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Note:

- This guide lists all offices and candidates for Madison County voters. However, CLA is focused on local civic engagement. The Q and A is for county council and commissioner candidates.
- CLA alternates which party for candidates is listed first. 2023 we listed Republicans before Democrats and this year we will list Democrats before Republicans.

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CLA'S PROCESS CREATING THE GUIDE

CLA Voter Guide creators worked diligently to create this Voter Guide to serve voters in Madison County, IN well. In past elections, CLA has focused on local candidates at the city level. However, this election we have branched out beyond Anderson because the local elections this year are county focused. Here are the main steps we took to compile this guide:

- **Utilized trusted resources** to compile information about all of the candidates voters in Anderson, IN and/or Madison County, IN will be voting for. The resources include but aren't limited to the following:
 - Madison County Election Office
 - Websites: indianavoters.in.gov; ballotready.org; ballotpedia.org
 - "Here is Your Indiana Government" publication from the Indiana Bar Foundation and Indiana Chamber of Commerce
 - Local community members
- **Selected candidates from two local positions**, County Commissioners and County Council candidates, to focus on. We reached out to those candidates with questions and requested they provide answers that we put in this guide verbatim.
- **This is an ongoing process**. There are times when candidates are removed from lists because they have pulled out of the race or they don't meet requirements for candidacy. We do our best to keep track of these changes. We recognize mistakes can be made in this process as it is ongoing through election season.
- **There are several checks and balances we use** within CLA and also with the above resources to make this guide as accurate as possible.
- **We also recognize we are not perfect** and this guide isn't perfect. If you have reason to believe there is missing, incorrect, or inaccurate information in this guide, **please contact us in any of the following ways**:
 - Maria Alexander: mariaegnatzalexander@gmail.com or Facebook, Maria Egnatz Alexander
 - Annie Wood Bell: awoodbell@heartofindiana.org
 - Community Lens of Anderson: admin@communitylensanderson.org or Facebook



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**Get Informed by following this non-partisan guide.
Take as little as 15 minutes and as much as 1-2 hours**

PREPARE TO VOTE IN YOUR PRIMARY

Things to know about primary voting:

- Primary Election Day: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6am-6pm. Choose ANY convenient site.
- Absentee info: in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/ways-to-vote/absentee-voting/
- Early voting begins April 9, 2024. For early voting polling place and hours visit indianavoters.in.gov
- Satellite early-voting centers and primary day voting sites:
www.madisoncounty.in.gov/_files/ugd/918579_9f866e5dbf4546ba9498e20e97d3858f.pdf

Contact information and Resources that may be helpful:

Election Office: 765-641-9459

Voter Registration Office: 765-641-9657

Commissioner's Office: 765-641-9474

Madison County General Site: www.madisoncounty.in.gov/

Madison County Election Office: www.madisoncounty.in.gov/departments/election-office

- All things 2024 Election: www.madisoncounty.in.gov/departments/election-office

Check your Voter Registration status and your ballot: indianavoters.in.gov/

Learn about Indiana government: www.inbarfoundation.org/indianagovernmentbook/

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PREPARE TO VOTE IN YOUR PRIMARY

How primary voting works with political parties (Democrat and Republican):

- In Indiana "in order to participate in a party's primary, a voter must have either voted for a majority of that party's nominees in the last general election or must intend to vote for a majority of the party's nominees in the upcoming general election. According to FairVote, which classifies Indiana as an open primary state, this provision of the law is unenforceable due to the nature of secret balloting."
 - (Indiana Code, "Section 3-10-1-6," accessed on Ballotpedia, April 2023)
- **The upcoming election on May 7, 2024, early voting starting April 9,** is a primary, meaning each voter will be asked to vote for a candidate to advance to the general election.
- **Each voter will have to identify the party they want to vote for when they arrive at the polls but the voter doesn't have to declare that party before arriving.**
- **Each voter will then only see their identified party's candidates when voting in the primary.**

KEEP IN MIND WHEN PLANNING TO VOTE

- **Do your research on the candidates** using this guide and also looking into candidate websites, social media pages and even emailing or calling them with questions, concerns and comments you have as a concerned citizen.
- **Choose 1-3 elected offices to research and vote for** if you feel overwhelmed about searching all of the candidates. There is no rule that you have to research and vote for every single office.
- **Take your candidate list of who you plan to vote for to the ballot box.** This could be written down on a piece of paper or noted on your phone. Websites like ballotready.org allow you to create your list and print it off.

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SNAPSHOT OF FEDERAL RACE CANDIDATES

President of the United States of America Candidates

Role description: The President of the United States (POTUS) is the head of the United States government and is part of the Executive branch of government.

Incumbent: This is the person who currently holds an office.

Note:

- Names placed in alphabetical order, by party. Information obtained through candidate campaign materials, social media, candidate websites, and directly from candidates.
- **Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D)- incumbent**
 - Website: <https://joebiden.com/>
- **Nikki R. Haley (R)**
 - Note: This candidate may show up on the Republican primary ballot but has officially dropped out of the race: [Nikki Haley's Full Speech Dropping out of Race](#)
- **Donald J. Trump (R)**
 - Website: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com>

US Senator Candidates

Role description: The US Senate is one of the two chambers of the United States Congress and part of the legislative branch of federal government where bills are written and laws pass or fail. "Each of the 50 states is given two Senate seats. Washington D.C. and territories, such as Puerto Rico and Guam, do not receive any delegates to the Senate." (Ballotpedia)

- **Valerie McCray (D)**
 - website: <https://valeriemccray.org/>
- **Marc Carmichael (D)**
 - website: <https://www.marcforindiana.com/>
- **Jim Banks (R)**
 - Website: <https://banksforsenate.com/>

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United States House of Representatives- 5th Congressional District

Role description: The US House of Representatives, often referred to as the “House”, is one of the two chambers of the United States Congress and part of the legislative branch of federal government where bills are written and laws pass or fail. “Each state receives representation in the House in proportion to the size of its population but is entitled to at least one representative. There are currently 435 representatives, a number fixed by law since 1911.” Indiana has 9 representatives in the US House (Ballotpedia).

Incumbent: This is the person who currently holds an office.

Note:

- Names placed in alphabetical order, by party. Information obtained through candidate campaign materials, social media, candidate websites, and directly from candidates. Ballotpedia sites listed only if candidate completed the Candidate Connection Survey.
- **Deborah A. Pickett (D)**
 - Website: none found
- **Ryan Pfenninger (D)**
 - website: www.ryanforindiana.com/
- **Jonathan D. Brown (R)**
 - Ballotpedia link: ballotpedia.org/Jonathan_Brown#Campaign_themes
- **Raju Chinthala (R)**
 - Website: www.rajuforcongress.com/
- **Max Engling (R)**
 - Website: maxforindiana.com/
- **Chuck Goodrich (R)**
 - Website: www.gowithchuckgoodrich.com/

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United States House of Representatives Continued

- **Mark Hurt (R)**
 - Website: www.markhurt.org/about
- **Patrick Malayter (R)**
 - Website: www.patrickmforcongress.com/
- **Matthew Peiffer (R)**
 - Website: ballotpedia.org/Matthew_Peiffer
- **LD Powell (R)**
 - website: www.ldpowellforcongress.com/
- **Larry L. Savage Jr. (R)**
 - Website: none found
- **Victoria Spartz (R)- incumbent**
 - Website: www.spartzforcongress.com/

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SNAPSHOT OF STATE RACE CANDIDATES



Governor

Role description: “The governor is the chief executive of the state. The governor’s position in Indiana’s government is comparable to that of the president in the federal government. The governor occupies the position through powers granted directly by the constitution and by statute, and through the powers that stem from the governor’s right to appoint and remove personnel in administrative departments.” (Here is Your Indiana Government, 2024-2025, p. 15). The Governor has the following general duties and responsibilities:

- “Governors are responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing the operation of the state executive branch....”
- They “advance and pursue new and revised policies and programs using a variety of tools, among them executive orders, executive budgets, and legislative proposals and vetoes.
- As chiefs of the state, Governors serve as the intergovernmental liaison to the federal government on behalf of the state.” (National Governors Association, 2024)

“The governor is popularly elected every four years by a plurality and is limited to two consecutive terms with at least a four-year span before the same individual may hold the office again” (Ballotpedia).

Incumbent: This is the person who currently holds an office.

Note:

- Names placed in alphabetical order, by party. Information obtained through candidate campaign materials, social media, candidate websites, and directly from candidates.

Governor Candidates

- **Jennifer G. McCormick (D)**
 - Website: <https://www.mccormickforgov.com/>
- **Mike Braun (R)**
 - Website: <https://mikebraunforindiana.com/>

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Governor Candidates Continued

- **Brad Chambers (R)**
 - Website: <https://chambersforindiana.com/>
- **Suzanne Crouch (R)**
 - Website: <https://crouchforindiana.com/>
- **Eric Doden (R)**
 - Website: <https://dodenforindiana.com/>
- **Curtis Hill (R)**
 - Website: <https://www.curtishill.com/>
- **Jamie Reitenour (R)**
 - Website: <https://jamie4ingov.com/>

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Indiana State House of Representatives Candidates

Role description: “The Indiana House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the Indiana General Assembly. Alongside the Indiana State Senate, it forms the legislative branch of the Indiana state government and works alongside the governor of Indiana to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Indiana House of Representatives include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.” There are 100 Statehouse representative seats. (Ballotpedia)

Incumbent: This is the person who currently holds an office.

Note:

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State Representative, District 035

- Philip G. (Phil) Gift (D)**
 - Website: <https://www.phil4house35.com/>
 - Facebook: [Phil Gift for Indiana House of Representatives](#)
- Elizabeth Rowray (R)- incumbent**
 - Website: www.indianahouserepublicans.com/members/general/elizabeth-rowray
 - Facebook: [Elizabeth Rowray](#)

State Representative, District 053

- Nate Anderson (D)**
 - Website: none found
 - Facebook: [Nate Anderson for Indiana](#)
- Keely Butrum (R)**
 - Website: <https://www.voteforkeely.com/>
 - Facebook: [Keely Butrum](#)

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Indiana State House of Representatives Candidates

State Representative, District 053 continued

- **Brian Evans (R)**
 - Website: <https://evansforindiana.com/>
 - Facebook: [Brian Evans for Indiana](#)
- **Ethan J. Lawson (R)**
 - Website: <https://www.lawsonforindiana.com/>
 - Facebook: [Ethan Lawson for Indiana State Representative](#)
- **Kevin S. Mandrell (R)**
 - Website: www.mandrellforindiana.com
 - Facebook: [Kevin Mandrell for Indiana State Representative, District 53](#)

State Representative, District 088

- **Starr Joy Hairston (D)**
 - none found
- **Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)**
 - website: www.stephaniejoyocum.com
 - Facebook: [Stephanie Jo Yocum for Indiana](#)
- **Chris Jeter (R)- incumbent**
 - Website: <https://chrisjeter.com/>

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Madison County Commissioner Candidates

Role Description: Each Indiana county is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of 3 elected persons. In Madison County “the commissioners are elected from separate districts (in which they must reside)” but by vote of the county as a whole ... “The terms of office of county commissioners are four years on a staggered basis: two run during a presidential election year, and in the off two-year election cycle, the third commissioner runs” (Here is Your Indiana Government, 2024-2025, pp. 40-41)

“The three commissioners are the custodians of the home rule powers of the county. They are the executive body of the county.” The oversight, duties, and powers of commissioners include but are not limited to the following:

- County buildings, lands and property
 - Audits and authorizes claims against the county
 - Receiving bids and authorizing contracts
 - Supervising many County departments
 - Overseeing construction and maintenance of roads and bridges
 - Exercising many of the legislative powers and duties of the county
- (Indiana County Commissioners, 2023)

There are three county districts but this year District 1 is not up for election, just Districts 2 and 3. Voters will vote for commissioners in both districts.

Madison County Commissioner District #2

- **Ollie H Dixon (D)**
 - olliehdixon@aol.com
- **Rick Gardner (R)**
 - rg2119@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Elect Rick Gardner](#)
- **Devin T Norrick (R)**
 - devin@devin-norrick.com
 - Facebook: [Devin Norrick for Madison County](#)

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Madison County Commissioner Candidates

Madison County Commissioner District #3

- **John M Richwine (R)- incumbent**
 - jmrichwine@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Re-Elect John Richwine Madison County Commissioner](#)
- **Lisa Wittkamper Rinker (R)**
 - electlisarinker@gmail.com
 - Website: <http://electlisarinker.com/>
 - Facebook: [Lisa W. Rinker for Madison County Commissioner](#)

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Madison County Council Candidates, At Large

Role Description: "The financial powers of a county are placed in the county council, which serves as a check on the board of commissioners and board of finance." Their duties include but aren't limited to: "adopting the annual budget,...incurring county debt within constitutional limits,...appropriating additional funds that arise,...re-appropriating surplus funds," and "fixing salaries of officers, deputies, assistants, and employees whose salaries are payable from any county fund."

"For election purposes, each county is divided into four districts, with one council member elected from each district. In addition, three council members are elected from the county at large, thus making a total of seven council members" (Here is Your Indiana Government, 2024-2025, p.44). This election, you will be voting on at-large county council candidates.

You will select three (3) only on the ballot.

- **Robert R Bailey (D)**
 - robertbaileypdmt@gmail.com
- **Rebecca (Becky) Crumes (D)**
 - rcrumes@sbcglobal.net
 - Facebook: [Rebecca Crumes](#)
- **Stephen Holtzleiter (D)**
 - slholtzleiter@ymail.com
 - Facebook: [Steve Holtzleiter](#)
- **Fred Reese Jr. (D)**
 - freese2@yahoo.com
 - Facebook: [Fred Reese](#)
- **Carl Abel (R)**
 - cabel_98@hotmail.com
 - Facebook: [Carl Abel for Madison County Council](#)

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Madison County Council Candidates, At Large Continued

You will select three (3) only on the ballot.

- **James R Abraham (R)**
 - none found
- **Jason D. Brizendine (R)**
 - jbrizendine034@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Jason Brizendine](#)
- **Jonathan Culp (R)**
 - jonathan.a.culp@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Committee to Elect Jonathan A. Culp For Madison County Council](#)
- **Kristi A Grabowski (R)**
 - electkristigrabowski@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Kristi Grabowski for Madison County Council](#)
- **Scott Green (R)**
 - scottgreenforcountycouncil@gmail.com
 - website: <https://www.scottgreenforcountycouncil.com/>
 - Facebook: [Scott Green for County Council](#)
- **Jason Turner (R)**
 - turnertribe4@comcast.net
- **Mikeal Vaughn (R)**
 - mikealvaughn765@gmail.com
 - Facebook: [Mikeal Vaughn for County Council](#)

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Madison County Auditor

Role description: “The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term from the county at large but prohibited from serving more than two terms in 12 years. The auditor serves as secretary of the board of commissioners and county council.”

“Duties of the auditor as the fiscal officer of the county include keeping the county’s accounts and issuing warrants for the payment of claims following an audit of the expenditure.”

“The auditor is required to provide all taxing entities with estimates of assessed valuations and estimates of taxes to be received. Real estate abatement and TIF calculations are done on an annual basis by the auditor” (Here is Your Indiana Government, 2024-2025, p. 47). There are many other duties of the Auditor that can be found in the Here is Your Indiana Government book.

- Katherine V. Callahan (R)- Anderson, IN
- Todd Culp (R)- Anderson, IN
- No Democratic Candidate Filed

Madison County Coroner

Role description: The main duties of the County Coroner include, when people die; 1. the identifying of the deceased; 2. Determining of the cause of death; and 3. Determination of the manner of death. (IN.gov)

- Robert E. Glazebrooks II (D)- Anderson, IN
- Adam Matson (R)



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Madison County Surveyor

Role Description: “The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term by the voters of an entire county. There is no restriction upon eligibility for re-election.

“The primary duties of the surveyor are to survey and keep records of all section corners throughout the county. The surveyor must supervise all civil engineering work of the county”...“the surveyor serves as a member of the county drainage board and as a member of the county planning commission”...“The surveyor is required to prepare, maintain and keep in custody a record book showing maps of each section, grant, tract, subdivision, or group of such areas in sufficient detail.”...“The surveyor is authorized to appoint as many deputies and assistants as the work requires, subject to budget limitations and approval of the county council” (Here is Your Indiana Government, 2024-2025, p. 50).

- **Ken Kocinski (R)- Anderson, IN**
- **Charles Kurt Shepherd (R)- Anderson, IN**
- **No Democratic Candidate Filed**



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Madison County Republican and Democratic Convention Delegates

Role description: “Each of the major parties (Republican and Democrat) is required to hold a state nominating convention within 60 days after the biennial May primary. At the convention, each county has one delegate, elected by voters, for every 400 votes....The voters in every precinct are assured of being permitted to vote to help elect at least one delegate.” Here are the core roles of the delegates:

- “One of the major functions of a state nominating convention (where delegates participate) is to adopt the platform of the party.”
- “The national convention delegates are required by law to cast their first ballot for the presidential candidate preferred by the majority of the party voters in their respective districts.”
- “The state convention selects candidates for the following offices filled by statewide election: Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Comptroller, Attorney General” (Here is Your Indiana Government Book, 2024-2025, pp. 117-118).

In Madison county:

- **This year is the Republican’s precinct race in Madison County and therefore, there are Republican delegates across three districts.** It is not a precinct race for Democrats this year and therefore, all of their delegate seats are at large.
- **To find out what District you are in and your candidates for that district, contact the Voter Registration office at 765-641-9657 or review “Who and what is on my ballot”** through checking your voter status at <https://indianavoters.in.gov/> which will only list the delegates for your district and will identify your district number.

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Madison County Convention Delegates

Names and cities of residence are noted. Emails are included if they submitted them when filing for candidacy.

Madison County Republican Convention Delegate, At Large, you will vote for one (1) only

- Marquest Higgins- Anderson, IN; ctequest@gmail.com
- Heather Prophet- Anderson, IN; hcprophet@gmail.com

Madison County Republican Convention Delegate, District 1, Vote for eleven (11) only

- Jerry Alexander- Anderson, IN; jerrold_alexander@hotmail.com
- Vanessa T Alexander- Anderson, IN; vtalex@comcast.net
- Deborah Dunham- Chesterfield, IN
- Benjamin Evans- Pendleton, IN; ben.price.evans@gmail.com
- Leland Franklin- Anderson, IN; lelandfranklinoffice@yahoo.com
- Mike Gaskill- Pendleton, IN; mikegaskill@comcast.net
- Ray Hilbert- Pendleton, IN; rayhilbert23@gmail.com
- Jill S Hupfer- Pendleton, IN
- Kyle Hupfer- Pendleton, IN
- Jamei Kramer- Pendleton, IN; papakak@comcast.net
- Christina Peternel- Pendleton, IN; chrissypeternel@gmail.com
- Nathan Peternel- Pendleton, IN; nathan@lifechurchin.com
- Susan Pluhar- Markleville, IN; sksu1982@gmail.com
- Rob Steele- Lapel, IN; rsteele@madisoncounty.in.gov
- Chase A Wilcoxon- Pendleton, IN; chawilcoxon@gmail.com
- Dena Willis- Anderson, IN
- Russell Willis- Anderson, IN

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Madison County Convention Delegates

Madison County Republican Convention Delegate, District 2 Vote for eleven (11) only

Note: All candidates for District 2 are located in Anderson, IN

- Chloe Anagnos: chloeanagnos@gmail.com
- John Aukerman: jhaukerman@anderson.edu
- Carla J Bowser: cjmb93@hotmail.com
- Jennifer Culp: culpfamily50@icloud.com
- Todd Culp
- Rodney Cummings
- Connie Gardner
- Rick Gardner: rg2119@gmail.com
- Kristi A Grabowski: grabfam@comcast.net
- Danny Harvey: danny_harvey@sbcglobal.net
- Joni L Harvey: joni.harvey@yahoo.com
- Phil Herbig: philherbig10@gmail.com
- Kelli Heuer: heuerkelli@gmail.com
- Pete Heuer: pnheuer@gmail.com
- Rachel Lee Landers: racheleelanders2023@gmail.com
- Evan McMullen
- Michael Miller
- Dan Murrell: murrellooffers@mail.com
- Devin T Norrick: devin@devin-norrick.com
- Jodi L Norrick: jodinorrick@gmail.com
- Quentin Norrick: quentinorrick@gmail.com
- Kyle Pierce
- Larry Lee Savage Jr.
- Kevin A Sulc: k.sulc4131@comcast.net
- Jason Turner: turnertribe4@comcast.net
- Mikeal Vaughn

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Madison County Convention Delegates

Madison County Republican Convention Delegate, District 3 Vote for eleven (11) only

- David Abernathy- Elwood, IN; abernathydavid@comcast.net
- Larry D Davis- Anderson, IN
- Nickolas W Freeman- Anderson, IN; nickfreeman92@gmail.com
- Pamela G Harvey- Alexandria, IN
- Timothy Allan Harvey- Alexandria, IN
- Sean Smith- Anderson, IN
- Denise Spooner- Alexandria, IN; tanddrealty@gmail.com
- Laureen Renee White- Anderson, IN
- Kira Wilkinson- Elwood, IN

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Madison County Convention Delegates

Madison County Democratic Convention Delegate, At Large, Vote for thirty two (32) only
Note: Although technically one can vote up to 32, there are only 27 running.

- Amy Lynn Alt- Anderson, IN; altamy524@gmail.com
- Meredith (CoCo) Armstrong- Anderson, IN; bellarmstrong12@yahoo.com
- Reece Axel-Adams- Anderson, IN
- Kevin M Cline- Anderson, IN; mrcline1@gmail.com
- Marci L Cochran- Anderson, IN; marci.l.cochran@gmail.com
- Rufus Cordell Cochran Jr.- Anderson, IN; mick.rc30@gmail.com
- Rebecca (Becky) Crumes- Anderson, IN
- Timothy Detrick- Frankton, IN; timtim_2007@yahoo.com
- Ollie H Dixon- Anderson, IN; olliehdixon@aol.com
- Tamla (Tamie) Dixon-Tatum- Anderson, IN; tamie.tatum@yahoo.com
- Grindle Dupree-Hamlett- Anderson, IN
- Caden Eicks- Anderson, IN; eickscaden@gmail.com
- David Eicks- Anderson, IN
- Julie A Griswold- Anderson, IN
- Angela S Harrison- Anderson, IN; asharrison66@gmail.com
- G Randall Harrison- Anderson, IN
- Vickie Hart- Frankton, IN; vjhart52@gmail.com
- Lisa Isaacs- Frankton, IN; lisaisaacs@yahoo.com
- Cynthia G Lanane- Anderson, IN; cglanane@comcast.net
- Timothy S Lanane- Anderson, IN; tslanane@sbcglobal.net
- David Edward Lipartito- Anderson, IN
- Joe Newman- Anderson, IN
- Kaitie Rector- Summitville, IN; kaitie812@gmail.com
- Michelle D Reed- Anderson, IN; i_am1_ur2@yahoo.com
- Devin Scroggins- Anderson, IN; devin.c.scroggins@gmail.com
- Amanda L Webb- Anderson, IN; mandymail360@gmail.com
- Maurice D Wheeler- Anderson, IN

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Madison County Republican Precinct Committeeman Candidates

Role description: “In each precinct (a district/division of a city or town), a committee person is elected. Immediately after the election, the committee person appoints a vice committee person of the opposite gender. All the precinct committeemen and vice committeemen in a county constitute the county committee of the party. If no candidate runs for a precinct committee person office or it becomes vacant, the county chairperson appoints a replacement.”

- “The committee person and vice committee person must attend the county convention to help set up the county organization. These are the only legal duties of the precinct committee person....The committee person is the party’s contact person in the precinct, seeking always to make friends and recruit party supporters.”
- “The precinct committeemen and vice committeemen within a county elect the county chairperson and vice chairperson.”
- “The committee person is responsible for seeing that the voters favorable to his or her party are registered and thus eligible to vote”, and that “on Election Day, the voters show up at the polls. In many counties, a committee person’s duties also entail recruiting and monitoring the party’s precinct election poll site officials” (Here is Your Indiana Government Book, 2024-2025, p. 119).

In Madison County:

This year is the Republican’s precinct race in Madison County and therefore, there are Republican delegates across three districts. It is not a precinct race for Democrats this year and therefore, all of their delegate seats are at large.

There are 112 precincts across Madison County. That is A LOT of precincts! Rest assured, you will only vote for your precinct. Just ONE precinct’s candidates will be on your ballot.

To find out what precinct you are in, go to <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>. Select, “Check Voting Status”, put your information in. It’ll take you to your voter page where it will list your precinct under where it says “Welcome _____ (your name)!”

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Madison County Republican Precinct Committeeman Candidates

Note: All of these candidates are Republican and only for voters voting with a Republican ticket. You will only vote for your precinct and only choose one person per precinct. Remember, to find out what your precinct is, go to <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>.

The precincts are in wards or townships. The wards are numbered 1 through 6 and within each are precincts. For example, 2-5 means ward 2 precinct 5. The other listings are townships and within each township is a certain number of precincts. All of the numbered wards happen to be in Anderson and then there is also Anderson Township (And Twp) made up of three precincts. The townships span across Madison County.

1-1

- Cecil E Stroud Jr.- Anderson, IN
 - cstroud83@att.net
- Cheryl Turner- Anderson, IN

1-2

- Tracy Foust- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

1-3

- Carla J Bowser- Anderson, IN
 - cjmb93@hotmail.com
- Joni L Harvey - Anderson, IN
 - joni.harvey@yahoo.com

1-4

- Jerry Evans- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

1-5

- John Aukerman- Anderson, IN
 - jhaukerman@anderson.edu
- No opponent

1-6

- Mikeal Vaughn- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

1-7

- Todd Culp- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

2-1

- Phil Herbig- Anderson, IN
 - philherbig10@gmail.com
- No opponent

2-2 and 2-3- No candidate filed

2-4

- Tiffany Harless- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

2-5

- Teresa Smock- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

2-6

- Brian K Ball- Anderson, IN
 - bgphipps241@gmail.com
- No opponent

2-7

- Hillary Dunham- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

2-8

- Carey Lee Corzine- Anderson, IN
- Dan Murrell- Anderson, IN
 - murrellooffers@mail.com

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3-1

- Rick Gardner- Anderson, IN
 - rg2119@gmail.com
- Vickie Kay Rudd- Anderson, IN
- Beth A Waymire- Anderson, IN
 - b7929111@gmail.com

3-2

- Kristi A Grabowski- Anderson, IN
 - grabfam@comcast.net
- LeRoy Heath- Anderson, IN
 - lheath9881@aol.com

3-3

- Sharon Gilmore- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

3-4

- Maxine Baird- Anderson, IN
- Michael Miller- Anderson, IN

3-5

- Michael Shively- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

3-6

- Rebecca E Degitz- Anderson, IN
 - rb.degitz@yahoo.com
- Chris Wilhoite- Anderson, IN
 - cwil2975@yahoo.com

3-7

- Terrance N Leonard- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

3-8

- Randal Hammel- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

3-9

- Phillip D Poor- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

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4-1

- Connie Power- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

4-2

- Duane G Newby- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

4-3

- Jeff Green- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

4-4

- Mark Turner- Anderson, IN
 - saltydogs97@hotmail.com
- No opponent

4-5

- No candidate filed

4-6

- Kerry Duane Hinkle- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

4-7

- C David Welsheimer- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

5-1

- Kris Beck- Anderson, IN
- Larry Lee Savage Jr.- Anderson, IN

5-2

- No candidate filed

5-3

- Carl Abel- Anderson, IN
- Timothy Leon Harvey- Anderson, IN
 - tlh5150@hotmail.com

5-4

- Evan McMullen- Anderson, IN
- Devin T Norrick- Anderson, IN

5-5

- Katherine Veronica Callahan- Anderson, IN
 - katherinefnp@yahoo.com
- Jacob Deiwert- Anderson, IN
- Kevin A Sulc- Anderson, IN
 - k.sulc4131@comcast.net

5-6

- Kelli Heuer- Anderson, IN
 - heuerkelli@gmail.com
- Heather Prophet- Anderson, IN
 - hcprophet@gmail.com



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6-1

- Lisa Ann Gustin- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

6-2

- Teresa Farmer- Anderson, IN
- Adam Hester- Anderson, IN
 - hesteram87@gmail.com

6-3

- Chloe Anagnos- Anderson, IN
 - chloeanagnos@gmail.com
- Kyle Pierce- Anderson, IN

6-4

- No candidate filed

6-5

- Charles L Parker- Anderson, IN
- Daniel R Wehner- Anderson, IN

6-6 and 6-7- No candidates filed

Adams 1

- No candidate filed

Adams 2

- Jonathan Culp- Markleville, IN
 - jonathan.a.culp@gmail.com
- Steffanie Owens- Markleville, IN

Adams 3

- No candidate filed

Adams 4

- Lana Evans- Markleville, IN
 - lana.evans7@yahoo.com
- Susan Pluhar- Markleville, IN
 - sksu1982@gmail.com
- Marilea Wyatt- Anderson, IN

And Twp 1

- Michael Evans- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

And Twp 2

- No candidate filed

And Twp 3

- Curtis Farran- Anderson, IN
- Jodi L Norrick- Anderson, IN
 - jodinorrick@gmail.com



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Boone 1

- Susan P Nelson- Alexandria, IN
- No opponent

Duck Creek 1

- Andrew K Williams- no city given
- No opponent

Duck Creek 2

- Robert K French- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Fall Creek 1

- Seth Hinshaw- Anderson, IN
 - sehinshaw38@gmail.com
- David (Sarge) Sargent- Anderson, IN
 - ke9xf@aol.com
- Gerry R Shryock- Anderson, IN

Fall Creek 2

- Jamei Kramer- Pendleton, IN
 - papakak@comcast.net
- No opponent

Fall Creek 3

- Ana Blake- Pendleton, IN
 - anablakephotos@gmail.com
- Shane Davis- Pendleton, IN

Fall Creek 4

- Thomas H Alley- Pendleton, IN
- Danny Gardner- Pendleton, IN

Fall Creek 5

- Michael Romack- Pendleton, IN
- No opponent

Fall Creek 6

- Robert Adams- Pendleton, IN
- No opponent

Fall Creek 7

- Kyle Hupfer- Pendleton, IN
- No opponent

Fall Creek 8

- Robert (Bob) Fernandez- Pendleton, IN
- Mike Gaskill- Pendleton, IN
 - mikegaskill@comcast.net

Fall Creek 9

- No candidate filed

Fall Creek 10

- Nathan Peternel- Pendleton, IN
 - nathan@lifechurchin.com



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Green 1

- Chad Roots- Pendleton, IN
 - chad.roots@gmail.com
- Greg Valentine- Lapel, IN
 - greg.valentine1945@yahoo.com

Green 2

- Kelsey G Yiesla- Pendleton, IN
 - mkyiesla@gmail.com
- No opponent

Green 3

- Benjamin Evans- Pendleton, IN
 - ben.price.evans@gmail.com
- Chase A Wilcoxon- Pendleton, IN
 - chawilcoxon@gmail.com

Green 4

- Justin Gardner- Ingalls, IN
- No opponent

Green 5

- Marissa Skaggs- Pendleton, IN
- No opponent

Jackson 1

- John L Beeman- Anderson, IN
 - jbeeman32@aol.com
- Darlene Likens- Anderson, IN
- Tracey Rhoads- Anderson, IN
 - tracey@rhoadsinsuranceagency.com
- Jason Turner- Frankton, IN
 - turnertribe4@comcast.net

Lafayette 1

- Larry Shively- Frankton, IN
- No opponent

Lafayette 2

- Vickie Hiatt- Anderson, IN
 - vickie_hiatt_96@comcast.net
- Maurice (Mo) Hodge- Anderson, IN

Lafayette 3

- Ken Kocinski- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

Lafayette 4

- Kris Bennett-Lutz- Anderson, IN
- Sandra Nardoni- Anderson, IN

Monroe 1

- Jeremy M VanErman- Alexandria, IN
 - vanerman4alex@gmail.com
- No opponent

Monroe 2

- Timothy L Smith- Alexandria, IN
- No opponent

Monroe 3

- Darcy VanErman- Alexandria, IN
 - darcyvanerman@yahoo.com
- No opponent

Monroe 4

- Brian J Cuneo- Alexandria, IN
 - alexfd_16@yahoo.com

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Monroe 5

- Todd Naselroad- Alexandria, IN
- No opponent

Monroe 6

- Erin Atwood- Orestes, IN
 - erin.atwood@comcast.net
- Bethany Ann Keller- Alexandria, IN
 - electbethanykeller@gmail.com

Monroe 7

- Jane (Birdie) Betteridge- Alexandria, IN
 - birdiejane@protonmail.com
- Valerie Jerrils- Alexandria, IN
 - vjerrils@att.net

Monroe 8

- Adam Matson- no city listed
- Melissa S Rubrecht- Alexandria, IN
 - msrubrecht@gmail.com

Pipe Creek 1

- Kira Wilkinson- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 2

- David Abernathy- Elwood, IN
 - abernathydavid@comcast.net
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 3

- Kathy Sue Shope- Elwood, IN
 - jrskss@comcast.net
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 4

- Jennifer K Turney- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 5

- Patty Elwood- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 6

- Timothy J Hoel- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 7

- Joe Kelich- Elwood, IN
 - joe.kelich@yahoo.com
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 8

- Linda King- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 9

- Cory J Bohlander- Elwood, IN
- Patrick Green- Elwood, IN
 - patrickjamesgreen@comcast.net

Pipe Creek 10

- Jeff Poe- Elwood, IN
- No opponent

Pipe Creek 11

- Levi Alexander- Frankton, IN
 - alexanderlevi1918@gmail.com
- Garland Antrim- Elwood, IN

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Pipe Creek 12

- LaWanna Beamer- Frankton, IN
- Jordyn M Reichart- Alexandria, IN

Richland 1

- Leigh Ann Hopper- Anderson, IN
 - hopperleighann@gmail.com
- No opponent

Richland 2

- Rebecca Sue George- Alexandria, IN
- Timothy Allan Harvey- Alexandria, IN

Richland 3

- Rachel Lane Fullington- Anderson, IN
 - authorrachellane@gmail.com
- Frances Kay McKissick- Anderson, IN

Richland 4

- Curtis Corzine- Anderson, IN
- Nickolas W Freeman- Anderson, IN
 - nickfreeman92@gmail.com
- Laureen Renee White- Anderson, IN

Richland 5

- Rodney M Belangee- Anderson, IN
- Larry D Davis- Anderson, IN

Richland 6

- Stephanie Razor- Anderson, IN
 - sophielilgirl@gmail.com
- No opponent

Stony Creek 1

- James Ray Bauer- Lapel, IN
- Lloyd E Dixon II- Lapel, IN

Stony Creek 2

- Dan Paddock- Lapel, IN
- Stephen J Wright- Lapel, IN
 - boilerdoc2@yahoo.com

Stony Creek 3

- Amanda Bergfield- Anderson, IN
- Rob Trotter- Anderson, IN
 - robtrot@gmail.com

Union 1

- Jerry R Bilyeu- Anderson, IN
 - jrbilyeu@prodigy.net
- Sam Hanna- Anderson, IN

Union 2

- Russell Willis- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

Union 3

- Sarah Young- Chesterfield, IN
- No opponent

Union 4

- Deborah Dunham- Chesterfield, IN
- No opponent

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Union 5

- Scott Green- Anderson, IN
- William Joseph (Billy) Ingles II-
Chesterfield, IN
 - fma8@aol.com

Union 6

- Lloyd R Brown- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

Union 7

- Zaki Ali- Anderson, IN
- No opponent

Union 8

- Leland Franklin- Anderson, IN
 - lelandfranklinoffice@yahoo.com
- No opponent

Van Buren 1

- Dee Amos- Summitville, IN
 - d.amos@sbcglobal.net
- No opponent

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Q & A



ANDERSON, IN COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES



All county commissioner candidates were asked the same questions by the creators of this guide. Here are their answers in their own words.

We recognize the candidate answer lengths vary. We want to provide their full answers so that we do not take away from anything they responded with. Their contact information is toward the beginning of the guide in the “snapshot” sections.

Note: Names listed in alphabetical order and by party.

Questions asked:

1. What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)
2. What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?
3. What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?
4. How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?
5. How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?

County Commissioner District #2 Democrat Candidates' Q & A Responses

• Ollie Dixon (D)

- Introduction: I am Ollie H. Dixon, an Electrician, small business owner; district #4 City Councilman of the Anderson City Council for 33 years, and founder of the Ollie H. Dixon Back-To-School Parade & Picnic - which has given away free school supplies for kids in grades K-12 for 33 years/ and has helped nearly 70k kids in Anderson/Madison County. I have served as City Council President and Vice President, on multiple occasions; I have served as President and Vice President of the United Autoworkers Local 663 as well as Sergeant-At-Arms of the UAW Region 3 Shop Committee; served as an Elected Delegate to the International Constitutional Convention in Detroit Michigan, and I served as an appointed member of the UAW Steering Committee. In short, my overall work experience, my experience on the council, my experience with examining and managing budgets, and my successful track record in improving the quality of life for Anderson/Madison County are all relevant for the position of County Commissioner.
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I want to continue to guard the tax-payers dollars by researching the issues, asking the tough questions and looking for alternative solutions that are a win-win-win for the residents of Anderson/Madison County.

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County Commissioner District #2 Democrat Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Ollie Dixon (D) responses continued**
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - I believe we face a crisis in mental health which includes, but is not limited to, addiction, depression, and anxiety. This is a county-city wide problem that needs to be addressed on multiple levels including non-profits and the government. In the county, we have an opportunity with the money from the opioid settlement and the American Rescue Plan to support existing programs as well as develop new solutions.
 - Property taxes are rising, and I fear that we may see a wave of foreclosures if we don't keep spending, and taxes, under control.
 - Cross training of employees, and developing and retaining a workforce to support efforts in attracting new businesses and jobs to our community, and with the new good paying jobs, to include Union jobs, - job growth will mean that we will need adequate housing and services like affordable childcare for our new workers.
 - I'd like to see a change in attitude within County government as to what the proper role of government is, and return to the original intent as envisioned by our founders. The original purpose of government was **to** protect our rights and property, and **not** to aid or participate in the taking of those things.
 - To both save money and fight climate change, I would like to have solar power at all our county government buildings.
 - Funding of public safety, education, quality of life, and maintaining county fund balances to weather hard economic times.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I bring to this role - strengths - in overseeing projects, managing budgets, and communicating with stakeholders to include nearly 50 years as an Electrical Engineer, 33 years of experience with the Anderson City Council, nearly 20 years of experience as a local business owner, **58** years as a union member and **16** years as a union leader with skills in negotiating, problem solving, analyzing budgets, people and situations, and driving people-centered results. My ultimate goal is to bring Anderson Indiana back to its former status as a leader in Industry, Education, Business and Quality of Life.

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County Commissioner District #2 Democrat Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Ollie Dixon (D) responses continued**
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - As always, I will encourage people to attend and participate in County meetings, town halls, and they can feel free to reach out directly to me. I have always worked with other people /groups/stakeholders, youth, etc. and this will not change. I have always listened to these groups – because government is supposed to work “for the people” - all people - the poor, the rich and the middle class.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - In the past, I would invite high school government teachers and students to learn more about the election and voting process, and I would invite the high school students to an opportunity to volunteer during the election process and election day. I would love to partner again with our schools/teachers to do the same. I am also open to hear from the youth as to how they would like to participate in this civic process.

County Commissioner District #2 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Rick Gardner-(R)**
 - Introduction: I have served on the county council which is the fiscal body of the county, and currently in my seventh year as Madison County auditor, the chief financial officer of the county I currently serve as a member of the Association of Indiana county legislative committee, and Indiana County Auditors Association legislative committee, representing 92 counties in both positions. I’m a member of the government finance officers association, and international Association of assessing officers, and I have attended the Indiana county commissioners Association conference for years. This year I was awarded the outstanding supportive auditor of the year by the Indiana county commissioners Association.

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County Commissioner District #2 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Rick Gardner-(R) responses continued**
 - **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I have served the county in two positions and I believe my skills in those two positions would benefit the county greatly is my reason for running.
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - The immediate challenge for the county is the building of a new jail which the new price tag has just topped \$100 million including capitalize interest, and would like to help see that project through since I've been involved on the financial side for the last couple years.
 - Development in the county, especially in the I 69 corridor is an issue my financial experience, past business experience, and construction experience would be helpful with both of these issues.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - As mentioned above, my financial background as county auditor and my involvement in projects in the county, along with my past business experience of many years will be beneficial to the position of county commissioner.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - There are many statutory boards throughout the county to address different issues, and many of them require public input in a public hearing environment. Where those do not exist, setting up additional times to get additional input especially when it comes to controversial issues would be beneficial.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - The county currently has an internship program with the highway department, an expansion of that would be beneficial in other areas of the county and I would support that.
- **Devin Norrick-(R)**
 - **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - To keep it quite simple, I felt led to do this by whom I can only believe was the Lord. I want to make a difference in my community, and I want to work and collaborate with people and other communities to help achieve that goal.

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County Commissioner District #2 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Devin Norrick-(R) responses continued**
 - There is not enough Godly love and civility in government anymore and instead we have shady backroom deal politics and emotionally charged individuals. We have to get back to the basics of disagreeing but respecting people as individuals.
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - The number 1 problem is a lack of collaboration among local municipalities. We all take a small bite out of a pie that may be drugs, mental health, public safety, or services. It is time that we put the pieces together and attack the issues as a collective unit along with non-government organizations and not for profits to save money and be more effective for taxpayers.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I bring faith, hard work, and determination to the table and I am a product of Madison County. This is my home and I want my home to be a safe and happy place to raise my kids. My wife and I are expecting our first child this fall. I am a small business owner of a successful local law office and am an attorney by trade and I hope to use my legal expertise to bring Madison county forward while saving us money with a new and fresh perspective on county government.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - Simple. I will make myself accessible to citizens and be approachable. I want to move the commissioner meetings to evenings to allow for more participation. I want to allow for public comment on all issues and not just the ones legally required to do so. That is a big part of my mission for more collaboration. I also want to bring community leaders and not for profit groups to the table to see how we can work together more to fight against the same issues we are all dealing with as a community.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - We already have so many opportunities like Youth Leadership Academy and the Madison County Hand up initiative, of which I serve on the board, which are going for our youth to get them on the right track or help them get back on the right track. These are but two of the multitude that exist in Madison county. The youth are the next generation and if we do not as a government and

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County Commissioner District #2 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Devin Norrick-(R) responses continued**
 - community curb youth violence and drug use now, then we will continue to leave for our kids something worse than what we have today. As a public defender in Madison county for Child in need of services cases, I see the damage on our youth every day from parents who are stuck in addiction or criminal ways. We have to change that mindset if we want to change the generation.

County Commissioner District #3 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **John Richwine-(R)**
 - Introduction: I have served as Madison County Commissioner for the last 20 years and prior to that was on the County Council for 8 years. My experience provides an understanding of all facets of County government and a proven track record of getting things done.
 - **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I have always had a calling to serve my community and have done so in some capacity most of my life. Making a difference in the community is valued in my life.
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - Managing our rapid growth in the Southern part of the County, by working with the abutting Cities and towns. Providing rules and regulations that inspire growth that we can be proud of and comes at a pace we can manage. Continuing to find new ways to improve our County infrastructure and managing the many projects that we have undertaken to ensure success.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - My leadership experience has provided me with the knowledge to make good decisions and the ability to work with other departments across the County.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - With studies that we are currently undertaking, we have been able to gain input at festivals, fairs and other events across the County. We have had success with online questionnaires.

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County Commissioner District #3 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **John Richwine-(R) responses continued**
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - Currently, we have implemented programs at the Highway Department that provide CDL education and employment opportunities for young people. We have also partnered with the Crossing school, allowing students to learn various skills and prepare themselves for the future. This type of programming has been very successful!
- **Lisa Wittkamper Rinker-(R)**
 - Introduction: I am a life-long resident of Madison County with business, civic, and community experience. My husband and I own a grain and livestock operation, I own my own business, and I have worked as a project manager. I served on the Alexandria School Board and have been an active volunteer in the Madison County 4-H Program. Through my leadership roles, I understand the importance of hard work, honesty, and collaboration.
 - **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - While attending county meetings for an issue I was passionate about, I began to take a critical look at how county government was functioning. I realized that the government was not being transparent and citizens were not allowed to speak at public meetings. I made the decision to run for county commissioner to serve the people in Madison County by being a voice for them. We need a fresh perspective and a voice for change.
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - I believe the primary challenges we face are being fiscally responsible with regard to decisions that have already been made by our current commissioners, regaining trust in county government, and addressing crime and public safety in our county. I believe with communication, transparency, and working with the other commissioners and elected officials, we can address these challenges.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - My 40+ years of business experience and my time as a school board member are definite strengths because I understand the importance of researching and

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County Commissioner District #3 Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Lisa Wittkamper Rinker-(R) responses continued**
 - making decisions based on facts, while looking at the dollars that are available. Effective communication, including being a good listener and working with others, is key to success. I believe that not being afraid to stand up for what is right is a strength I will bring to this role as county commissioner.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - Collaboration with elected officials from the various municipalities and the citizens of Madison County is imperative. Agendas will be posted to allow citizens to make arrangements to attend meetings, meetings will be held at a time when people can attend, and citizens will be allowed to speak at county commissioner meetings; their voices will be heard. Citizens will be engaged through the county website and through social media. Additionally, I am willing to come to the table to learn and work alongside the county departments and municipalities.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - Young people need to see how county government works. I would invite county schools to set up field trips to the government center and provide tours with elected officials. In addition, I would like to see us as elected officials go into the schools and perhaps even hold a commissioners' meeting there. I believe it is our responsibility to help educate our students about the role they can play in government. They are the future of Madison County!

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All county council candidates were asked the same questions by the creators of this guide. Here are their answers in their own words.



We recognize the candidate answer lengths vary. We want to provide their full answers so that we do not take away from anything they responded with. Their contact information toward the beginning of the guide in the “snapshot” sections.

Note: Names listed in alphabetical order and by party.

Questions asked:

1. What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)
2. What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?
3. What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?
4. How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?
5. How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?

County Council Democrat Candidates' Q & A Responses

• Robert Bailey (D)

- This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.

• Rebecca Crumes (D)

- Introduction: I am Rebecca (Becky) Crumes, born in Anderson IN, retired from General Motors and now serve as a Trustee of UAW Local 662 Retirees. I served 8 years on the Anderson City Council, 3 years as President, I would be honored to represent you on the Madison County Council At Large seat.
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - After 8 years on the City Council I became even more inspired to have a seat at the decision making table, to represent the unheard and voiceless.
- **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - In a democracy it is important to have representation that is diverse and inclusive. My presence alone will allow young people who look like me to believe they too can have a seat at the decision making table.
- **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - Eight years on the City Council, years of training and receiving my Municipal Certification from AIM (Accelerating Indiana Municipalities, which is sanctioned

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- **Rebecca Crumes (D) Responses continued**

- by the Indiana State Legislature)
- **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - Town Halls, Social Media, Newspaper, Mailers and attending group and organizations meetings.
- **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - Sponsoring a Youth Summit , Youth Town Hall, youth surveys, working with other youth organizations, Children are our future, if we treat them well, they WILL LEAD the way...

- **Stephen Holtzleiter (D)**

- Introduction: I was born in Madison County and raised on a farm, my parents were Kenneth and Catherine Holtzleiter. After several years working for GM, I entered the field of law enforcement serving a total of 31 years with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. I attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduating 2nd. During this time I took classes at Vincennes University and ultimately earned a B.S. degree in Organizational Leadership (Cum Laude). In enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard in 1971 and retired as a Master Sergeant after over 34 years. I work at the Anderson University Police Department as the Sergeant. I also have worked security at Community Hospital part-time since 1975.
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - Actually, I was asked to run and after considering it, I decided to run because I felt that I could bring a more positive view of the council to the public. i.e. improve the decorum and civility with the other county offices, stakeholders and the public. I served on the Union Township Board from 2007-2015 (President for the 2nd term) and have dealt with the administration of a large budget and accomplishing what was needed without raising the tax rate significantly.
- **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - The primary challenge are; the building of the new detention center and Sheriff's Department Offices etc., attracting more and better paying jobs to the county and increasing our county parks to attract out of county visitors as well as our county residents.

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- **Stephen Holtzleiter (D) responses continued**

- **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I am retired from the Madison County Sheriff's Department. I have the experience and knowledge of the issues facing the Sheriff, Jail Staff, and the safety issues. I was involved as a Jail Administrator Officer, when we went from the older 1939 Jail to the now old 1984 Jail. I served on the Sheriff's Merit Board for a number of years since my retirement in 2005 and was the President of the board for several years.
- **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - I will seek the public input by use of surveys, questionnaires on issues and responding to emails. As well as, the public input at council meetings. I will work with other people, members of the council and other county office stakeholders in a respectful bipartisan manner for the good of Madison County.
- **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - I would encourage youth to attend the council meeting at least once to hopefully observe good government at work, I would encourage youth groups to volunteer in environmental clean-ups, of the river and parks etc. And to attend the Youth Leadership Academy or other leadership development.

- **Fred Reese Jr. (D)**

- Introduction: Hello everyone! My name is Fred Reese, I am officially running for the office of Council at Large of Madison County. As an active member of our community, I am dedicated to bringing positive changes to our county as an whole.
- Throughout my tenure in government and as a past council member, I based my approach around transparency, responsiveness and citizen empowerment. With my strong experience, commitment, and dedication; I pledge to strive towards the progress and betterment of Madison County. You can count on it!
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I have worked over 10 years for the City of Anderson and Madison County. I have the knowledge and experience to serve. The public is saying they have no voice, we are paying higher taxes, and there is no accountability. This gives me the inspiration to work and fight for these basic rights and much more.

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- **Fred Reese Jr. (D) responses continued**
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - Madison County ranks among the highest in the state of Indiana in drug abuse. The death rate is rising from drug use. Madison County has only (2) Drug Task Force officers. I want to take a portion of the Public Safety Tax to increase officers and fund the department the technology and resources.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I am Honest, Committed, Motivated, Experienced, Balanced, and Electable. I have served on several community boards and committees. For eight years, I served on the Madison County Council; as a member, as Vice President, and as President. I have been employed with the city of Anderson for over 10 years as a department head for The Parks Department and City Hall. I've submitted several budgets throughout the years never to spending over my budget.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - I will use social media sites to show the council meetings. I will keep all lines of communication available to my constituents by phone, email, and social media. Recently, I've participated in several Town Hall Meetings. This has given me an opportunity to hear from citizens throughout Madison County. I will continue to participate in similar settings that allows citizens a voice.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - I would invite youth to speak and participate in our council meetings. I will set up a "Youth" Town Hall meeting to give our youth a forum to share their concerns and ideas to our community leaders. I will use social media to give youth a voice directly to the council.

County Council Republican Candidates' Q & A Responses

- **Carl Abel (R)**
 - Introduction: I am a United States Navy veteran and have worked in or around the military, the federal government, and the state government for over 35 years. I will bring my experience and understanding of the roles of different levels of government to Madison County.

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- **Carl Abel (R) responses continued**
 - **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I felt called to serve to make Madison County a better place for all of us to work, live, and raise our families.
 - **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - Along with the problems we see everywhere (poverty, crime, drug addiction, etc.), I see a major problem with a breakdown of trust and communication between the citizens and their government. I will use my position and influence on the County Council to rebuild this communication and trust.
 - **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I bring a long history of service and an understanding of the roles of the different levels and branches of government and an ability to foster cooperation amongst those elements.
 - **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - I will always advocate for maximum transparency and communications with the citizens of Madison County. I will provide all information available in a timely manner and solicit ideas from the public in a way that will make it a useful dialogue in how the council acts on matters of public interest. I will foster a sense of community and cooperation between all parts of local, county, and state government.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - I would encourage all young people to become involved and aware of what the government can and can't do and how it impacts their everyday lives. Attending public meetings and watching government in motion is a great way for our youth to start to become engaged in their communities.
- **James Abraham (R)**
 - This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.

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- **Jason Brizendine (R)**

- Introduction: I have been on City of Elwood budget committee for 12+ years. I have served as Chief at the police department for over 16 years of my 29 year career in Elwood, managing a 1+ million dollar department budget, with average return to general fund each year of 5-7%. Never over spending
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - Friends and family encouraged me to run and I would like see local public safety representation on the county council.
- **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - The primary challenges, in my opinion, are business growth, employment opportunities and retention of those employees. Madison County officials need to work as a team with open communication and negotiation with all members of Madison County Government.
- **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - Here are brief examples of my strengths and experience. I have 16+ years of budgeting experience, 35 years total in law enforcement where communication is the key to success. Trained in negotiations through FBI in 2001.
- **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - I would encourage email and phone communication, attempt to get more citizens involved in public meetings, and meet with individual groups when asked.
- **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - Candidate did not answer this question.

- **Kristi Grabowski (R)**

- This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.

- **Scott Green (R)**

- Introduction: I have lived in Madison County for over 45 years and have practiced family medicine locally for 33+ years. I have served the public on the Anderson Community Schools Board of Trustees and at the state level on the IN State

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- **Scott Green (R) responses continued**

- Medical License Board. My priority as County Councilman is to provide effective and ethical leadership in establishing and funding priorities for my fellow County residents. I can provide the steady wisdom, leadership and experience to provide for public safety, public health, and the common good for the people of Madison County. The County is best served through efficient financial management that uses taxpayer funding wisely while supporting our government employees who provide important services to us.
- **Q1: What inspired you to run for this position? (Question from a local 5th Grade class)**
 - I was inspired to run for Madison County Council because this has been home to our family. We love our community and are grateful for how good Anderson and Madison County have been to us. I value public service and believe that in order to leave the community healthier, it requires people who care to be willing to serve. Finally, I believe I have the background and experience to serve effectively and responsibly.
- **Q2: What are the primary challenges you see in this county and how might you use your role to address them?**
 - The primary challenges are economic and personal in nature. The economic strain felt collectively in areas of food, housing, transportation and health care costs are significant, along with personal issues of mistrust, pessimism and discouragement that government doesn't work for the average person. I would advocate for engagement, inviting people to be involved and ask questions with an ethic of seeking first to understand before striving to be understood. I would hope to get public input on funding priorities within the county budget and encourage accountability in departments to serve effectively the needs of residents of Madison County.
- **Q3: What strengths and experience could you bring to this role?**
 - I bring experience as a physician who understands listening, research and study along with seeking expertise and best practice in making wise decisions. I bring a background as a small business owner / operator in the community as well as the public service background listed in my introduction above. I know how to work with large budgets in a collaborative, team fashion to solve problems.
- **Q4: How will you ask for input from citizens while making decisions? How do you plan to work with other people and groups if elected?**
 - I will encourage people to attend meetings and ask questions. I will encourage people to view the livestream / video and seek for real time online questioning

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- **Scott Green (R) responses continued**
 - to be available. I will be available by email to any county resident who seeks input. I hope to foster individual and group input during the establishment of budget priorities and to do what I can to ensure that services to residents are effective and efficient.
 - **Q5: How would you involve youth in civic engagement opportunities that promote service and leadership?**
 - I would love to see the youth of our community become more involved, attending meetings and engaging in dialogue. They need to become aware and recognize the value of community and public service in young people is critical to passing the baton of leadership oriented around creating a healthy community.
- **Jason Turner (R)**
 - This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.
- **Mikeal Vaughn (R)**
 - This candidate was contacted with the questions through various modalities and did not respond.



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Thank you for taking the time to read through this guide. Our team hopes you have benefitted from this, learned new things, researched more about your candidates, and feel more confident and ready to vote.

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