



Lapeer County Tea Party Patriots

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill in the requested information below and return by mail, email (r.murphy451@gmail.com) or fax (810-678-8590) **within five days!** Additional thoughts and essay answers can be written on a separate sheet. Thank you.

Your name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

1. In your opinion, what is the biggest issue facing the office that you are running for and how would you use this position to solve it?

2. Do you agree a legislator is supposed to vote the preferences of the majority of their constituents? Please explain. _____

3. Do you firmly believe that the United States and Michigan Constitutions are the basis for our governance and should be strictly followed and not subject to interpretation when developing solutions to today's problems? YES ___ NO ___
4. The Founding Fathers creation of the Constitution was based on faith and individual liberty which results in the creation of American exceptionalism. Do you agree? YES ___ NO ___
5. Do you support the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution and believe that it gives all citizens the right to keep and bear arms and cannot be superseded by any government authority? YES ___ NO ___
6. Do you think the government is infringing on the free exercise of religion? YES ___ NO ___
7. Do you believe that the Federal government should follow the constitution and as a result remove itself from social issues? YES ___ NO ___
8. Would you support "sovereignty legislation" as other states are drafting to oppose the intrusion of the Federal Government into states rights? YES ___ NO ___
9. Should the state legislators (Senate and House) be a part-time position, with corresponding pay and benefits? YES ___ NO ___
10. Would you support legislation to make Michigan a right-to-work state? YES ___ NO ___
11. Do you favor term limits for all elected officials (State, Local & Federal)? YES ___ NO ___

12. Do you believe that relative wage and benefit parity for similar skills and occupations must be considered between public sector and private enterprise employee? YES ___ NO ___
13. Do you support school funding following the child based on parental school selection (public, private, charter or faith-based)? YES ___ NO ___
14. Would you support State and Federal legislation that would make us energy independent as a Country? YES ___ NO ___
15. Do you believe the national debt is out of control due to runaway spending and is threatening our future and our very way of life? YES ___ NO ___
16. Would you support a three year moving average budget using realistic forecasts without gimmicks to accurately plan current and future budgets? YES ___ NO ___
17. Do you support the review of budgets with the purpose of eliminating waste and duplication including the possible elimination of entire departments? YES ___ NO ___
18. Will you oppose any taxing authority not voted for by the people such as a DDA? YES ___ NO ___
19. Will you oppose any state or federal unfunded mandate as it applies to your office? YES ___ NO ___
20. Will you make yourself available to citizens by holding town halls at least twice a year in your district? YES ___ NO ___
21. The three abiding Tea Party principals are fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets? Please describe your position in support or opposition to these principals.

22. Do you support the Headlee Amendment in our State Constitution? YES ___ NO ___

County Commissioner Candidate Questions

A. Would you support a long range financial focus with the goals of reducing costs, modernizing and reducing the size of county government? Please comment. What policies would you implement to affect your goals? _____

B. Public Private Partnerships and Non-Governmental Organizations: Please give your views on their usefulness and legality.

C. Would you support limited citizen comments before and after all open meetings? Please explain your reasoning. _____

D. What is your opinion on the privatization of county services as a cost-saving measure?

Drain Commission Candidate Questions

A. Please provide examples of how the Drain and Road Commissions can work together to provide the county more cost-effective services. _____

B. What is your position on unfunded State and Federal mandates? What would your course of action be? _____

Road Commission Candidate Questions

A. Please provide examples of how the Road and Drain Commissions can work together to provide the county more cost-effective services. _____

B. How would you adequately maintain county road in the face of declining revenues? Do you support reverting some paved roads to gravel as a cost-cutting measure? _____

C. What is your opinion of privatization of some services as a cost-saving measure? _____

School Board Candidate Questions

A. Would you support limited citizen comments before and after all open meetings? Please Explain your reasoning. _____

B. What is your opinion on the privatization of some school services as a cost-saving measure?

C. Would you support legislation requiring the factual history of our Founding Fathers, the State and U.S. Constitution, be taught in all Michigan schools? YES ___ NO ___

D. Have you received any financial support from the MEA/NEA? YES ___ NO ___

E. Would you accept any such support in the future? YES ___ NO ___