partnership in Washington.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Jackson Franklin (D)

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

I know what it means to be a working class Hoosier because I am one, and once elected I will continue to fight for the working class and not the donor class. As a paramedic who's worked on the ambulance, I've seen the worst this healthcare system has to offer and will fight to expand healthcare to all as it is a human right not a privilege. As someone who deployed overseas for the Army, I know what it means to serve a cause larger than myself. While deployed, I saw first hand the lasting impact that genocide has on a people, and pledge to stand up against it anywhere in the world, including but not limited to Palestine. I will unapologetically fight for the working class.

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

I would say that the three key messages of this campaign are to fight for a system that represents all people not just the top 1% by getting money out of politics, fight to expand healthcare to all as a human right, and to fight other the human rights that have been denied to our people for far too long, such as women's rights, veteran rights, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights and others. In the wealthiest nation in the history of the planet, there is no reason that we cannot take care of our people the way most every other developed nation has already achieved decades ago. We must fight for a system that place "People Over Profits!"

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Jackson Franklin (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?

Many people believe that either their vote doesn't count, doesn't matter, or it doesn't matter who wins because both candidates are beholden to corporate lobby interest and are not going to represent the people. This campaign is fighting to give a voice to working people, and expand that voice by the policies we are championing. Being a grassroots campaign with no corporate donors, I'm only interested in hearing the voices of the working people in our community. At this point, I am the only candidate in this race that has had a town hall in all six counties of this district, nearly two times each, and that kind of transparency and accountability will not go away once elected.

Phil Goss (D)

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

I bring 30 years of international relations experience. From my time in the State Department in Eastern Europe, to my work in public education, to my current role in business. I bring an ability to understand all facets of the role of Congress that we need at this time. We need a person in this seat that understands we must be good stewards of our society, and that Congress works for the American people, not the other way around.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Phil Goss (Continued)

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

We have one key message on this campaign - no spin. I am not going to mislead anyone in an attempt to better this campaign. The facts are the facts and I will not "spin" anything to pander for votes. My policy positions speak for themselves. I will make sure we have a government that focuses on the great work Congress can do, not what AIPAC or shadow donors want me to do. I will not accept any PAC money or dark money on this campaign. I will NOT be bought and I will be giving the power to shape this election to our voters and our voters only.

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 a Noblesville resident, and I have been in this community for years. Every resident does in fact have the power to change our government and for too long we have had candidates who want to focus too much on the bare math of vote totals. If you do not vote, yes your voice will not be heard. We are facing a tyrannical administration that wants to suppress the voice of the American people. It takes all of us to stand up and speak truth to power, I will be doing so and ask every person reading this to join me in speaking up!

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Tara Nelson (D)

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

I am a business transformation and technology leader with more than twenty years of experience leading complex initiatives across the finance, pharmaceutical, healthcare, and government sectors. I specialize in global system implementations and AI-driven solutions that deliver results. I led Indiana's Tax Amnesty 2015 program, a statewide initiative that generated $200 million in revenue. I hold an Executive MBA from Purdue University, with study abroad experience in Malaysia and Singapore, and maintain Project Management Professional, and other credentials. My leadership focuses on accountability, improving performance, strengthening operations, and delivering practical solutions that benefit organizations and the communities they serve.

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

I'm running for Congress to protect the Constitution, restore accountability in government, and bring experienced leadership that delivers results. With more than twenty years leading complex technology and business transformation initiatives across finance, healthcare, pharmaceutical, and government sectors, I've built a career solving difficult problems and improving performance. As a lifelong Hoosier who grew up in Lafayette and now lives in Carmel, I believe in hard work, community, and responsible leadership. My campaign is about protecting our constitutional freedoms, strengthening our communities, and ensuring government works for the people it serves.

Q&A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Tara Nelson (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?

Every vote counts, and every voice deserves to be heard. I'm a lifelong Hoosier, raised in rural Lafayette and now living in the Carmel suburbs, so I understand firsthand how policies impact both small towns and suburban communities. I'm committed to representing the best interest of all residents of our district, listening carefully to your concerns, and making decisions that reflect your priorities. I will actively seek your feedback through community outreach, town halls, and direct conversations. I will maintain an open-door policy so that your voices guide every policy decision and ensure our government works for the people it serves.

Deborah Pickett (D)

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

Scott King (R)

- **Website:** https://ballotpedia.org/Scott_King_%28Indiana%29
- **Instagram:** scottanthony_317

Victoria Spartz (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** https://spartz.house.gov/
- **Facebook:** Representative Victoria Spartz

Steve Avitabile (D)

- **Website:** https://steveavit.com/
- **Facebook:** Steve Avit for Congress

J.D. Ford (D)

- **Website:** https://www.electjdford.com/
- **Facebook:** J.D. Ford for Congress
- **Instagram:** jdfordforcongress

Jackson Franklin (D)

- **Website:** https://jacksonfranklinforcongress.com/
- **Facebook:** Jackson Franklin for Congress
- **Instagram:** jacksonfranklinforcongress

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FEDERAL RACE
SNAPSHOT

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

Phil Goss (D)

- **Website:** https://www.philgoss.com/
- **Facebook:** Phil Goss for Congress

Dylan McKenna (D)

- **Website:** https://www.mckenna4congress.com/
- **Facebook:** McKenna for Congress
- **Instagram:** mckenna_4_congress

Tara Nelson (D)

- **Website:** https://taranelsoncongress.com/

Deborah Pickett (D)

- **Website:** https://pickettforcongress.com/
- **Facebook:** Pickett for Congress
- **Instagram:** pickettforcongress

US Representative's Role: The US House of Representatives, often referred to as the "House", is one of the two chambers of the United States Congress and part of the legislative branch of federal government where bills are written and laws pass or fail. "Each state receives representation in the House in proportion to the size of its population but is entitled to at least one representative. There are currently 435 representatives, a number fixed by law since 1911." Indiana has 9 representatives in the US House (Ballotpedia).

Incumbent: This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

All state senator 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?

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Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

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Katherine Kritsch (R)

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

I feel my strength are common since, life experiences. Listening to the people and their needs and concerns.

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

Personal Freedom protect medical liberty for all Hoosiers Oppose mandated vaccines protect workers from discrimination based on personal medical decisions Defend your right to make choices for yourself and your family.

Transparency and accountability Maintain open door policy for constituents Publish legislation on social media to keep consistent contact with the people Actively engage voters Ensure government works with the people - not behind closed doors

Energy and Environment Support responsible energy initiatives Protect property values and neighbor rights Preserve farmland and support small farms. Promote hemp as a renewable economic recourse

*__Incumbent:__ This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Katherine Kritsch (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 a business in my county of residence, I am active in community functions. I volunteer that involves children to help keep the best options for children. I want my voice to be heard so I expect myself to hear the people. I also worked and lived in Delaware county as well before moving back to my home county. I will do my best as not a politician to represent the people.

Andrew Dale (D)

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

For the past 35 years my civic interests have primarily been focuses on organizational leadership, strategic planning and accessible municipal governance, endeavors that reduce poverty and increase seniors to stay in their homes, as well as the positive expansion of economic vitality for communities. I've served in consequential roles in organizations and efforts that address real issues and opportunities for people. The skills that I've used over the years—skills that I'm consistently doing my best to strengthen—are listening, humble inquiry, finding common ground with all concerned without watering down a solution, communication, and organizational leadership. Having a sense of urgency is imperative to getting things done.

Q&A INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Andrew Dale (Continued)

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

AFFORDABILITY: Lack of affordability, which is felt through persistently rising housing costs, utilities, childcare, groceries, healthcare and other essential good and services, is a reality that adversely impacts two in five people in East Central Indiana. EDUCATION: Our future rests firmly on our next generation and those yet born being educated and active members of our communities. It's imperative that we make good decision today so that future generations can attain success through a strong public education system. NEXT GENERATION EFFORTS: Setting a course and responding with actionable efforts are necessary to to attain our our best future for Delaware and Randolph counties.

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'm a proud third generation Munsonian. My great-grandfather served as mayor of Muncie in late 1920's and early 30's and was a newspaper publisher. He fought the KKK at a time when the vast majority of people turned their heads to the menace of hatred. He was instrumental in the downfall of the Klan in Indiana. I'm proud of my family's legacy and I've done my best to continue to stand up for people and the ill pursuits of wayward and opaque municipal governance. We do best when everyone has a seat at the table. Simply put, I'm people focused and future driven.

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?

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Q&A INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

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.

Q&A INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

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.

Q&A INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

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 eduction, 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.

STATE RACE SNAPSHOT

INDIANA **STATE SENATOR** DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** https://electscottalexander.com/
- **Facebook:** State Senator Scott Alexander

Katherine Kritsch (R)

- **Facebook:** Kat for Senate

Andrew Dale (D)

- **Website:** https://daleforindianasenate.com/
- **Facebook:** Dale for Indiana Senate

State Senator's Role: "The Indiana State Senate is the upper chamber of the Indiana General Assembly. Alongside the Indiana House of Representatives, it forms the legislative branch of the Indiana state government and works alongside the governor of Indiana to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Indiana State Senate include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes." There are 50 State Senate seats (Ballotpedia).

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STATE RACE SNAPSHOT

INDIANA **STATE REPRESENTATIVE** DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

Richard Ivy (R)

- **Facebook:** Richard Ivy for State Representative District 34

Randall McCallister (R)

- **Website:** https://www.mccallisterfor34.com/
- **Facebook:** McCallister For State Representative District 34

Sara Gullion (D)

- **Website:** https://www.saragullion.com/
- **Facebook:** Sara Gullion for Indiana House District 34

State Representative's Role: "The Indiana House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the Indiana General Assembly. Alongside the Indiana State Senate, it forms the legislative branch of the Indiana state government and works alongside the governor of Indiana to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Indiana House of Representatives include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes." There are 100 Statehouse representative seats. (Ballotpedia)

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

All county sheriff 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? How will this impact your decisions if you are elected?

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Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

Jeff Stanley (R)

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Dave Williams (D)

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

I am 29 year veteran of the Delaware County Sheriff Office. Half my career has been in supervision, I'm currently the day shift commander. Special units include the following 12 years on swat team, 17 years K-9 unit and currently the commander, drug unit supervisor, ILEA Graduate, Correctional Officer Certification, instructor in several areas. 18 years as a Muncie Community Schools Resourse Officer.

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

My vision is to increase more Sheriff Patrols and zeroing in on drug dealers and drug traffickers

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

Dave Williams (Continued)

Q3: How would you describe the relationship between your community and law enforcement? How will this impact your decisions if you are elected?

With today's society I feel like the interaction with law enforcement needs more positive feedback. Unfortunately sometimes police may to be stern and firm, but does not need to escalate. This is why de-escalation training is important to implement in the departments yearly training courses. I want to see more Deputies involved in more community events

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. 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.

Q&A 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.

*__Incumbent:__ This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

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.

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #2

William Hughes (R) - Incumbent*

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

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.

*__Incumbent:__ This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

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...

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

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.

Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #4 (CONTINUED)

Michael Durall (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?

Over the past nine months, I have met with town councils and individuals throughout the county to better understand their concerns and expectations regarding our county government. During this time, I have worked to educate myself on potential solutions and connect with the resources and information necessary to address these issues. While I cannot promise to fix every problem, I am committed to providing the dedicated representation they deserve. By serving as their representative, I can attempt ensure their needs are heard more effectively and help secure the resources our communities requires.

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CIRCUT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

CIRCUIT COURT #4

Zach Craig (R)

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- **Facebook:** Zach Craig for Judge
- **Email:** zachcraigforjudge@gmail.com

No Democratic candidate filed

CIRCUIT COURT #5

Ben Freeman (R)

- **Website:** https://www.benfreemanforjudge.com/
- **Facebook:** Ben Freeman for Judge
- **Email:** benfreemanforjudge@gmail.com

Tim Hollems (R)

- **Website:** https://www.hollemsforjudge.com/
- **Facebook:** Hollems for Judge
- **Instagram:** hollemsforjudge
- **Email:** hollemsforjudge@yahoo.com

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CIRCUT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

CIRCUIT COURT #5 (CONTINUED)

Maricel Driscoll (D)

- **Website:** https://www.driscollforjudge.com/
- **Facebook:** Maricel Driscoll for Judge
- **Email:** driscollforjudge@gmail.com

Amanda Dunnuck (D)

- **Website:** https://amandadunnuck.com/
- **Facebook:** Judge Amanda Dunnuck
- **Email:** dunnuckforjudge@gmail.com

Circuit Court Judge's Role: "The Circuit Court Judge is a constitutional officer of the judicial circuit elected for a six year term. The Circuit Court Judge may be reelected without limit." (IN.gov) "Circuit Courts hear cases that are outside the jurisdiction of other courts," such as cases involving felony charges, domestic relations, juvenile matters, mental health, and probate. (indianacourtrecords.us).

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CANDIDATES

Eric M. Hoffman (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** http://www.ericmhoffman.com/#contact
- **Facebook:** Delaware County Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Eric M. Hoffman
- **Email:** hoffmanforprosecutor@gmail.com

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

No Democratic candidate filed

Prosecuting Attorney's Role: The Prosecuting Attorney represents the State of Indiana "in all felony and misdemeanor criminal prosecutions, resulting from crimes committed in Delaware County Indiana." They also educate the public on justice system functions and citizen's rights. (Delaware County Prosecutor's Office)

COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK CANDIDATES

Sharon McShurley (R)

- **Website:** https://sharonmcshurley.com/
- **Facebook:** Sharon McShurley for Delaware County Circuit Court Clerk

Cameron Grubbs (D)

- **Website:** www.grubbsforclerk.com
- **Facebook:** Delaware County Clerk Candidate Cameron Grubbs
- **Email:** cameron@grubbsforclerk.com

Circuit Court Clerk's Role: Responsible for maintaining court records, authenticating court orders and judgements, and administering oaths to witnesses and jurors. Also responsible for running the elections.

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COUNTY AUDITOR CANDIDATES

Ed Carroll (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** https://www.ed-carroll.com/
- **Facebook:** Ed Carroll For Delaware County Auditor
- **Email:** edcarroll@ed-carroll.com

No Democratic candidate filed

County Auditor's Role: "The County Auditor is responsible for calculating the property tax rate and assisting taxpayers with deductions and exemptions. The County Auditor also administers the county tax sale and property transfers." They also oversee the county payroll, budget, and finances. (Delaware County website).

COUNTY RECORDER CANDIDATES

James D. Carmichael (R)

- **Email:** carmichael.for.assessor@gmail.com
- **Note:** This candidate previously ran for County Assessor using this email. He is currently running for County Recorder. No other campaign emails were found.

No Democratic candidate filed

County Recorder's Role: The County Recorder's primary duty is recording deeds, mortgages, affidavits, power of attorneys, contracts, easements, surveys, and other documents. (Delaware County Website).

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

Jeff Stanley (R)

- **Website:** https://jeffstanleyforsheriff.com/
- **Facebook:** Jeff Stanley for Sheriff
- **Email:** stanleyforsheriff2026@gmail.com

Dave Williams (D)

- **Facebook:** Dave Williams for Delaware County Sheriff 2026
- **Email:** davewilliamsforsheriff245@gmail.com

County Sheriff's Role: The County Sheriff enforces laws in their county, hires county police officers, preserves order in county courts, and manages the county jail and the prisoners within (Indiana Code).

COUNTY CORONER CANDIDATES

Gavin S. Greene (R) - Incumbent*

- **Facebook:** Re-Elect Gavin Greene for Delaware County Coroner
- **Email:** greeneforcoroner@gmail.com

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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COUNTY CORONER CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

Scott Hahn (D)

- **Email:** sehahn@bsu.edu

County Coroner's Role: "The County Coroner is an elected official with many responsibilities, the foremost being the oversight of the investigation and certification of a variety of deaths within the Coroner's jurisdiction for legal or public health interest. The Coroner is required by law, to determine the cause, circumstances and manner of death for cases found to under the Coroner's legal jurisdiction," (Delaware County Website).

COUNTY ASSESSOR CANDIDATES

Sheri Chafin (R)

- **Facebook:** Sheri Chafin for Delaware County Assessor
- **Email:** sherichafinforassessor1@gmail.com

Adam Covault (R)

- **Facebook:** Adam Covault for Assessor
- **Email:** acovault82@yahoo.com

No Democratic candidate filed

County Assessor's Role: "The County Assessors Office is responsible for assessing of all real and personal property within Delaware County. The County Assessor shall keep the assessment data and records current by securing the necessary field data and making changes in the assessed value of real property as changes occur in its use." (Delaware County Website).

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Donald R. Chambers, Jr. (R)

- No contacts found

Matt Kantz (R)

- Website: https://www.kantz4commissioner.com/
- Facebook: Matt Kantz for Delaware County Commissioner
- Instagram: kantz4commissioner
- Email: stanleyforsheriff2026@gmail.com

Ken Mace (D)

- Email: maceforcommissioner@gmail.com

County Commissioner's role: "The County Commissioners are responsible for the administration of County business and may enact ordinances and resolutions as established by state law. In addition to performing executive duties, the County Commissioners also exercise many of the legislative powers and duties of the county." They primarily serve over parts of the county not in a city. (Delaware County Website).

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #1

Daniel Flanagan (R) - Incumbent*

- **Email:** dflanagan@co.delaware.in.us

David Williams (R)

- **No contacts found**

Cody York (D)

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- **Instagram:** electcodyyork
- **Email:** electcodyyork@gmail.com

DISTRICT #2

William V. Hughes (R) - Incumbent*

- **Facebook:** William V. Hughes County Council
- **Email:** whughes@co.delaware.in.us

No Democratic candidate filed

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #3

Tony Skinner (R)

- **Email:** tskinner@co.delaware.in.us

Ashley Wright (D)

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DISTRICT #4

Jim Mochal (R) - Incumbent*

- **Facebook:** Re-Elect Jim Mochal for County Council - District 4
- **Email:** jmochal@co.delaware.in.us

Ryan Webb (R)

- **Facebook:** Ryan Webb America's Councilman
- **Email:** RyanWebbForCountyCouncil@gmail.com

Michael Durall (D)

- **Website:** https://www.durallforall.com/
- **Facebook:** Michael Durall for Delaware County Council - District 4
- **Email:** Durallforall@gmail.com

County Council's Role: "The seven-member council appropriates all funds for county use, adopts the county budget, fixes the county tax rate, and has exclusive power to borrow money for the county." (Delaware County Website).

***Incumbent:** This is the person who currently holds an office.

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CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

No Republican candidate filed

Marilyn Kay Walker (D) - Incumbent*

- **No contacts found**

Township Trustee's Role: The Township Trustee is the chief financial officer of the township. They are responsible for fire protection and ambulance services to unincorporated areas of the township, income assistance fore those in poverty, burial assistance for those who cannot afford a burial for a loved one, cemetery maintenance, weed control, and disputes between neighbors regarding fencing (Center Township Trustee's Office).

CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

Vote for three (3)

No Republican candidate filed

Kathy Carey (D) - Incumbent*

- **Email:** kjcarey765@yahoo.com

Jama L. McIntosh (D)

- **No contacts found**

Mike Miller (D)

- **No contacts found**

Township Board's Role: Township Board Members serve as advisors to the Township Trustee. They also approve the annual budget and township contracts (Center Township Trustee's Office).

*__Incumbent:__ This is the person who currently holds an office.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

Note: Contact information was requested from various agencies, but it was not provided. Any emails provided are from those who are running for other positions.

District 1, Vote for fifteen (15) only

- **Stephen Douglas Brand**
- **Ed Carroll -** edcarroll@ed-carroll.com
- **Trish Carroll**
- **Janet Kay Gernand**
- **Amber Greene**
- **Tanya LaPage**
- **William (Bill) LaPage**
- **Alexander Macdonald**
- **Dan Macdonald**
- **Randall L. McCallister -** mccallisterfor34@gmail.com
- **Joseph P. Shaw**
- **Bill Walters**
- **David Williams -** davewilliamsforsheriff245@gmail.com

District 2, Vote for five (5) only

- **Adam Covault -** acovault82@yahoo.com
- **Sharon McShurley**
- **Bradley (Brad) Polk**
- **DeWayne Richmond**
- **Elizabeth Rowray**
- **Ryan S. Webb -** RyanWebbForCountyCouncil@gmail.com

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

District 3, Vote for 5 (5) only

- **Scott A. Alexander -** alex.appraise@comcast.net
- **Michelle Badders**
- **Kristopher H. Bilbrey**
- **Lynnette Burton**
- **Danielle Castle**
- **Diana Finney**
- **Larry Finney**
- **Ben Freeman -** BenFreemanforJudge@gmail.com
- **David W. Hanauer**
- **Richard M. Ivy -** richivy44@yahoo.com
- **Matt Kantz -** info@kantz4commissioner.com
- **Jessica Piper**
- **Allen F. Wisely**

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

Vote 1 for your district

- **Daisy Dale - District 1** hazedaise99@gmail.com
- **Emily Stults - District 1** stultsemily.g@gmail.com
- **Morgan C. Leckie - District 3** margan.leckie@muncieschools.org
- **Teri Lightning - District 4** lightning2015@gmail.com
- **Nancy Carlson - District 5** ncarlson@bsu.edu
- **Kathy Carey - District 6** kjcarey765@yahoo.com
- **Anthony Ferrero - District 7** ajferrero@outlook.com
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- **Sheryl Swingley - District 8** sswingley@bsu.edu
- **Courtney Jill Jarret - District 10** courtney.jarret@hotmail.com
- **Chelsea M. McDonnel - District 11** chelsmcdonnel@gmail.com
- **Cameron Grubbs - District 12** Cameron@VoteGrubbs.com
- **Kevin D. Coley - District 14** kevincoley362@gmail.com
- **Cody York - District 15** electcodyyork@gmail.com
- **James Brooks - District 16** jimmycricket216@outlook.com
- **Lisa Dykoff - District 19** ldykhoff@gmail.com
- **Allie V. Craycraft - District 22** alandjuanita@yahoo.com
- **Julie M. Snider - District 22** juliemsnider2020@gmail.com
- **Michael Durall - District 26** Durallforall@gmail.com
- **Brenda Kirkaldy - District 31** b.kirkaldy@yahoo.com
- **Richard Yencer - District 32** ryencer12@gmail.com
- **Missy Hathaway - District 33** mmh3701@aol.com
- **Judy Merritt - District 36** jgmerritt55@hotmail.com
- **Dyke Williams - District 36** dyke.williams@gmail.com
- **Katy Williams - District 36** kthxwms@gmail.com

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CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

Delegate's Role: "Each of the major parties (Republican and Democrat) is required to hold a state nominating convention within 60 days after the biennial May primary. At the convention, each county has one delegate, elected by voters, for every 400 votes....The voters in every precinct are assured of being permitted to vote to help elect at least one delegate."
Here are the core roles of the delegates:

- "One of the major functions of a state nominating convention (where delegates participate) is to adopt the platform of the party."
- "The state convention selects candidates for the following offices filled by statewide election: Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Comptroller, Attorney General" (Here is Your Indiana Government Book, 2024-2025, pp. 117-118).

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DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN CANDIDATES

There are 98 precincts across Delaware County. The precincts listed are those that fall within Muncie city limits ONLY. That is A LOT of precincts! Rest assured, you will only vote for your precinct. Just ONE precinct's candidates will be on your ballot. To find out what precinct you are in, go to **https://indianavoters.in.gov/**. Select, "Check Voting Status", put your information in. It'll take you to your voter page where it will list your precinct under where it says "Welcome _____(your name)!

Note: All of these candidates are Democratic and only voters voting with a Democratic ticket will vote for a candidate. You will only vote for your precinct and only choose one person per precinct.

Precinct 1
- **Julian Franklin**
- **Seth Rawlings**

Precinct 2
- **Jeff Brandon**
  - brandonjeffery@sbcglobal.net

Precinct 4
- **Julie Mason**
- **Phillip Casey Oliver**

Precinct 8
- **Anthony Ferrero**
  - ajferrero@outlook.com

Precinct 9
- **Erin Craig**

Precinct 10
- **Nora Evans Powell**
  - nkepowell@gmail.com

Precinct 11
- **Jason Donati**
  - j.debo.donati@gmail.com

Precinct 12
- **Yvonne Thompson**
  - y.carlotta@yahoo.com

Precinct 13
- **Teresa (Terri) Klingensmith-Haines**

Precinct 18
- **Monte Mendez Murphy**

Precinct 20
- **Kathy Carey**
  - kjcarey765@yahoo.com

Precinct 23
- **Cody York**
  - electcodyyork@gmail.com

Precinct 25
- **Paul Partezana**

Precinct 26
- **Andrew Dale**
  - josephandrewdale@gmail.com

Precinct 27
- **Gerald Waite**

Precinct 33
- **Cameron Grubbs**
  - cameron@votegrubbs.com

Precinct 34
- **Nancy Carlson**

Precinct 36
- **Sue Errington**

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DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

Precinct 38
- **Jennifer Rice-Snow**
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Precinct 39
- **Sheri Baker**

Precinct 40
- **Courtney Jill Jarrett**
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Precinct 41
- **Rick D. Edmundson**
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Precinct 42
- **Robert Ferguson**
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Precinct 43
- **Chelsea M. McDonnel**
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Precinct 45
- **Sheryl Swingley**
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Precinct 46
- **Kevin D. Coley**
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Precinct 47
- **Michael Mayfield**
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Precinct 49
- **Kirsten Smith**
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Precinct 50
- **Sara Gullion**
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Precinct 55
- **Missy Hathaway**
  - mmh3701@aol.com

Precinct 60
- **Randall Richter**

Precinct 64
- **Julie M. Snider**
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Precinct 69
- **Kristi Knapp**
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Precinct 70
- **Michael Durall**
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Precinct 73
- **Lisa Dykhoff**
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- **Todd Merickel**

Precinct 74
- **John P. Hampton**

Precinct 77
- **Kelsey Timmerman**
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Precinct 78
- **Brenda Kirkaldy**
  - b.kirkaldy@yahoo.com

Precinct 93
- **Tellissa Colglazier**

Precinct 98
- **Peggy Lewis**
  - pegalewis@gmail.com

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DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

Precinct Committeeman's Role: "In each precinct (a district/division of a city or town), a committee person is elected. Immediately after the election, the committee person appoints a vice committee person of the opposite gender. All the precinct committeemen and vice committeemen in a county constitute the county committee of the party. If no candidate runs for a precinct committee person office or it becomes vacant, the county chairperson appoints a replacement."

- "The committee person and vice committee person must attend the county convention to help set up the county organization. These are the only legal duties of the precinct committee person....The committee person is the party's contact person in the precinct, seeking always to make friends and recruit party supporters."
- "The precinct committeemen and vice committeemen within a county elect the county chairperson and vice chairperson."
- "The committee person is responsible for seeing that the voters favorable to his or her party are registered and thus eligible to vote", and that "on Election Day, the voters show up at the polls. In many counties, a committee person's duties also entail recruiting and monitoring the party's precinct election poll site officials" (Here is Your Indiana Government Book, 2024-2025, p. 119).

MORE INFORMATION ON PRIMARIES

HOW PRIMARY VOTING WORKS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES (DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN):

- In Indiana, "in order to participate in a party's primary, a voter must have either voted for a majority of that party's nominees in the last general election or must intend to vote for a majority of the party's nominees in the upcoming general election. According to FairVote, which classifies Indiana as an open primary state, this provision of the law is unenforceable due to the nature of secret balloting."
- (Indiana Code, "Section 3-10-1-6," accessed on Ballotpedia, April 2023)
- **The upcoming election on May 5, 2026, early voting starting April 7,** is a primary, meaning each voter will be asked to vote for a candidate to advance to the general election.
- **Each voter will have to identify the party they want to vote for when they arrive at the polls but the voter doesn't have to declare that party before arriving.**
- **Each voter will then only see their identified party's candidates when voting in the primary.**

KEEP IN MIND WHEN PLANNING TO VOTE

- **Do your research on the candidates** using this guide and also looking into candidate websites, social media pages and even emailing or calling them with questions, concerns and comments you have as a concerned citizen.
- **Choose 1-3 elected offices to research and vote for** if you feel overwhelmed about searching all of the candidates. There is no rule that you have to research and vote for every single office.
- **Take your candidate list of who you plan to vote for to the ballot box.** This could be written down on a piece of paper or noted on your phone. Websites like ballotready.org allow you to create your list and print it off.

FOR VOTING INFORMATION GO TO HTTPS://INDIANAVOTERS.IN.GOV/

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UTILIZED TRUSTED SOURCES

- Delaware County Voting & Elections Department
- Websites: indianavoters.in.gov; co.delaware.in.us; ballotpedia.org
- "Here is Your Indiana Government" publication from the Indiana Bar Foundation and Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- Local community members
- Special thank you to the candidates running for each office and also the candidates who we sent questions to and responded with answers.

SELECTED CANDIDATES TO SEND OUR Q&A

- We chose candidates from the Federal, State, and Local levels to send questions to for our Q&A sections of the guide. We relayed the answers they provdided verbatium.

CHECKS & BALANCES

- There are times when candidates are removed from lists because they have pulled out of the race or they don't meet requirements for candidacy. We do our best to keep track of these changes. We recognize mistakes can be made in this process as it is ongoing through election season. There are several checks and balances we use within Heart of Indiana United Way and with the above resources to make this guide as accurate as possible.

FEEDBACK

- **We want your feedback!** Fill out our Google Form at **https://forms.gle/FWxXqYFNBYtN2Xoe6** so that we can learn how to improve this guide!
- We recognize we are not perfect and this guide isn't perfect. If you have reason to believe there is missing, incorrect, or inaccurate information in this guide, please contact us:
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