

**Macomb County Taxpayers Association Candidate signed  
Questionnaire due by 8pm Saturday May 26, 2018.**



Welcome! The Macomb County Taxpayers Association (MCTA) is one of the oldest taxpayer organizations in Michigan. We monitor and report on tax-related matters and other financial issues in Macomb County. Members prepare articles, special reports and written analyses to help local residents understand the background and development of the issues that affect our quality of life.

We educate the public by hosting public forums featuring political candidates, community leaders and elected officials in Macomb County. The MCTA has earned the reputation of being fair and balanced. MCTA is instrumental in influencing government through oversight and reporting on key issues. We invite you to join us as we partner with local government officials through a non-partisan approach to solving problems.

Candidates are screened through a questionnaire and occasionally an interview with the goal of finding candidates who are taxpayer-friendly, fiscally responsible and dedicated to the principles of limited government and lower taxes. Those who qualify are endorsed and MCTA publicizes the names of those who deserve the support of taxpayers. MCTA is nonpartisan and will consider candidates of any party affiliation if they meet pro-taxpayer standards. MCTA provides support to candidates we endorse. Use additional pages as you need. Please type your answers.

Please download, print, fill out, sign, photo/scan and return the questionnaire by 8pm Saturday May 28, 2018 by Email (preferred) or postal mail or to Philis DeSaele, Chair, Macomb County Taxpayers' Association, 42430 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, 48314-3562, 586-254-1284 [philis@desaele.us](mailto:philis@desaele.us). Please include your political brochures and resume.

1. Name  
Address  
City, MI ZIP:  
Cell Phone email  
Facebook Name: Webpage  
Twitter Name:
2. What office are you running for?
3. What is your work experience?  
  
What is your education background?
4. What clubs and organizations do you belong to?
5. What political party do you belong to or generally vote for?

6. On what previous public positions have you served?
7. What is your Election Committee Name and address?
8. What specific promises have you made, if any, to the voters in this election?
  - (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)
9. Would you support requiring tax increases and tax renewals to be separate questions on the ballot?
10. Would you support limiting tax increases and renewals to the August or November elections?
11. Would you support limiting tax renewal elections to the year the tax expires? Macomb College spent \$600,000 of taxpayers' money to have a 20 year, \$38 million a year tax increase and renewal in one sentence on May 8 2018, two years before their tax expired in 2020!
12. Would you support limiting operating tax increases and renewals to 6 years so taxpayers and bureaucrats can adjust to technological, economic and spending priority changes?
13. Pension benefits for public employees far exceed pensions available to the private sector. Public Pension payments are severely reducing the limited taxpayer dollars available to pay for roads, health, parks, law enforcement and social services. Indicate which of the following solutions you support to pay for unfunded health and pension benefits of public employees? Tax increases \_\_\_\_\_ Pension freezes \_\_\_\_\_, Higher employee contributions to health and retirement benefits \_\_\_\_\_, Reduce New Employee Benefits \_\_\_\_\_ Cut Government spending \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Do you support assigning new employees to a new defined pension plan to save taxpayer dollars? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
15. Privatization reduces costs and maintains or improves the level of services. Would you support privatizing traditional city or schools support services (janitor, clerical, food service, bus drivers, Emergency Medical Response, ground keepers, I.T. and trash hauling) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you support making "Sanctuary Cities" or "Welcoming Cities" where the City elected officials prohibit police from following our Federal laws by informing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when the City Police have in custody an illegal immigrant who has committed a crime or from asking people about their legal status in America? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you ever accepted contributions from individuals associated with a company which is a vendor or a prospective vendor to provide goods or services to a government? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how much?
18. The Center for Immigration Studies estimates that on average, each refugee resettled in the United States costs an estimated \$64,370 in the first five years, or \$257,481 per household

