

Candidate Vetting Questionnaire

Please complete and return by July 5, 2024

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Name: Joseph Gardner

Public Office Candidacy (Role Title): Antioch Township Trustee

Incumbent or New Candidate? Incumbent

1) Tell us why you are running for public office. What are your goals and vision? What qualifications do you bring to the role?

Experience and commitment to provide a quality performance in representing the people of Antioch Township indicate that another term of service is appropriate. Working in tandem with others of a similar mindset will ensure that the best response is made to the changes and opportunities of 2024 on our local governmental level.

2) Do you have experience as an elected official? If so, please tell us about that position and experience.

Yes. We on the township board have prudently handled monetary sums on the people's behalf, and voted with their interests in mind in approving/supporting courses of action such as the disbursement of ARP funds, founding and encouraging the successful formation of the NWEA medical and fire support for the township, and furthering our understanding and ongoing concern for blight conditions within our area. Among other topics toward which we have turned our attention: Upgrade and maintenance of township office, township hall, and cemetery. Validating new Assessor contract. Monitor Board of Review personnel changes and continuing education.

3) How would you describe your voting history since you registered as a voter? Have you previously voted for candidates affiliated with other parties? If so, please explain.

While the Republican ticket has most often been my choice of vote, I will choose other candidates occasionally. Proposals are supported when coincident with ideas of fairness, affordability, and Constitutional principles.

4) Please tell us about your activity as a Republican.

I am not active in the Republican Party.

5) Describe experiences where you were engaged in service to others, such as not-for-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, etc.

Mission Team member of the Rollins Christian Fellowship church in Manton, Michigan, guiding support for multiple missionaries throughout the world. Private financial interests given to various other Christian organizations.

6) You've indicated on your candidate affidavit that your party affiliation is Republican. Do you support all aspects of the Republican platform? Please elaborate.

In the past I have noted Republican platform statements given lip-service but bypassed in practice. Issue by issue is the way to evaluate true commitment to stated goals, with the standard of godly righteousness and limited government foremost.

7) What is the purpose of government?

Protect and serve the people, wisely guard their innate freedom as declared by the tenets of our constitutional Republic, be a 'terror to evil-doers', avoid partiality under the law.

8) Please explain your view on upholding the Oath of Office.

Oaths are not abrogated lightly.

9) How will you make yourself available to constituents, if elected? What is your plan to ensure your constituents are heard and their concerns are addressed?

Phone calls are welcome for immediate concerns; otherwise monthly meetings are available for public comment.

10) Please explain, in your own words, the role and responsibilities of the office you're seeking, and outline how you intend to address each of the primary duties of that office.

Previously addressed (see above).

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these vital questions. Your thoughtful response aids the Wexford County Republican Committee, our precinct delegates, committee members and constituents in promoting, endorsing and voting to elect Republican candidates that will ensure the will of We The People.

In Liberty!

Emily DeBoer
Chair, Wexford County Republican Committee