

## Screening Committee - Questions for Candidates Ed Humphrey

Because of your request for an endorsement from the Clermont County Republican Party, the Screening Committee has asked that you would answer the following questions. Brevity is completely fine with your comments, since we are not looking for anything more than a sentence or two for each question; however, feel free to expound on a questions if you feel necessary.

1. Do you agree with the Clermont County Republican Party's "Principles and Values Statement" (available at ClermontGOP.com)? **Yes** Is there anything in our Principles and Values Statement with which you disagree? **There is nothing**
2. In what ways do you consider yourself to be a conservative? **I consider myself to be both a social and fiscal conservative.**
3. Have you voted consistently in the Primary Election? **Yes, as a Republican** Why, or why not? **I feel it is my duty to help the Republican Party select good candidates to defeat their opponents in the general election.**
4. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to conservative values? **I have consistently voted based on conservative values as a Township Trustee and as a County Commissioner. Championed and gained the support of my fellow elected trustees/commissioners to begin meetings at the Township and at the County with prayer. I obtained my Concealed Carry Permit consistent with my views protecting gun ownership. While in office, I have attempted to find ways to reduce waste and limit the expansion of government.**
5. What organizations have you been involved in, or donated money to, that share your conservative views? **I am an active member at Milford First United Methodist Church. I am a member of the Clermont County Republican Party, Greater Cincinnati Right to Life, Ohio and Clermont County Farm Bureaus, Clermont Agricultural Society and NRA (Life Member). I have donated money to the Clermont County Republican Party, the Clermont Tea Party, as well as dozens of federal, state, and local Republican candidates and the organizations listed above.**
6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or filed for bankruptcy? **No.** If yes, please explain.
7. Why are you running for this office? **I will continue to move the County forward and ensure that our finances are kept in check and services are provided in an economical way. I can use my experience in business at Procter & Gamble, in leadership in volunteer organizations like Miamiville Fire Department, National Ski Patrol, Milford First United Methodist Church, Lead Clermont Alumni Association, and others to make Clermont County a better place to live, learn, work, play and raise our families.**
8. What are your strengths that would enable you to do this job effectively? **My experience serving the residence in the past as well as my business and volunteer leadership**

strengths. I have the ability to understand complicated and technical information and put it in common terms. I have a willingness to devote the time to be effective and find creative solutions (think out of the box). I also have the perseverance for the position and good moral compass to lead the county. Do you have weaknesses that you need to overcome in order to do this job more effectively? I may sometimes interrupt a conversation for fear of forgetting a pertinent point.

9. How would your friends/co-workers describe you? (Circle all that apply. **bold and underlined**)  
**Honest, fair, respectful,** manipulative, **patient, kind,** shrewd, **tough, polite,** rude, **cooperative, intelligent, punctual,** harsh, **reasonable,** impatient, **passionate, informed, analytical,** dignified, arrogant, **knowledgeable, conscientious, deliberative,** short-tempered, **humble, diligent, thorough,** inconsiderate, **organized,** cranky, **caring, articulate,** pessimistic, **consistent,** stubborn, **friendly, hard-working, cheerful, ethical, flexible,** unyielding, **responsible.** Do you agree with their assessment? Yes
10. Is there anything you have done that demonstrates that you can stand up against opposition? **I stood alone to oppose an annexation of land by Batavia when I believed it was in conflict with the law, violated our employee's rights and cost our employees 1% of their pay. I supported the merger of the fire departments as recommended by a citizen committee in Miami Township when I was a trustee over very vocal and passionate opposition.**
11. What do you get passionate about? **My God, my family and my work.**
12. What makes you angry? **When people promote their personal/professional interests over the interests of the group they serve.**
13. What has been the most significant accomplishment in your professional career? **Elected by my fellow commissioners to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of CCAO in 2014 to begin the line of succession to President in 2017, the first year of my next term. In this role I will influence legislation, CCAO policy and practice, for the betterment of the residents of Clermont County and Ohio. In your personal life? Seeing my children and grandchildren succeed.**
14. What are the major influences in your life? **Church and family**
15. What is the proper role of government? **To secure and protect the unalienable rights of human beings.**
16. Where do our rights come from? **God**
17. Do you think government regulations have become too onerous? **Absolutely** If so, how? **Executive branch has far overstepped its authority with executive orders and promulgation of rules like the EPA and other agencies. Most recently the Judicial Branch also overstepped its authority by redefining marriage.**
18. What is your interpretation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment? **It does not give us a right (we already have the right though natural law from our creator) it tells the federal government that it cannot infringe on those rights.**