

# Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this candidate questionnaire. This information will be used as part of a voter resource guide for Draper Media news outlets (potentially including WBOC, CoastTV, WDEL, and Telemundo Delmarva) to help viewers learn more about the candidates on their ballot and make informed decisions in upcoming elections. All filed candidates for this race are being asked to provide the same information. Responses may be published on our website and/or included in related election coverage. Please keep answers clear, accurate and focused on your own background, priorities and plans for the office you are seeking. To ensure fairness and consistency, responses may be edited for length and clarity, but not for meaning. We may decline to publish responses that include personal attacks, profanity, unsupported claims about another candidate or information that cannot be reasonably verified. Submission of this form does not guarantee that every answer will be published in full. Please submit your responses by May 16 at 11:59 p.m. Candidates who do not respond by the deadline may be listed as “Did not respond.” By submitting this form, you confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge and that we may use your responses, photo and campaign links in our voter resource guide and related election coverage.**

**Full name**

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**Office you're running for**

County Government

**Jurisdiction**

Local Talbot County

**Short bio**

I have been a leader, coach, & volunteer in Talbot County for 16 years and have been a member of the Talbot County Council since 2022. I have deep community relationships and serve on numerous boards and committees throughout Talbot County. I have also worked in the telecommunications industry for 27 years and am a Maryland small business owner.

**Why are you running?**

Our rights and freedoms are given to us by God and are enshrined in our US and MD Constitutions. I believe it is the primary responsibility of any elected official to firmly protect both.

**What experience do you have that makes you qualified for this role?**

My best qualifications would be my current Councilman experience, my long history of leadership and service in Talbot County, and my strong fiscal positions with the voting record to back it up.

**What are the top issues facing your community?**

I see the top issues in Talbot County as retaining the progress we've made in the areas of keeping our rural charm, fiscal responsibility, public safety, and protecting citizen's rights and freedoms.

**How do you plan to achieve your goals or improve the lives of your citizens and your community?**

I plan to continue to follow Talbot County's comprehensive plan to keep our rural charm, keep property and income tax rates low, support our Sheriff/EMS/VFD's, and follow the US and MD Constitutions.

**What should voters know about you, your campaign goals, and this election before casting their ballots?**

I am continuing to run on what I call the 5 F's - Faith, Family, Freedom, Fiscal Responsibility, and Fighting for You! My actions and voting record as a man of God and incumbent Talbot County Councilman shows that I've always held true to those beliefs to benefit everyone in Talbot County.

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