

Your Source for Non-Partisan Voter Information for the 2018 General Election

With Vote411, voters can enter their address to find their polling place, build a ballot with our online voter's guide and much more! The Vote411 voters' guide lets you see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print out a "ballot" indicating your preferences as a reminder and take it with you to the polls on Election Day.

An effective voter guide starts with insightful questions for all of the candidates; questions that we think help voters determine who should earn their vote. Below are the final questions developed by the Voter Services committee for the 2018 General Election. All local candidates are invited to participate. After indicating their willingness to participate, each candidate has the opportunity to respond to a specific set of questions. We expect Vote411 to be available to the public no later than October 1st.

Not all candidates choose to participate in Vote411 for their own reasons. All local candidates are given the chance to respond.

Question Set #1

US House:

United States Representative, 4th District

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. Please describe what you see as the top domestic and foreign policy challenges and how you plan to respond to them.
3. Do you support a policy that every U.S. resident should have access to affordable, quality health care? If so how would you achieve this objective?
4. Would you reform the current immigration system and if so, how?
5. How will you assure that the legislative branch fulfills its role as a co-equal branch of our government?

Question Set #2

State

Representative, District 13
Representative, District 25
Representative, District 26
Representative, District 27
Representative, District 41
Senator, District 22

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. What, if any, changes to gun laws would you advocate for preventing or minimizing the damage of gun violence?
3. What are your views on establishing an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission in Indiana to manage the redistricting process?
4. Voters are being asked to approve an amendment to the Indiana constitution to require the General Assembly to adopt balanced budgets. How would this amendment impact your work in the General Assembly?
5. Do you support or oppose a "hate or bias crimes" bill for Indiana? Please discuss the rationale for your response.

Question set #3

County (CC)

Commissioner, District 1
County Council, Districts 1, 2, 3, 4

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. What are the three top issues you would address if elected?
3. What if any changes could be made to improve the county's working relationship with state and local government?
4. If elected, how will you work for the well-being of the entire county's residents?

Questions set #4

County (AAR)

Assessor
Auditor
Recorder

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
3. What changes or improvements would you make to the operation of this office if elected?
4. If elected, how will you work for the well-being of the entire county's residents?

Question set #5

County Clerk

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.
3. What changes or improvements would you make to the operation of this office if elected?
4. What are your ideas on improving security, accuracy and auditability of elections, for example adopting vote by mail or replacing voting machines?
5. What will you do to encourage voter registration and voting?

Question set #6a

County Prosecutor

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. What has been your greatest accomplishment in your legal career?
3. How would you prepare yourself to handle cases involving unfamiliar areas of the law?
4. Please describe your administrative experience. What are your primary strengths as a supervisor? As an administrator?
5. To what extent have you practiced in the area of criminal law? Family law? Civil law?

Question set #6b

County Sheriff

1. The Sheriff's Department provides security services to the two county high schools. How can you work most effectively in these schools to minimize the possibility of gun violence?
2. Please describe how you will build and maintain a cohesive and effective team of deputies to carry out the work of the Sheriff's Department
3. What are the top three issues you would like to see addressed if you are elected?
4. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for the office?
5. How do you plan to maintain communication and cooperation with other law enforcement departments in Tippecanoe County?

Question set #7

Judicial

Judge, Superior Court No. 6

Judge, Circuit Court 23

1. What has been your greatest accomplishment in your legal career?
2. Who are your judicial role models? Why?
3. What have been the most effective methods for improving court procedures and efficiency?
What other methods would you suggest?
4. What is your general judicial philosophy?
5. Please describe your first-hand experiences, if any, dealing with people who are different from you socially, economically, or politically.

Question Set #8

Town Council Shadeland, Clarks Hill, and Otterbein

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. What is the most important issue facing your community and what are your plans to address it?
3. How do you plan to listen to residents of your community to understand their thoughts and needs?
4. How will you meet the requirements of the open door policy for all meetings and actions of the town's business?

Question Set #9

Town Clerk/Treasurer

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that make you the best candidate for this office?
2. What is the greatest challenge facing the jurisdiction and scope of this office and how would you address this challenge?
3. What improvement(s) can you make in this office to assist the citizens of your community?

Question set #10

Township Advisory Board and Trustee

1. What qualities and/or experience do you have that makes you the best candidate for this office?
2. What is the most important challenge facing township government in Tippecanoe County?
What can the Township do to meet this challenge?
3. What steps will you take to improve services, including fire protection, to township residents?
4. Are the relief services for the poor provided by your township meeting the needs of its residents? How could they be improved?
5. What is your opinion on the consolidation of smaller townships into larger ones?

Question Set #11

School Board Candidates

1. Why are you running for the school board and what makes you a good candidate?
2. Describe your view of the roles of the school board and the superintendent. What is the ideal relationship between these two offices?
3. What specific steps would you take as a school board member to improve transparency and make school board information more widely available?
4. As you review the performance data of your schools, what do you see in these data and what do you think the board should do, if anything?
5. What is your opinion on how best to protect the students and staff from gun violence in the schools?