

Candidate Name and Office Sought

Kimberly S. Dowling 46th Judicial Circuit Judge, Court No. 2
Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr 46th Judicial Circuit Judge, Court No. 3

Ashley N. Wright County Commissioner District 1
Bradley T. Bookout County Council At Large
Chris Musick County Council At Large

Bradley (Brad) Polk Treasurer

Gregory W. LeMaster State Representative 33
Sue Errington State Representative 34
Philip G. (Phil) Gift State Representative 35

Raju Chinthala U.S. Congressional District 5
Ryan Pfenninger U.S. Congressional District 5
Deborah A. Pickett U.S. Congressional District 5

Valerie McCray U.S. Senator

Jennifer G. McCormick Indiana Governor

What is your professional experience?

Kimberly S. Dowling I practiced law for 27 years and I served as a Master Commissioner for one of our courts and the Title IV-D Court for 4 years during my private practice. I was elected as Judge of Delaware Circuit Court 2 in 2012 and have served in that capacity since that time.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr I have been an attorney for 25 years

Ashley N. Wright I am currently the Director of Sales for the Courtyard by Marriott downtown. Previously, I was the Operations Manager for Prairie Creek Reservoir. Before that, I worked for the Clerk of Delaware County as the Deputy Clerk for Circuit Court 2. Most of my life has been public service.

Bradley T. Bookout As many know, my family and I have been a part of economic

development in Delaware County for many years. We saw the booming times of the 1990s and early 2000s when our family business, Bookout Builders, constructed over 400 homes. We actively developed subdivisions such as Carrington Woods, Oak Point Estates, Clearwater Condominiums, Westminster Villas, and Iron Gate, to name a few.

Then, the Great Recession changed the face of our community. Many of us watched with a heavy heart as great local institutions such as BorgWarner, Chevrolet Muncie, Ball Corporation, Indiana Steel & Wire, and Delco closed their local facilities and redirected operations elsewhere. Every day, we drive past the scars left by these institutions. It has been noted that well over 30,000 manufacturing and industry-related jobs from Muncie, Anderson, and New Castle were lost during this time. This resulted in billions of discretionary family dollars being extracted annually from our region.

Like hundreds of families in the middle of life, married with three small kids and a mortgage, I was forced to reinvent myself and start a new career. My wife refers to this time as, "We were sailing in the ocean, and the wind wasn't blowing." We watched as forces beyond control caused banks to take our friends' homes, 401K plans melted away, and healthcare costs increased beyond explanation.

I spent a few years bouncing between opportunities centered around economic development before my wife incorporated Augusta Consulting, LLC. Reader's note: We lived on Augusta Boulevard, so the name was fitting. This company aimed to provide local governments with economic development and municipal consulting services. I've been employed by this company for many years, working on contracts for county governments and the ECI Regional Planning District. You can see much of the work highlighted on our company's website.

I am proud of our work in Delaware County and the Muncie community. Over the years, if you've seen development in portions of Delaware County, I more than likely played some part in the ventures. My goal has been simple. I work hard to help local officials build back the diversified variety of businesses in our community that create higher-paying jobs for residents. This, in return, supplies new and increasing sources of revenue for

schools, roads, emergency services and quality-of-life projects. I am proud to have been a part of assisting new companies like Canpack, INOX, Filtrec North America, Clearline Technologies, PNC Manufacturing, Trebi North America, Jones Brothers Trucking, Vi-Technik, the Muncie Power Products expansion, the Oliver, SRM Concrete, Optum Health and others to locate their operations in Delaware County. While it has taken the involvement of many people (likely many reading this), Delaware County's assessed value has increased an astounding \$987 million in the last eight years. Manufacturing wages have also increased from \$12 to \$20+ per hour. My track record of attracting new businesses to our community and increasing our tax base speaks for itself. I challenge anyone in Indiana to put their business development and percentage of increase of tax bases records against mine. Amazing work is happening right here in our community. My plan is to keep it moving in that direction.

Chris Musick

Retired from a career in International Education

Bradley (Brad) Polk

BS degree in Finance from Ball State, 20+ years in the financial industry, 15 years on Muncie City Council

Gregory W. LeMaster

Lawyer

Sue Errington

College level Spanish teacher, campaign manager for a congressperson, volunteer coordinator for a statewide gubernatorial candidate, later Public Policy Director for Planned Parenthood for 17 years.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

Registered Nurse

Raju Chinthala

Businessman, Community Leader, Political Advocate, Speech - Language Pathologist, & International Economic Adviser.

Over the past 30 years, Raju's professional and personal service has impacted Hoosiers across the state. He is a leader in healthcare, practicing as a speech pathologist.

- He is a leader in business, with experience in creating and expanding profitable partnerships, managing hotel franchises, and leading international corporate expansion initiatives.
- He is a leader in the community, helping create better healthcare and positive revenue investments of over One Billion Dollars.

- As Senior Advisor for India at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Raju cultivated relationships that resulted in thousands of jobs and Billions of dollars investments.
- As the Founder and President of the Indiana India Business Council, he has helped build an economic bridge between Indiana and India.

ABOUT RAJU:

Raju's journey began in a small village in India, where his grandmother, despite lacking formal education, recognized the transformative power of knowledge. She ensured that Raju's father received an education, setting the stage for Raju's pursuit of a double master's degree in speech and hearing, as well as business. Encouraged by his family, Raju embarked on a new chapter in America, laying the foundation for a remarkable 30-year career as a Speech-Language Pathologist, entrepreneur, civic leader.

In 1996, Raju began his professional journey as a Speech-Language Pathologist in Kokomo, Indiana, following a move from Michigan to Indianapolis. Over the years, his dedicated service to the healthcare sector helped thousands of individuals with speech, language, swallowing, cognitive, and hearing difficulties. As a resident of Indiana's 5th Congressional District, Raju remained deeply committed to serving his beloved communities. Leveraging his business acumen, he played a pivotal role in driving astronomical growth in Indiana. His endeavors included forging partnerships, managing hotel franchises, facilitating international corporation expansions through foreign direct investment, and spearheading numerous successful philanthropic initiatives. Through his tireless efforts, Raju made significant contributions to healthcare, education, and foreign direct investments, surpassing \$1 Billion. Furthermore, as a Senior Advisor for India at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the founder and President of the Indiana India Business Council, Raju fostered strong cultural, economic, educational and sports ties between Indiana and India, further strengthening the economic bridge between the two.

In 2003, Raju joined the Republican Party and subsequently served in various capacities within the Indiana

Republican Party. He actively participated in city, state, and federal campaigns, serving as a Precinct Committeeman and offering invaluable support as a fiscal conservative and dedicated volunteer. His commitment to upholding the Constitution, serving the people, advocating for limited government intrusion, responsible tax policies, nurturing the future generation, and supporting veterans and military personnel has been the driving force behind his vision. Currently, he serves as a Treasurer for Hamilton County Republican Party since 2018.

Raju's exceptional contributions to his local community over the past three decades have garnered widespread recognition and numerous accolades. Notably, he has received the prestigious Indiana distinguished service award, the Sagamore of the Wabash and The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his outstanding accomplishments.

Raju resides in Carmel with his wife, Dr. Prasanna Chinthala, a Geriatric Psychiatrist. Together, they raise their son, Anoop, a medical student at IU School of Medicine, and their beloved dog, Snowball, a mini-American Eskimo. Inspired by his remarkable journey and motivated by his unwavering belief in creating a better life for all, Raju remains committed to giving back and making an even greater impact.

Ryan Pfenninger

I've spent the last two decades building tech companies, creating jobs and investing across life science, advanced manufacturing and software. I started and sold my first business from my dorm room at IU.

Deborah A. Pickett

I was a staff member at an organization that assisted developing countries build their education and training capacity for new and renewable sources of energy. However, my most significant professional experience was working at Hudson Institute on their international economic and trade studies. I also served as a non-commissioned officer in the US Army Reserve as a behavioral science specialist with the 55th Medical Detachment and later as an intelligence analyst with the 21st Support Command in Indianapolis.

Valerie McCray

With 35 years in the psychology field (25 years licensed), I've

witnessed how U.S. policies profoundly affect the mental well-being of our people. I've worked directly with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individuals in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence, and more. It's clear that mental health must be a national priority and we cannot address our nation's challenges one mental health crisis at a time. That's why I'm running for U.S. Senate.

Jennifer G. McCormick

My journey and passion for service led me to the classroom, where I spent a decade as a special education and language arts teacher before becoming a public school principal and superintendent for nearly 15 years. As superintendent, I protected local control of the school district so the community could make the best decisions for their own children.

In 2016, I successfully ran for state superintendent of public instruction to be a champion for Hoosier kids. I campaigned on empowering kids, parents and educators, supporting and guiding schools, and delivering a high-quality public education to every Hoosier. As state superintendent, I took on politics that were negatively impacting our schools and fought for what was right for kids, teachers, and parents. Managing half of Indiana's state budget, I demonstrated fiscal responsibility by using taxpayer dollars effectively and efficiently.

What is your public office experience?

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| Kimberly S. Dowling | running for re-election to a current position |
| Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr | have never run for office before |
| Ashley N. Wright | have run before but not held office |
| Bradley T. Bookout | have held public office in the past but not currently |
| Chris Musick | have never run for office before |
| Bradley (Brad) Polk | running for re-election to a current position |
| Gregory W. LeMaster | have run before but not held office |
| Sue Errington | running for re-election to a current position |
| Philip G. (Phil) Gift | have never run for office before |

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What are the specific skills that you bring to this position?

Kimberly S. Dowling I have twelve years experience in hearing both criminal and civil cases. I have also supervised our child support court and juvenile court for that same period of time. I have been teaching judges across the state for the past eleven years on topics ranging from evidence, self-represented litigants, criminal law, juvenile law, and human trafficking. This demonstrates my broad range of knowledge on all of the topics that I see from the bench. I also supervise approximately eleven staff.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr I have been a trial attorney my entire career. I have experience in large firm setting, small firm setting, private practice, non-profit practice, public defender work and prosecutor work.

Ashley N. Wright Management, following and creating municipal budgets, I work well with all parties and people. Most of my adult life has been dedicated to public service

Bradley T. Bookout I will bring integrity to the county council as well as a deep understanding of the county budget process and the inter-workings of county government. I know how to work with ALL parties to get things accomplished.

Chris Musick Creativity, problem solving, networking, common sense, listening

Bradley (Brad) Polk Financial background, Leadership skills, budgeting knowledge

Gregory W. LeMaster Unique knowledge of law, theory, and economics.
Sue Errington Public Policy knowledge and experience, outreach to constituents, understanding and advocating for progressive views on issues, good listener, patience .

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

Healthcare expertise and a strong desire to defend the rights of women to manage their own pregnancies and a desire to champion for minorities and the LGBTQ community.

Raju Chinthala

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Ryan Pfenninger

I have no experience in public office, and I think that's a good thing. I'm not looking for a career. I'm looking to get things done for our state.

I'm a problem solver. In the tech world, when something is broken, we don't sit around and point fingers. We jump in and fix it. Collaboration leads to success. I believe politics is broken, but no one in Washington wants to find common ground, figure out real solutions and deliver them back here to Indiana.

Deborah A. Pickett

I am running for US Representative, 5th District and will represent Hoosiers in Congress. My knowledge and understanding of how Indiana businesses and communities thrive and how government can best assist them comes from working on economic and international trade studies. My experience in the US military gives me personal insights into the challenges faced by military personnel and their families, and the critical role the US military plays in maintaining peace and stability around the world. My deep understanding of the issues impacting the hearts and minds of Hoosiers comes from many years of volunteering and working with others to help Hoosiers of all generations manage the

difficulties facing them in their daily lives. My affection and respect for Hoosiers arises from years of knowing them well and speaking up on their behalf in class rooms, board rooms, and court rooms. Knowledge, curiosity, experience and heart for Hoosiers will make me a fierce advocate for them in the halls of Congress and a tireless leader and collaborator on pushing for legislation that helps Hoosiers help themselves.

Valerie McCray

As a mental health clinician, I bring a unique perspective to Congress because I understand firsthand how policy impacts the lives of real people. I'm not just talking about statistics; I'm talking about the human beings behind those numbers. Whether it's improving access to care, addressing root causes of trauma, or advocating for policies that support mental wellness, I will be a tireless advocate for the well-being of every American.

Jennifer G. McCormick

- Proven leadership.
- Commitment to service.
- A track record of fiscally conservative budget management.
- A belief that Hoosiers deserve quality, transparent, common-sense governance.

What are your top 3 priorities if you are elected?

Kimberly S. Dowling

I am currently participating in a civil litigation pilot program created by the Indiana Supreme Court to help improve the efficiency of our court system and I would like to complete that program.

I have been working to educate, train, and develop legislation regarding human trafficking since 2014. I intend to continue that work.

I have been working to improve the juvenile justice system since 2014 and I would like to continue to develop programming to ensure that juveniles are treated fairly and provided services to address their challenges.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

Develop a Mental Health Court, Transparency, Integrity

Ashley N. Wright

1. Create a relationship with other local municipalities in our

county to get the most out of the tax dollars that are paid. Go over existing budgets to see if money is being spent with our tax payers in mind.

2. Use my platform to bring the Democrat party back together.

3. Create a work environment that is inviting to employees. I feel you should not be expected to support the current office holder just because they expect you to. It is important to create an environment that allows employees to be safe and valued.

Bradley T. Bookout

My top three priorities are simple:

Secure more money to pave roads.

Continue to grow our tax base to better fund schools and emergency services.

Work to create more higher paying job opportunities for residents.

Chris Musick

local labor on local projects, promotion of cottage industries, inclusion of County communities in Destination Muncie, affordable housing (I know it's 4)

Bradley (Brad) Polk

Collect taxes for Delaware County, good rate of return on Investments for Delaware County monies, easier more convient way of looking up property taxes owed and easier ways for parcel owners to be able to pay their taxes.

Gregory W. LeMaster

To not pass dumb laws, to make all laws answer the impact on the family, tax fairness

Sue Errington

Overturing Indiana's near total abortion ban, working to combat climate change, support for public education from kindergarten to university level and universal early education.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

A woman's right to choose, protecting LGBTQ rights, legalization of recreational and medical cannabis.

Raju Chinthala

Why is Raju running for Congress?

I am not a career politician. I am running for Congress driven by aspiration, passion, and a desire to give back to the country that has given me so much. I am committed to fostering responsible financial management, strengthening our future, and enhancing opportunities for Indiana and the next generation. I want to make a positive impact on our community and nation.

To Defend Constitutional rights: I believe in upholding our Constitution and ensuring that the rights and freedoms it guarantees are protected for all Americans.

To Protect the American Dream: As someone who has lived the American Dream, I am committed to ensuring that future generations have the same opportunities for success and prosperity.

To Support Small Businesses: Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and I will work tirelessly to create an environment where they can thrive and create jobs.

To Advocate for Veterans: Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and it's essential that we honor their service by providing them with the support and resources they need, better job opportunities, and best healthcare facilities. We have a bold vision to revitalize the VA Hospital in Marion, equipping it with state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge healthcare technology to serve our veterans and community for the next 150 years. Our goal is to ensure that those who have bravely served our nation receive the highest quality care and support they deserve.

To Reform Immigration System: When addressing immigration reform, it's imperative to approach the issue comprehensively. I propose a three-tiered strategy to tackle the complexities of our immigration system.

Firstly, in the realm of legal immigration and work visas, we need to enact significant changes. The current H1B lottery system is inefficient and outdated. I advocate for its immediate abolishment in favor of a merit-based system for work visas. Additionally, we must expedite the green card process for H1B visa holders, ensuring a maximum waiting period of three years. By leveraging new technology, we can efficiently clear the backlog of green card applications. Furthermore, I propose an increase in the H1B visa quota, while also implementing special visa programs for nurses and physicians to address critical shortages in the healthcare sector.

Secondly, addressing the status of undocumented immigrants, including Dreamers, requires compassion and practical solutions. It is essential to acknowledge their contributions to our society while ensuring adherence to our laws.

I propose issuing green cards to undocumented immigrants through a timely and thorough process that includes background checks.

Lastly, securing our borders is paramount to maintaining national security and upholding the rule of law. To address illegal immigration from the southern border, we must take decisive action. This includes implementing measures to close the southern border to illegal crossings.

By implementing these strategies, we can reform our immigration system to better serve our nation's interests while upholding our values of fairness, compassion, and security.

To Safeguard the Next Generation: Our children are our future, and I am committed to ensuring that they inherit a country that is safe, prosperous, and full of opportunity. ST

As a Republican candidate, I firmly believe in the principles of fiscal responsibility, limited government, and individual liberty. In addressing the need for reform in higher education, it is essential to uphold these values by promoting policies that empower individuals to pursue their educational and career aspirations without burdensome government intervention. By advocating for increased access to vocational training, apprenticeships, and alternative education pathways, we can equip Americans with the skills they need to succeed in today's competitive job market while reducing reliance on costly federal programs. Furthermore, in the realm of international affairs, I am committed to advancing a foreign policy agenda that prioritizes American interests and values. This includes advocating for a more restrained approach to military interventionism and a renewed focus on diplomacy, trade, and cooperation. By championing these conservative principles, we can work towards a brighter future for all Americans, both at home and abroad." Congress should support policies that foster economic stability and invest in training that will support high-wage jobs, especially in the areas hardest hit by the economic downturn during the pandemic.

Ryan Pfenninger

Women and their doctors, not the government, should make decisions on things like family planning, IVF and abortion.

Democracy must remain America's sacred cause and we must protect its future for our children.

Deborah A. Pickett

1. Fighting for and upholding our democracy and democratic institutions. In the United States, the people choose their leaders, make the laws, and decide what to do with their personal bodies. Americans are responsible for being the master of their destiny. We must never give up our rights.
2. Fighting for women's reproductive rights and the rights of all Americans to have control over personal and private decisions regarding their bodies and relationships with others.
3. Work to restore competence, collaboration and compromise in Congress so that government delivers on its promises to Americans to honor programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Valerie McCray

As a Psychologist, I've witnessed how U.S. policies profoundly affect the mental well-being of our people. I've worked directly with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individuals in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, and youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence. It's clear that mental health must be a national priority and we cannot address our nation's challenges one crisis at a time. That's why I'm running for U.S. Senate. Relentlessly, I will fight for beyond-subsistence wages, unions, healthcare for all, women's rights to choose, equal rights for everyone, strengthening public education, and repealing Citizens United so people (not corporations) can be truly represented.

Jennifer G. McCormick

- 1) Fight for reproductive freedoms
- 2) Ensure a high-quality education for all
- 3) Support high-wage jobs and unions

East Central Indiana is a tolerant and just place.

1= Strongly Disagree

5= Strongly Agree

Kimberly S. Dowling

3 I see many places in Muncie where people are tolerant, but i also see places where we need a lot of improvement. As for just I can only speak for myself, and I strive to always provide a courtroom that is open, tolerant, and fair. I participate in all of the

training made available to me to learn and to stay current on the law and on social issues.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

4 I believe generally that people are tolerant of differences in others, but not with 100% acceptance

Ashley N. Wright

2 I believe depending on the group of people you associate with, can seem tolerant. There are many in public office now that are not tolerant and accepting. I definitely see how some citizens do not feel safe enough to be themselves in this part of the county when some of our own elected officials conduct themselves the way they do.

Bradley T. Bookout

3 Many people in our community work hard on a daily basis to make Delaware County a place that is welcoming and inviting. Despite this there are bad actors who mock people of other races and sexual orientations. This rhetoric has no place on the county council and in fact- I am aware that companies wanting and willing to locate in Delaware County are turned off by this behavior.

Chris Musick

2 Elected officials openly mocking members of the community during public meetings does not create a tolerant place.

Bradley (Brad) Polk

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Gregory W. LeMaster

3 Seems as though we used to be tolerant. But become less so.

Sue Errington

3 Some parts of East Central Indiana are more tolerant and just than others. My district (Muncie) is not perfect in this regard but better than most of the region. I've also seen a great deal of improvement over the years that I've lived in Muncie.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

1 I feel there is still a strong undercurrent of endemic racism that goes back many generations and is still present today

Raju Chinthala

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Ryan Pfenninger

3 Hoosiers are good people. We're kind and welcoming and deserving of our Hoosier Hospitality reputation. But we've got work to do when it comes to making sure everyone who calls our community home feels those values reflected by our government and by each other.

Deborah A. Pickett

2 There are Hoosiers in Delaware County who struggle terribly in their personal lives and have not had positive educational or professional experiences. Poverty and ignorance can make for an intolerant and unjust world. It is why I am a strong proponent of public education.

Valerie McCray

3 While progress has been made in East Central Indiana, and Ball State in particular has made positive strides, we continue to see issues with tolerance and systemic injustice. Current negative environmental issues in Muncie affect minority populations disproportionately. I have seen on social media attacks on individuals within the the LGBTQ+ community. There is still much work to be done.

Jennifer G. McCormick

1 I believe the people in East Central Indiana are good and caring people who want the best opportunities for themselves and others. However, extreme Republican elected officials have systematically erected barriers to creating a tolerant and just society, predominantly by championing policies that undermine civil liberties and perpetuate systemic inequalities. From restrictive voting laws that disenfranchise marginalized communities to regressive social policies that stifle progress on LGBTQIA+ rights and racial justice, their agenda has consistently prioritized narrow ideological agendas over the collective welfare of all citizens.

Voters in East Central Indiana have appropriate and adequate access to voting.

1= Strongly Disagree

5= Strongly Agree

Kimberly S. Dowling

This is a policy issue about making voting more accessible to people. This is the type of question that judges are not allowed to comment on.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

3 I think we could, in at least Delaware County, do a better job of getting access to voting for all

Ashley N. Wright 3 I believe there are enough voting locations. However, I don't believe there is enough education and outreach to young voters.

Bradley T. Bookout 5 I cannot speak for outside of Delaware County- but I personally have had no issues making time to vote either before work, over my lunch hour, or after work in nearly every primary and general election since I was eighteen years old. Regardless of party affiliation, every poll worker I have encountered has been polite and helpful. I have lived in at least five different precincts over the years. I have no experience with mail-in ballot voting.

Chris Musick 2 There are increased threats to voter access to the poles and voter registration. More people are being disqualified from voting for technical reasons

Bradley (Brad) Polk 5

Gregory W. LeMaster 5 All you need is a free id.
Sue Errington 2 Delaware County should join the majority of counties that have moved to vote center systems. Recently passed state laws suppress the vote of certain populations. The Indiana General Assembly has failed support expansion of mail in voting or to even study ranked choice voting.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift 2 I gave this a 2 because I am simply not up to date on voting and poll access. What I am very concerned about is the constant onslaught of legislation by Republicans to restrict access to the polls

Raju Chinthala 4
Ryan Pfenninger 3 Three years ago, we nearly lost our democracy as we know it to radical Republicans who tried to overthrow our government. We must do everything in our power to protect our democracy, including electoral reforms like independent redistricting and campaign finance reforms.

Deborah A. Pickett 3 I do not live in Delaware County but know that a strong voting and election infrastructure depends on Hoosiers stepping forward to work at early voting polling sites and strong civic engagement.

Valerie McCray

1 Throughout the nation voting restrictions have tightened, preventing eligible citizens from voting. This undemocratic trend is prevalent throughout Indiana, including the East Central Area.

Jennifer G. McCormick

1 The right to vote is a pillar of democracy that should be upheld as sacred. Unfortunately, Indiana's extreme republican supermajority has enacted restrictive laws, making Indiana one of the most difficult states for citizens to vote. As a result, Indiana ranked 50th for voter turnout in 2022 and 40th when it comes to registration. I will work tirelessly to expand opportunities for voter registration and increase voter access to the polls. I will also lead the charge to introduce citizen-led ballot initiatives as another way for Hoosier voices to be heard.

Indiana's current redistricting process is highly partisan, lacks transparency, and limits public discourse. As governor, I will fight for nonpartisan redistricting commissions, increased opportunities for public input, and appoint Indiana Supreme Court justices who respect an inclusive and transparent process so our state leaders are a true reflection of their constituents and are rightfully held accountable.

DACA recipients and undocumented persons have equal protection and services as all other residents in Indiana.

1= Strongly Disagree

5= Strongly Agree

Kimberly S. Dowling

This is a question that could potentially be presented to me as a judge. I am, therefore, not permitted to respond to it.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

3 I am not sure or familiar with DACA recipients protections and I think undocumented persons are not equally protected

Ashley N. Wright

1 I believe in our county, there is little to no protection to undocumented persons.

Bradley T. Bookout

County Council has no authority over this issue.

Chris Musick

1 Even more marginalized communities do not receive equal protection and services as other residents. It is not only the undocumented.

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| Bradley (Brad) Polk | 2 |
| Gregory W. LeMaster | 2 |
| Sue Errington | 1 In 2011, lawmakers passed a law that bars state colleges and universities from offering in-state tuition or financial aid to undocumented students. More recently, some public colleges and universities may determine DACA recipients qualify for in-state tuition. Nevertheless, bills changing the 2011 law to provide undocumented residents with access to in-state tuition have been defeated. Undocumented persons have been banned from possessing a drivers license and state ID card since 2007. Bills to provide undocumented residents with driving cards have been defeated. |
| Philip G. (Phil) Gift | 2 DACA is in danger and if Republicans remain in office it is likely to go away entirely. |
| Raju Chinthala | 1 As a Republican, I believe in upholding the rule of law while also recognizing the humanity and contributions of DACA recipients and undocumented individuals living in Indiana. While all residents should have access to basic services and protection, including healthcare and education, it's also essential to address immigration issues through comprehensive reform that prioritizes border security, pathways to legal status, and sensible enforcement measures. Striking a balance between compassion and the rule of law is key to achieving a fair and effective immigration policy that respects both the rights of individuals and the sovereignty of our nation. |
| Ryan Pfenninger | 1 Our federal immigration system is broken, and I will focus on a bipartisan solution that recognizes that those who come here legally, pay taxes and play by the rules are a vital part of the American experiment. |
| Deborah A. Pickett | 2 Indiana is a state that relies on illegal immigrants for its construction, agriculture, hospitality, and meat packing industries, but most live in the shadows. While they do not have equal protection and access to all services as other residents in Indiana, DACA recipients and undocumented persons have been able to attend public schools and local community colleges and receive medical care at hospitals like Eskenazi Health in Indianapolis. We |

need federal immigration reform that is compassionate yet respectful of the rule of law and accommodates labor needs.

Valerie McCray

1 Human rights should not be determined by documentation or status.

Jennifer G. McCormick

1 I believe DACA recipients and undocumented individuals currently lack equal protection and access to services compared to other residents in Indiana due to a combination of legal limitations and societal biases. Despite their contributions to the community and economy, they often face discrimination and fear of deportation, which hinders their ability to engage in society fully. Additionally, many essential services, such as healthcare and education, may be inaccessible or limited for undocumented individuals due to their immigration status. Moreover, the lack of a pathway to citizenship leaves them vulnerable to exploitation and without the same rights and opportunities as their documented counterparts. These disparities not only perpetuate inequality but also undermine the principles of fairness and justice that should apply to all residents, regardless of their immigration status.

Existing Indiana law relating to healthcare for individuals is appropriate. (This would include the current laws regarding abortion, healthcare for LGBTQ+ individuals, and mental healthcare.)

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5= Strongly Agree

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Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

2 I think healthcare in general in the US is lacking

Ashley N. Wright

1 WE NEED MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES!! This has always been a passion of mine. I have mental illness in my family. So many families and people struggle because mental health resources are not available or too expensive. I will always

advocate for more funding and resources to healthcare, especially when dealing with mental health.

Bradley T. Bookout
Chris Musick

County Council has no authority over this issue.

1 You ever try to find a dentist when you are in Medicaid? Indiana's Medicaid does not pay doctors promptly and most will not accept Medicaid patients.

Bradley (Brad) Polk

Gregory W. LeMaster

Not sure what is being asked. I support decentralized health care.

Sue Errington

1 Indiana's near total abortion ban and the ban on puberty blockers and hormones for trans young people are examples of why I strongly disagree with the statement. We have made some progress in the area of mental health care but still have a long way to go. Our laws treat substance disorder as a criminal justice issue rather than a health care issue. Our gun laws contribute to Indiana's high rate of suicide , especially among young people.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

1 Draconian measures by radical Republican legislators to block access to healthcare for our trans population and women is a crime

Raju Chinthala

3 As a Moderate Republican, I believe in periodically reviewing and updating Indiana's healthcare laws to ensure they adequately address the needs of all residents.

Ryan Pfenninger

1 The Supreme Court shattered women's ability to oversee their own bodies and healthcare, and we must fight to reverse that.

The United States suffers the worst maternal mortality rate among developed nations, and we must aggressively pursue solutions to this crisis. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus is a good example of ideas that can help to greatly improve outcomes.

Although great strides have been made here in Indiana and nationally, we must continue to de-stigmatize mental health care, and encourage people to seek the help they need. This includes strengthened efforts around prevention and early intervention, as well as additional support for our friends and neighbors afflicted by substance abuse issues.

Deborah A. Pickett 2 I strongly disagree. Indiana law related to healthcare for individuals regarding abortion and healthcare for LGBTQ+ is abysmal and needs to be reversed.

Valerie McCray 1 The primary issue that compelled me to run for US Senate stemmed from the suffering I've seen in my career as a mental health practitioner. Access to free and high quality health care, physical and mental, should be a basic human right for all.

Jennifer G. McCormick 1 I believe that existing Indiana laws regarding healthcare for individuals are deeply flawed and inadequate, particularly in their restrictions on reproductive freedoms and healthcare access for LGBTQIA+ individuals. We have insufficient provisions for mental healthcare services. These laws not only infringe upon individuals' fundamental rights to bodily autonomy and equal treatment but also perpetuate systemic injustices and discrimination. By imposing restrictive regulations on abortion, the state undermines individuals' reproductive rights and jeopardizes their health and well-being. Similarly, the lack of comprehensive healthcare services for LGBTQIA+ individuals, including essential resources like hormone therapy and gender-affirming care, perpetuates disparities and denies them the right to access healthcare that aligns with their identities.

Current legislation and legislative initiatives that regulate discussion about gender, history, and science are necessary to protect our children in schools.

1= Strongly Disagree

5= Strongly Agree

Kimberly S. Dowling This is a question that could potentially be presented to me as a judge. I am, therefore, not permitted to respond to it.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr I can't comment on issues that may come before me

Ashley N. Wright 2 I believe science and history is always important. When

children are not exposed or educated, they grow up to be intolerant adults. I feel a lot of people are intolerant of others, at least around here, because they fear what they don't know.

Bradley T. Bookout
Chris Musick

County Council has no authority over this issue.

1 Protecting from what? The truth? From reality?

Bradley (Brad) Polk

Gregory W. LeMaster
Sue Errington

5 Parents should know what their kids are being taught. These initiatives are intended to keep marginalized children "in their place." They harm all children by suppressing education about the diversity and history of the American people.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

1 Withholding knowledge is never a good thing. People that ban books always end up on the wrong side of history ... but they never learn!

Raju Chinthala

3 As a Republican, I believe that while it's important to ensure a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. Any regulations or initiatives should prioritize parental involvement and local control, allowing communities to determine appropriate curriculum content while upholding fundamental principles of free speech and academic inquiry.

Ryan Pfenninger

1 Schools should be inclusive places for all who attend, and teachers should be able to teach real history the way it happened and science lessons that are accurate.

Deborah A. Pickett

1 Current legislation regulating discussion about gender, history and science does our students a great disservice by denying them full knowledge and understanding of the topic. These topics should be taught by well trained teachers and tailored to accommodate the age and maturity of their students.

Valerie McCray

1 We must teach the history of our country as it is and ensure that the work of science and scientists is respected. To keep Indiana competitive, all children must have access to a well rounded education and access to books and information that reflect all human diversity. Current legislation and legislative initiatives are working against this.

Jennifer G. McCormick

1 I strongly disagree with current legislation and legislative initiatives aimed at regulating discussion about gender, history, and science in schools, including the disturbing practice of banning books. Such legislation perpetuates ignorance and intolerance by censoring discussions around important societal issues, such as gender identity, historical events, and scientific principles.

It's crucial that parents and caregivers are seen as partners in these conversations, working alongside educators to ensure that students receive a comprehensive and inclusive education that prepares them for the complexities of the world. The imposition of restrictive legislation under the guise of protecting children ultimately impedes their intellectual growth and undermines the principles of academic freedom and free speech essential to a democratic society.

Choices and investments in types of energy production are important to the economy of Indiana, whether that be fossil fuels or alternative forms of energy.

1= Strongly Disagree

5= Strongly Agree

Kimberly S. Dowling

There is current legislation that addresses this question. It is therefore potentially an issue that could be presented to me as a judge. I am, therefore, not permitted to respond to it.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

This is getting into public policy, which the judicial branch does not do.

Ashley N. Wright

5 I will always support renewable energy sources. In a perfect world, we would get away from fossil fuels. That will take a long time to get there. I believe it is important to continue to invest in more sustainable energy resources.

Bradley T. Bookout

4 I have actively been involved with renewable energy projects that have proposed hundreds of millions in new investment in our community. Indiana has a choice to be a leader or sit on the sidelines

Chris Musick

4 Renewables are the future. Fossil fuels will be necessary in the near term but should be gradually phased out.

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| Bradley (Brad) Polk | 4 | |
| Gregory W. LeMaster Sue Errington | 5 2 | All the above, reduce costs, maximize profits. While investments in energy production are vitally important to our economy, I believe we need to move away from fossil fuels and step up our investment in alternative forms of energy. Recent legislation has provided incentives for local government to invest in wind and solar. Unfortunately, an important incentive for rooftop solar was phased out and Indiana still does not have a community solar law which would make it possible for individuals who rent homes or apartments or are low income to benefit from solar energy. |
| Philip G. (Phil) Gift | 1 | This is a non-issue since coal mining in Indiana is a negligible industry. Less than 1% |
| Raju Chinthala | 5 | Agree. Indiana's economy relies on diverse energy sources, including fossil fuels and alternative forms like renewables. Balancing investments ensures energy security, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. |
| Ryan Pfenninger | 4 | The clean energy sector is critical to our state's economic future and employment base. We should strive to transition to clean, renewable energy sources and away from carbon producing fossil fuels where feasible. |
| Deborah A. Pickett | 4 | This is a very complex subject whose full ramifications are not fully understood or explored in the public policy realm. While I am in full support of alternative forms of energy, they have their downsides. The production of solar panels which include the mining, refining and transportation of rare minerals is a highly industrial and energy intensive process. The number and placement of solar panels needed to generate the amount of energy required to power electric vehicles, build batteries and super conductors can also create problems. Each energy technology has its positives and negatives. While coal plants and natural gas extraction create serious environmental degradation, "clean" energy technologies also have their downsides. |
| Valerie McCray | 4 | There is an urgency to move forward with policy changes addressing climate change. We have not found the way forward |

yet, and we need to. While we have made some progress in this area, we need to make investments, re-build foundations, and move responsibly from our old systems toward new ones.

Jennifer G. McCormick

5 Choices and investments in energy production are crucial to the economy of Indiana, impacting not only immediate economic growth but also long-term sustainability and resilience. While fossil fuels have historically dominated Indiana's energy mix, transitioning towards alternative forms of energy presents significant opportunities for innovation, job creation, and environmental stewardship. Investing in renewable energy infrastructure and technology positions Indiana to capitalize on emerging markets and attract investment, driving economic growth and prosperity for generations to come.

Public funding of private or alternative non-public educational institutions serves to equalize educational opportunities for all.

Kimberly S. Dowling

This is a question that could potentially be presented to me as a judge. I am, therefore, not permitted to respond to it.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

I am not at liberty to discuss issues that could come before me.

Ashley N. Wright

1 I believe funding private education is taking money away from our public schools. Private education should be private funded.

Bradley T. Bookout

County Council has no authority over this issue.

Chris Musick

1 Millions of dollars are flowing out of public education to the benefit of a few.

Bradley (Brad) Polk

Gregory W. LeMaster

5 The more choices the better.

Sue Errington

1 Public education is the bedrock of American society because it is open to all. Private schools choose which students they will take. Indiana's resources cannot adequately fund public and private schools so every dollar diverted to private and nonpublic educational institutions is a dollar taken away from public schools. 9-0% of Indiana students attend public schools. We

should stop subsidizing education for the few and concentrate our resources on improving the quality of education for the many.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

1 This is a huge drain on our public education system. In the 22-23 school year \$113,800,000 went to the voucher system which means it did not go to public schools.

Raju Chinthala

5 Agree. Public funding for private or alternative non-public schools promotes educational choice and competition, ultimately equalizing opportunities for all students.

Ryan Pfenninger

3 We must ensure every student in the Fifth District has access to a quality public education that meets their needs, and that we put them in a position to succeed. Our teachers deserve to be paid like the professionals they are and provided with the resources they need in the classroom to bridge learning gaps and help our students recover from pandemic learning loss. In order to improve student outcomes, we should look to reimplement the COVID-era policy of free breakfast and lunch for students to ensure they aren't hungry and are ready to learn.

Deborah A. Pickett

2 I strongly support a well funded public education system with strong leadership, and highly trained teachers who love their students and view parents as partners. Taxpayer dollars should be used to build a world class public school system that generously compensates its educators for the important role they play in preparing students for the future. I disagree with the expansion of the voucher program which diverts dollars away from public schools.

Valerie McCray

1 Public schools are already disastrously underfunded. Siphoning money out of public education has only weakened public schools, making it harder for our public school systems to address the inequities they face. Private institutions have a choice of who they admit, further inhibiting the educational equalization we need.

Jennifer G. McCormick

1 I strongly disagree with public funding being directed towards private or alternative non-public educational institutions under the guise of equalizing educational opportunities for all. This undermines the foundational principles of public education and diverts resources away from the very institutions designed to

serve all students regardless of background or socioeconomic status. sibility to provide quality education and uphold the rights and needs of all students. "

Would you agree to sign a code of ethics?

Kimberly S. Dowling

Yes

I am bound by a code of ethics found in the Code of Judicial Conduct. That includes being fair, impartial, honest, not taking any gifts or money from anyone who could appear in front of me, insuring that all have the right to be heard, maintaining decorum in the courtroom, not having ex parte communications with litigants, not paying an assessment to a political organization, not using political funds for personal use, not making false or misleading statements, not making pledges or promises regarding issues that could come before the court.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

No

But I already have a very strong code of ethics I must follow, the Judicial Canons. I cannot be held to any other standard

Ashley N. Wright

Yes

I believe holding to your values and you previously stated. Being honest and inclusive.

Bradley T. Bookout

No answer.

I am supportive of signing a code of ethics- but I would prefer to review the document prior to committal of my signature.

Chris Musick

No answer.

Depends on what the code states.

Bradley (Brad) Polk

Yes

I have taken an oath of office in 2022 and will take it again if elected in 2024.

Gregory W. LeMaster

Yes

Already subject to one.

Sue Errington

Yes

In the code: Transparency, civility, putting the public interest above personal and political interests, being accountable and

accessible to constituents. Not in the code: Loyalty tests to a political party.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

Yes

To protect the rights and dignity of all regardless of gender, race, religion, or sexual identity.

Raju Chinthala

Yes

Yes, as a congressman, I am fully committed to signing a code of ethics. Such a code should include provisions prohibiting conflicts of interest, ensuring transparency in financial dealings, and promoting honesty and integrity in all actions. It should also outline guidelines for ethical behavior, including rules against accepting gifts or favors that could influence decision-making, and strict adherence to campaign finance laws to prevent corruption. Additionally, the code should establish mechanisms for accountability and consequences for violations, ensuring that elected officials are held to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

Ryan Pfenninger

Yes

I believe sunlight is the best disinfectant, and our government should be transparent and honest with the people it represents.

Deborah A. Pickett

Yes

A code of ethics is a promise to respect the laws, conduct oneself with integrity, and honor the elected position by acting in the best interests of the public. Public officials should not be allowed to trade investments or profit from secure information revealed to them in their official capacity. Disclosure of personal investments and businesses ownership stakes would let the public know if personal benefit drives the decisions of the public official. The actions and voting record of the elected official best demonstrate his or her honesty and character. Watchdog organizations and newspapers help keep public officials honest and accountable to the public.

Valerie McCray

Yes

As a clinical psychologist, I am bound to a code of ethics that I have operated under for the entirety of my career. I value obligation to do no harm.

Jennifer G. McCormick

Yes

Government and its leaders must be accountable and transparent. I have a commitment to integrity, professionalism, and ethical conduct in all aspects of my personal and professional life. I will publicly affirm my dedication to upholding the highest standards of honesty, fairness, and respect towards others. Furthermore, I would require our team to adhere to the same high standards of ethical conduct.

What would you do to make your specific area of government more transparent to your constituents?

Kimberly S. Dowling

I would love for the public to attend court hearings. I know that this is difficult, given work schedules and transportation. I believe that people might have a better understanding of the court system if they could attend more often. The Code of Judicial Conduct does not permit a judge to talk about cases or any issues that could come before them, and that does make transparency difficult. I can, however, speak in more general terms and I would love to speak to groups about the general duties of the courts and judges.

Douglas (Doug) Mawhorr

Put all pleadings, filings, and orders online for anyone to view.

Ashley N. Wright

I will always be an open book. I am just a local woman from your area! I want to make sure I am easily accessible and make everyone I am around feel important. I believe my actions and honesty will always show transparency. I want to make sure everyone knows what they are getting when they vote for me.

Bradley T. Bookout

Transparency is related to communication. I willingly shared my mobile phone number and personal email. I am open to communicate with anyone and everyone who wishes to learn more about projects that I may be working on; or they may want to simply share their opinion. Elected officials have to be open to receiving communication and opinions from their constituents. Both sides being respectful of one another goes a long way.

Chris Musick

Post information on various community forums, ask hard questions of other government and business officials when

appropriate, network to bring people, ideas, and resources together.

Bradley (Brad) Polk

We have already done this by making available on our website a link to beacon. Anyone can see what taxes are owed on any given parcel in Delaware County. All records for the Delaware County Treasurers office are available through Gateway on the State Board of Accounts website.

Gregory W. LeMaster

Open door to all. Just because we may disagree that is not a reason to not have earnest discourse.

Sue Errington

Break the supermajority in the General Assembly. Currently, many decisions about controversial bills are made behind closed doors in caucus so nearly all of the testimony on the House and Senate floor comes from the minority party. At the end of testimony, the majority party votes as a block, with only a few members occasionally voting in opposition. Another problem is the lack of transparency in the conference committees that take place in the final days of the session. These committees are intended to work out bipartisan compromises when a bill passed by one house is different from the version passed by the other house. All four conferees must sign the conference committee report. However in recent years, instead of working toward a bipartisan compromise, conferees who disagree with the majority party are removed and replaced with members from the majority party. Transparency is further eroded when bill provisions are added or deleted with very little or no opportunity for testimony from the public. A glaring example was a conference committee I served on during the recently ended legislative session. A definition of PFAS (forever chemicals) unexpectedly appeared in a bill about local government matters. The meeting lasted about 5 minutes because the committee chair recessed the meeting when one of the Senate conferees arrived, eliminating the opportunity for public testimony.

Philip G. (Phil) Gift

Frequent updates on the status of legislation and easy personal access from constituents

Raju Chinthala

As a Republican candidate for US Congress, transparency is essential to ensuring trust between elected officials and their

constituents. If elected, I pledge to implement several measures to enhance transparency in my specific area of government.

Firstly, I will advocate for legislation that requires regular reporting and disclosure of government expenditures and activities. This includes providing accessible, easily understandable reports detailing how taxpayer dollars are being spent and what outcomes are being achieved. By making this information readily available to the public, constituents can hold their elected representatives accountable for their decisions.

Secondly, I will push for increased access to public meetings and hearings. This means advocating for live streaming or recording of congressional sessions and committee meetings, allowing constituents to witness the legislative process firsthand. Additionally, I will work to ensure that these meetings are scheduled at times that accommodate the busy schedules of working Americans, maximizing participation and engagement.

Furthermore, I will prioritize responsive and open communication with constituents. This includes establishing regular town hall meetings, listening sessions, and other opportunities for direct interaction. I will also maintain active communication channels, such as a user-friendly website and social media platforms, where constituents can voice their concerns and receive updates on legislative activities.

Finally, I will support efforts to strengthen whistleblower protections and encourage individuals to come forward with information about government misconduct or inefficiency. Whistleblowers play a crucial role in uncovering wrongdoing and promoting accountability, and they must be safeguarded from retaliation.

In summary, as your representative in Congress, I am committed to promoting transparency and accountability in government. By implementing these measures, I will ensure that constituents have the information they need to hold their elected officials accountable and actively participate in the democratic process. Together, we can build a government that is truly of, by, and for the people.

Ryan Pfenninger

At a minimum, I would support the following: ethics reform, whistleblower protections, regular in-district town halls and forums.

Deborah A. Pickett

I would invite my constituents to town hall meetings and use newsletters to update them on my progress as their US Representative. I would also advise my constituents to review the reports prepared by organizations, agencies and government officials that provide government oversight and transparency for American citizens.

Valerie McCray

Communication and transparency are both foundational to my leadership style.

Jennifer G. McCormick

I am deeply committed to fostering accountability, transparency, and inclusivity in my administration and state governance. The Governor has significant influence through the appointment of commissions, boards, agency leadership, and judges. I will be inclusive and diverse in appointing representatives from various sectors to provide expertise and guidance on key issues facing the state.