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Number of Petition Signatures Filed: Roughly 240

Number Required: 165

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

I have been an area coordinator for (RYP) Republican Young Professionals since The summer of 2000.

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

This is the first elected office I have run for.

C) Principal business, education, professional and civic activities if the past ten years.

I received a Bachelors in Liberal Arts from Columbia College in 1998, and have worked primarily in web design and online advertising since then. I have also been an active member of RYP since 2000.

D) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

From being an Eagle Scout in the BSA and an area coordinator in RYP, I have spent a considerable amount of time involved in and organizing volunteer work.

E) Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.

GW Bush 2000

Phone banking and leafleting

Republican Primaries 2002

Video production and distribution of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward Meet the Candidates night

General elections 2002

Distributed leaflets for the party slate

Attended numerous fundraisers and donated to the state party

Consulted for Cook county GOP on issues concerning the internet and their web presence.

Richard Daniels 2002

Phone banking and Technology consulting

Republican Primaries 2004

Petitioned for ward committeemen running in several wards.

F) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

Republican Young Professionals

G) As concisely as possible, please state why you fee you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

In the time that I have lived in the 11<sup>th</sup> ward I have never seen any organized republican presence or organization. As a registered republican who has made a strong effort to engage the party I find this unacceptable, and I do not feel that the other candidates will work as diligently as I to remedy this deficiency.

I feel that under the compassionate conservatism banner of GW Bush the republican party can reach out to those who might have felt betrayed by 'politics as usual'.

Personally I feel that the office or 11<sup>th</sup> ward committeeman should be primarily focused on building a Republican presence, from election judges and polling officials, to precinct captains and opportunities for volunteers to get involved with their local government directly.

H) Please outline the place of patronage, personal codes, race, gender, and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees.

There is no place for patronage, personal codes, race, gender or sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting in public employment. Public employees should be evaluated on their records of performance, integrity and dedication to the public that employs them.

D) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

While my campaign budget is limited, I don't feel that is going to be a factor in this race. It costs nothing more than time and dedication to knock on the door of a constituent and talk with them personally, it costs nothing more than time and dedication to walk the ward and engage the people. Printed materials such as fliers and posters will be the bulk of my expenses, and I am fully prepared to pay for those out of my own pocket.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

I have no paid staff. As dedicated as I am, I cannot afford to pay a staff to help me win a volunteer position. As for volunteers I have a small but dedicated group of friends and family.

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1. Should the present signature requirements for a Committeeman's nomination petition be changed? If so, how?

I don't see any problem with the current requirements.

2. Should there be (Like the law for replacing alderman, etc.) a law for replacing a ward or township Committeeman who leaves office during his/her term.

I feel there should be a system for replacement of a committeeman in case of such a situation, but I don't know that this need rises to the level of requiring new legislation. Since committeeman is a party position, each party should be free to specify their own policies on such matters so long as they are consistent with an open democratic government.

3. What are your views on slating, the selection of candidates by the party or party committees prior to a primary or non-partisan elections? If you are opposed to slating, will you participate in slating sessions?

Candidates should not be slated for elections if there exists a candidate that has followed the normal procedures. In the cases where there are not any candidates running for an office I would not have a problem with the slating of a candidate, so long as they meet the required qualifications.

4. Should the party finance the campaigns of selected candidates in contested primary elections or non partisan elections (such as aldermanic elections)?

No.

5. Does a committeeman have a responsibility to support the party's candidates after they have been selected in a primary election?

Committeemen have a responsibility to support the party, and the constituents.

6. Do you feel it is appropriate for elected officials to hold a party office? Please explain your position.

Even if no direct conflict of interest exists I think that it would be in poor judgment to hold an elected office as well as a party office, since the appearance of impropriety would be practically inevitable.

7. Have you, or would you send letters to government officials soliciting jobs or promotions for individuals?

I have never solicited government officials for jobs or promotions on behalf of any third party. Although I would have no problem with such things as sending a letter of recommendation for an individual I had worked with and knew to be a good and qualified candidate for a job or promotion.

8. Have you formed or would you form a ward-wide organization. Discuss structure, meetings, memberships, staff, and budget.

I do not currently have a ward-wide organization, although should I be elected I will work to build one. I have not yet worked out details such as staff and budget etc... but the goal would be to ensure that every person in the ward who wanted to would easily be able to contact the party, know what the party is doing, and volunteer if they so choose. Modern technology makes such communication and organization very accessible, and there is no excuse for a party to fail to provide its constituents with access the party and its officials.

9. How do you propose to finance your ward operations?

In event of the ward organization growing to the point of needing a significant budget, I would hold fundraisers. Truly the financial needs of a ward are quite modest so long as the focus remains on volunteerism and dedication.

10. What plans do you have to enhance voter registration and voter turn out in your ward?

I will be organizing voter registration activities in the ward, along with leafleting and door to door communication with the people who live in the ward.

11. **Question for Incumbant:** What have you done to involve more people in the political process. What further steps will you take? NA