2026 GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

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

Designed for Voters in **Muncie, IN**
General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 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. For the last election in 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 election offices, candidates' campaign materials, social media, and candidacy websites; as well as through direct communication.

ALL ABOUT VOTE CENTERS

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DELAWARE COUNTY HAS MOVED 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



General Info about Vote Centers

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EARLY VOTING AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY BUILDING

- 100 W. Main St., Room 104 (First Floor) Muncie, IN 47305
- October 6th- November 2nd
- Weekdays 8:30am - 4pm
- 2 Saturdays (October 24th and October 31st): 8:30am - 4pm
- Monday, November 2nd 8:30am - noon

EARLY VOTING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

- 1210 Wheeling Ave. Muncie, IN 47303
- Saturday, October 24th 8:30am-4pm
- Saturday, October 31st 8:30am-4pm

ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

Open November 3rd, 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
- **Glad Tidings Church**, 3001 S Burlington Dr, Muncie, IN 47302
- **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

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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES WHEN YOU VOTE

What you need to know about voting:

- **Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6am - 6pm.** Choose ANY convenient site.
- **Absentee info:** in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/absentee-voting/
- **Early voting begins October , 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/

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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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DISTRICT 5

Victoria Spartz (R) - Incumbent*

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

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 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.

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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.

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Victoria Spartz (R) - Incumbent*

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

J.D. Ford (D)

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

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.

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Q&A SECRETARY OF STATE

All Secretary of State 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. While Indiana's voter turnout and registration numbers have improved in the last 3 years, we are still 33rd for voter registration and 41st for voter turnout. What would you do as Secretary of State to improve elections for Hoosiers?

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Max Engling (R)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?**
  - I bring a unique combination of private-sector experience, public service, and firsthand knowledge of election administration. I've worked on election policy at the federal level, served Hoosiers through congressional offices, and built a career in Indiana's private sector. I also earned a master's degree in National Defense and Strategic Planning from the U.S. Naval War College, where I strengthened my ability to tackle complex challenges. As Secretary of State, I'll put that experience to work protecting election integrity, fighting business fraud, cutting red tape, and bringing greater transparency and accountability to the office.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - My campaign is focused on three priorities: election integrity, protecting Hoosiers from fraud, and accountable government. First, I'll work to ensure only eligible U.S. citizens vote in Indiana elections and strengthen confidence in our system. Second, I'll crack down on fraudulent business filings and shell companies that exploit Hoosiers. Third, I'll make the Secretary of State's office more transparent and efficient by cutting unnecessary red tape, improving services for businesses, and giving Hoosiers a direct way to report potential election concerns.
- **Q3: While Indiana's voter turnout and registration numbers have improved in the last 3 years, we are still 33rd for voter registration and 41st for voter turnout. What would you do as Secretary of State to improve elections for Hoosiers?**
  - Improving turnout starts with making it easier for eligible Hoosiers to participate while maintaining confidence in our elections. As Secretary of State, I'll work with county officials, veterans organizations, and community partners to improve voter registration outreach, including

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Max Engling (Continued)

- assistance with registering veterans. I'll also strengthen safeguards for voter eligibility, improve transparency through a portal where Hoosiers can report election concerns, and provide clear, accessible information about when, where, and how to vote. We can increase participation without compromising election integrity.

Beau Bayh (D)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?**
  - I served as a captain in the Marine Corps where I was in charge of a couple hundred marines. We came from a variety of backgrounds, and did not all vote the same. But we came together to achieve a common mission. After serving in the Marine Corps, I became an attorney. I clerked in our federal court system for a year and then began practicing corporate law in Indianapolis. I gained hands-on experience working with election law cases, securities fraud investigations, and complex corporate formations – all aspects of the Secretary of State's office.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - Cleaning up the corruption in the Secretary of State's office by conducting an Independent audit on day one. Our tax dollars have been wasted on luxury SUVs and hiring relatives for too long. We have to clean it up.
  - Increasing voter participation and keeping our elections secure. Our democracy functions best when more people are participating. We have to make sure there is no illegal voting, but at the same time we need to be looking for ways to expand our participation among eligible voters.
  - Be a good-faith partner to the thousands of small business owners in Indiana. When they file with the Secretary of State, business owners should know they have an honest partner in this office.

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Beau Bayh (Continued)

- **Q3: While Indiana's voter turnout and registration numbers have improved in the last 3 years, we are still 33rd for voter registration and 41st for voter turnout. What would you do as Secretary of State to improve elections for Hoosiers?**
  - There's a few things we need to do to help increase voter participation in Indiana. We need to protect early voting, so working people have an opportunity to get their polling location. We should institute citizen-led ballot initiatives, so we can put the big issues directly on our ballot to vote on. And, we should end straight-ticket voting. We've had too much tribalism in our politics and we should get back to voting for the person, not the party. These reforms will help increase competition in our politics which will in turn increase voter participation.

Lauri A. Shillings (L)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?**
  - I am not from a political family and I worked for everything I have. I have a day job as the Creative Director at the University of Indianapolis, run my own small business, and hold a degree in Community and Nonprofit Leadership. I am a graduate and former board member of the Montgomery County Leadership Academy. I have spent more than 20+ years working in business and marketing. I've been on the receiving end of Indiana's government as a business professional. I know what it costs – in time, in money, in frustration – when it doesn't work the way it should. I am running for Secretary of State because people in this state deserve someone in that office who actually understands what their daily life looks like and wants it to be better.

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Lauri A. Shillings (L) continued

- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - Here is what I will do differently and what I want to accomplish:
    - 1. I will fix the website. Broken links and outdated interfaces are not acceptable.
    - 2. I will protect your data. Your information belongs to you, and I will treat it that way.
    - 3. I will restore trust in the office by:
      - a. Auditing this office for budgetary efficiency and transparency
      - b. Releasing the results of the certification audits
      - c. Running this office the way it was designed to be run. As a neutral, professional public service. Not as a political lever or steppingstone
      - d. Expanding voter education and transparency. More informed voters make better choices, and more transparency increases their trust in the system.
- **Q3: While Indiana's voter turnout and registration numbers have improved in the last 3 years, we are still 33rd for voter registration and 41st for voter turnout. What would you do as Secretary of State to improve elections for Hoosiers?**
  - I will expand voter education. Hoosiers do not have clear, accessible information about how to register, where to vote, who is on their ballot, and what their options actually are. More informed voters make better choices. The website should make this information easier to find. Additionally, people should be able to see who's paying for their politicians. At best, that system is clunky and hard to navigate. We need to make that information very easy to get and easy to cross reference. Once that system is functional and running, I'd like to expand those offerings to the county levels so voters can see who's giving money to their sheriff, their county council, and their town council.

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Greg Ballard (LP)

- This candidate was contacted with the questions multiple ways and did not respond.

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INDIANA **SECRETARY OF STATE**

Max Engling (R)

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

Beau Bayh (D)

- **Website:** https://beaubayh.com/
- **Facebook:** Beau Bayh for Secretary of State
- **Instagram:** Beau Bayh for Secretary of State

Lauri A. Shillings (L)

- **Website:** https://www.lauriforliberty.com/
- **Facebook:** Lauri A. Shillings for Secretary of State
- **Instagram:** Lauri A. Shillings for Secretary of State

Secretary of State Role: The Indiana Secretary of State is one of the state's constitutional officers and acts as the chief election officer, maintaining state records and preserving the official State Seal. The office operates through four primary divisions to charter new businesses, regulate the state's securities industry, register notaries and trademarks, and license motor vehicle dealerships throughout Indiana.

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INDIANA **STATE COMPTROLLER (AUDITOR OF STATE)**

Elise Nieshalla (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** Welcome to Elise for Indiana Comptroller
- **Facebook:** Elise Nieshalla for State Comptroller
- **Instagram:** Elise Nieshalla for State Comptroller

Jessica Bailey (D)

- **Website:** https://baileyforindiana.com/
- **Facebook:** Jessica Bailey for State Comptroller
- **Instagram:** Jessica Bailey for State Comptroller

John Schick (L)

- **No contacts found**

State Comptroller (Auditor) of State Role: The Indiana State Comptroller serves as the chief financial officer for the State of Indiana, fulfilling the constitutional duties of the State Auditor. In this role, the Comptroller manages four primary duties: accounting for all state funds, disbursing tax distributions to local governments, paying state vendors, and issuing payroll for state employees. Additionally, the Comptroller oversees the Indiana Transparency Portal and acts as the administrator for Hoosier START, the state's deferred compensation retirement plan.

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INDIANA **TREASURER OF STATE**

Daniel Elliott (R) - Incumbent*

- **Website:** About Daniel – Daniel Elliott
- **Facebook:** Daniel Elliot for Treasurer of State
- **Instagram:** Daniel Elliott for Treasurer of State

Coumba Kebe (D)

- **Website:** https://www.kebeforindiana.com/
- **Facebook:** Coumba Kebe for Treasurer of State
- **Instagram:** Coumba Kebe for Treasurer of State

Treasurer of State Role: Serves as Indiana's chief investment officer and banker, responsible for safely managing, investing, and safeguarding public tax dollars. Elected to a four-year term as one of Indiana's constitutional officers, the Treasurer also oversees key state financial programs such as college savings plans, local government investment pools, and public safety funding boards. Additionally, the role includes chairing organizations like the Indiana Bond Bank to help local communities secure low-cost financing for public projects.

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Questions asked:

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DISTRICT 26

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

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

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.
- **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

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Andrew Dale (Continued)

- 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.

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INDIANA **STATE SENATOR** DISTRICT 26 CANDIDATES

Scott Alexander (R) - Incumbent*

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

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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DISTRICT 33

John (J.D.) Prescott (R) - Incumbent*

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

John E. Bartlett (D)

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

DISTRICT 34

Richard Ivy (R)

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

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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DISTRICT 34

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.

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DISTRICT 33 CANDIDATES

John (J.D.) Prescott (R) - Incumbent*

- **Facebook:** John Prescott for District 33 State Representative

John E. Bartlett (D)

- **Website:** https://www.bartlettforindiana.org/
- **Facebook:** John E. Bartlett for District 33 State Representative

DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATES

Richard Ivy (R)

- **Facebook:** Richard Ivy 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)

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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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Jeff Stanley (R)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - I bring more than 30 years of public safety experience and a strong understanding of every level of the Sheriff's Office. I earned my degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Ball State University and have served in patrol, investigations, the Drug Task Force, SWAT, Bomb Squad, and other specialized units. For the past seven years, I have served as Chief Deputy, overseeing the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office and working closely with county government, community leaders, and other public safety agencies. I understand the responsibilities of Sheriff because I am already doing much of that work every day. I bring proven leadership, experience, fiscal responsibility, and a commitment to keeping Delaware County safe.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - My campaign is focused on three key priorities. First, proven leadership and experience. With more than 30 years in public safety and seven years as Chief Deputy, I am prepared to lead on day one. Second, keeping Delaware County safe through proactive law enforcement, strong partnerships, technology, and a focus on violent crime and illegal drugs. Third, responsible leadership and community involvement. I will be a Sheriff who is accessible, works closely with our communities, supports programs that reduce repeat offenses, and remains accountable for how taxpayer dollars are spent. My goal is simple: protect our families and secure the values that make Delaware County home.

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Jeff Stanley (Continued)

- **Q3: How would you describe the relationship between your community and law enforcement? How will this impact your decisions if you are elected?**
  - I believe Delaware County has a strong relationship between law enforcement and the community, but that relationship should never be taken for granted. Trust is built through communication, transparency, accountability, and simply being present. As Sheriff, I will continue to make community involvement a priority, from our schools and neighborhoods to local organizations and businesses. I will listen to the people we serve and make decisions based on what is best for the safety of our entire county. Law enforcement works best when the community sees us as partners, not just as the people they call during an emergency.

David (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

David (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

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COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

Jeff Stanley (R) - Incumbent*

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David (Dave) Williams (D)

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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).

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

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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 gave a character count limit for each response from candidates to keep them within similar lengths. However, there is variation. To ensure we fully honor their responses, we are sharing each answer as it was submitted.
You can find candidate contact information in the "Snapshot" sections.
Note: Names listed in alphabetical order and by party.

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DISTRICT #1

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 would bring a combination of public-sector experience, policy knowledge, and a commitment to serving the community. My MPA has strengthened my skills in public administration, budgeting, policy, and leadership. I also have experience with the Indiana House Democratic Caucus and local nonprofits, giving me firsthand knowledge of legislative processes, constituent services, and community collaboration. I would bring a practical, collaborative approach focused on serving residents effectively, responsibly, and with accountability.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - 1. Keep Delaware County Affordable – Make responsible decisions with taxpayer dollars, control unnecessary spending, and keep our county a place where working families can afford to live.
  - 2. Transparent and Accountable Government – Give residents a stronger voice in county government through openness, clear communication, and responsible leadership.
  - 3. Strong Communities and Services – Support essential public services, infrastructure, children and families, and stronger partnerships between government and the nonprofits serving our community.

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DISTRICT #1 (CONTINUED)

Cody York (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 deep roots in Delaware County as a homeowner, foster parent, and through my involvement with local nonprofits and public service. Fostering children from our community has given me a firsthand understanding of the challenges facing local families. I believe every resident deserves to feel heard, regardless of their political affiliation. As County Councilor, I will be accessible, communicate openly, and create opportunities for residents to share their concerns and ideas. I will bring those voices directly into county government and work to ensure residents know their vote matters and their government is accountable to them.

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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.
- **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!

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DISTRICT #4

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James Mochal (R) - Incumbent*

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - During 31 years as a restaurant owner and manager, I learned the importance of responsible budgeting, effective management, teamwork, and treating every person with respect. For the past 21 years, my career in real estate with Coldwell Banker has strengthened my communication, negotiation, and financial decision-making skills while helping people throughout our community. My service on local boards and commissions has given me valuable experience working with diverse groups, understanding community needs, and making thoughtful decisions. I will bring these strengths to the County Council by listening to residents, carefully managing public resources, encouraging responsible growth.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - 1. Integrity and Honesty: I will serve Delaware County with openness, accountability, and respect, listening to residents and making decisions based on the community's best interests. 2. Practical Experience and Fiscal Responsibility: My 31 years as a restaurant owner and manager, along with 21 years in real estate, have strengthened my skills in budgeting, management, negotiation, communication, and responsible decision-making. 3. Community-Focused Leadership: Through service on local boards and commissions, I have learned the value of teamwork and collaboration.
- **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 decades, I have built roots in Delaware County by owning and managing local restaurants, working as a real estate professional, and serving on

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

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DISTRICT #4 (CONTINUED)

James Mochal (Continued)

- community boards and organizations. I have listened to residents as a business owner, neighbor, volunteer, and Delaware County Councilman representing District 4. I understand why some people feel their vote does not count. I will work to change that by being accessible, listening carefully, communicating clearly, and following through. Every resident deserves a voice in county government, regardless of party or neighborhood. I will continue bringing their concerns to the Council and making sure their input helps shape our decisions.

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. 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.

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DISTRICT #4 (CONTINUED)

Michael Durall (D) continued

- **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.
- **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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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #1

David Williams (R)

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DISTRICT #2

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No Democratic candidate filed

DISTRICT #3

Tony Skinner (R)

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Ashley Wright (D)

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #4

Jim Mochal (R) - Incumbent*

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Michael Durall (D)

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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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Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #3

Matt Kantz (R)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - I've served on Delaware County Council in District 3 for 4 years, the last three as President Pro Tempore. Council is the county's fiscal body, so I've read every line of the budget, reviewed tax abatement requests, and led our Strategic Financial Planning and IT Committees. I also chair the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce, bringing our towns and the county together on Local Income Tax (LIT) review. Alongside that, I've built a 20+-year career in healthcare technology and project management and started my own business. That work keeps me reading financials, managing budgets, and answering for results. I know how county government works day to day, and I'll bring that same discipline to the commissioner's office.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - My key messages are simple goals – find employers who provide better-paying jobs, continue to improve county infrastructure, and increase the efficiency of how county government operates. Moving forward, county government is being tasked with doing more with less, so we need to apply common-sense business practices and technology to local government to make it more efficient. We need to continuous focus infrastructure improvements to attract new businesses. And we need to sell the benefits of Delaware County to potential businesses who bring in better-paying jobs.
- **Q3: The county continues to experience population growth. What infrastructure investments do you believe should be prioritized to ensure essential services and quality of life can keep pace with the growth?**
  - Growth is concentrated along the I-69 corridor, so I will start there. The I-69 and State Road 28 interchange needs a major investment – water,

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DISTRICT #3

Matt Kantz (Continued)

- sewer, and road capacity – before it can carry the development it's positioned for. Same at the SR 332 exit in Yorktown, along with I-69 and 67/bypass, both of which need signal and road work for heavy traffic. Utilities come first everywhere because no rooftop or employer arrives ahead of that. We have a dozen or more bridges in need of emergency repair, that would come next, along with drainage chnages after the major floods. Finally, broadband access for everyone in the county.

Ken Mace (D)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences do you bring to this office?**
  - I am a lifelong resident of Delaware County and was employed by the Delaware County Courts as a probation officer from 1987 until I retired in 2019. I am familiar with the functions and processes of county government and have professional relationships with many local agencies and schools.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - I want to strengthen a bi-partisan presence in county government. I want to advocate for the people in our community who need help. I want to be accessible to the people I represent.
- **Q3: The county continues to experience population growth. What infrastructure investments do you believe should be prioritized to ensure essential services and quality of life can keep pace with the growth?**
  - In my opinion, several areas of the the county, and many neighborhoods in Muncie, are in "food deserts". Building more grocery stores would lessen food insecurities and create jobs. I would also support attracting a second hospital to Delaware County.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES DISTRICT #3

Matt Kantz (R)

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Ken Mace (D)

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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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Q&A DELAWARE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

DISTRICT #5

Ben Freeman (R)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?**
  - I bring more than a decade of experience in civil litigation, government law, and private practice, handling complex matters involving families, businesses, contracts, property, and local government. As a partner at Beasley & Gilkison and counsel to the City of Muncie, Delaware County Council, and Muncie Redevelopment Commission, I have learned the importance of preparation, sound judgment, and public service. As a lifelong resident of East Central Indiana, I carry the Hoosier values of hard work, service, humility and treating everyone with respect. I also bring the perspective of a husband, father, business owner, and community volunteer raising my family here in Delaware County.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - 1. Experienced. I bring broad experience in litigation, family law, property, contracts, and local government law. All of which are the kinds of matters that make up the majority of the court's daily work. 2. Prepared. As the managing partner of one of Muncie's oldest law firms, city attorney, litigator, and counsel to local government, I have developed the judgement, work ethic, and leadership necessary to serve my community effectively from day one. 3. Principled. I believe every person deserves fairness, dignity, and equal treatment. A judge must protect constitutional rights, follow the law rather than personal preference or politics, and apply it consistently. The rule of law. Always.
- **Q3: In your experience, what are the greatest challenges within the justice system? Describe how you would address those challenges.**
  - Our justice system is challenged by delays, limited access to legal resources and representation, and declining public confidence in the

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DISTRICT #5

Ben Freeman (Continued)

- institution. Our courts must be efficient without sacrificing fairness. I will emphasize preparation, timely rulings, consistent procedures, and respect for everyone who enters the courtroom. I also support practical efforts to improve access to justice for self-represented litigants while preserving judicial neutrality. Most importantly, I will work to strengthen confidence in the justice system through fairness, transparency, respect, and the faithful application of our Constitution and the rule of law.

Amanda Dunnuck (D)

- **Q1: What strengths and experiences could you bring to this office?**
  - I bring 23 years of legal experience and 11 years of proven judicial leadership. As both an attorney and judge, I understand a case from every side of the courtroom. I have handled complex civil, family and criminal matters and understand how court decisions affect families, victims and our community. As City Court Judge, I have reduced case backlogs while developing practical approaches to mental health and other issues that repeatedly bring people into the justice system. I will bring that same work ethic to Circuit Court 5: know the law, be prepared, move cases efficiently, treat people with dignity, and make fair and impartial decisions based on the facts and the law.
- **Q2: What are the three key messages of your campaign?**
  - My campaign is about qualifications, proven leadership and community. First, Circuit Court 5 needs a judge prepared to handle its diverse caseload, particularly criminal, family and civil litigation. I have that background. Second, justice delayed affects real people. I have a proven record of reducing court backlog and will bring that same focus to Circuit Court 5.

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DISTRICT #5

Amanda Dunnuck (Continued)

- Third, courts must serve the entire community. Every person who enters the courtroom deserves to be heard, treated with dignity and receive a fair, impartial decision based on the facts and the law–not politics, status or personal preference.

- **Q3: In your experience, what are the greatest challenges within the justice system? Describe how you would address those challenges.**
  - Our greatest challenges include court delays and the growing impact of mental health, addiction, poverty and family instability on the justice system. Courts cannot solve every community problem, but they must recognize the realities behind the cases before them. I would address delays through active case management, timely rulings and accountability. I would also continue building partnerships with local agencies and service providers so appropriate resources are available while maintaining personal accountability. Most importantly, I will ensure the courtroom remains a place where the law is applied consistently and impartially and every person is treated fairly and with dignity.

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CIRCUT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

CIRCUIT COURT #4

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No Democratic candidate filed

CIRCUIT COURT #5

Ben Freeman (R)

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Amanda Dunnuck (D)

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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).

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CANDIDATES

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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)

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

COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CANDIDATES

Sharon McShurley (R)

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- **Facebook:** Sharon McShurley for Delaware County Circuit Court Clerk

Cameron Grubbs (D)

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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*

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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).

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

COUNTY RECORDER CANDIDATES

James D. Carmichael (R)

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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).

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COUNTY ASSESSOR CANDIDATES

Sheri Chafin (R)

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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).

COUNTY CORONER CANDIDATES

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Scott Hahn (D)

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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).

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

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CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Dewayne Richmond (R)

- **No contact email found**

Marilyn Kay Walker (D) - Incumbent*

- **No contact email 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)

Randall McCallister

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Nicholas (Nick) Taulbee

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Kathy Carey (D) - Incumbent*

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Jama L. McIntosh (D)

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Mike Miller (D)

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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, 2026).

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

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON BALLOT

Ratification of State Constitutional Amendment

These questions will be asked at the beginning of the ballot.

Public Question #1:

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong.

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if: (1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community. (This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)
Yes
No

Public Question #2:

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located? (This question concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

Yes
No

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JUDGE RETENTION QUESTIONS

COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL RETENTION

SECOND DISTRICT

Shall Judge Dana J. Kenworthy be retained in office?

FOURTH DISTRICT

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

FIFTH DISTRICT

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

RETENTION OF JUDGE OF THE INDIANA TAX COURT

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

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MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING

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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HOW THE GUIDE WAS CREATED

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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 provided verbatim.

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/KPbQdyG369RmvVbd6 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. We also welcome your positive experiences with the guide:
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