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- 1. I have been the elected Prosecutor in Muskegon County for the last eight years.
- 2. I have never owned a business. My father-in-law has owned his own business for at least 20 years in Iowa (Central Service and Supply). He just recently retired from that business.
- 3. I have been in the Prosecutor's Office since 1999. Thirteen of those twenty years were as an assistant prosecutor. I have been involved in every type of criminal investigation. I have tried over 100 felony cases including serious felonies such as criminal sexual conduct, violent assaults and homicides. I personally handled the criminal trials and convictions of Jeffery Willis. Outside of the courtroom activity, I am heavily involved in the community. This includes being a member of several boards, including being the Chair of the Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore. I also take an active role in many community fund raising activities such as Power of the Purse and Dancing with the Local Stars.
- 4. For my role, a prosecutor's office should be invested in the community in which it serves. We are public servants. In order to best serve the public we have to listen to the witnesses and victims that we come in contact every day and we have to be visible and active in the community at large. It is important that we allow ourselves to be engaged and listen to the community that we do not see in the courthouse.
- 5. The top three issues for Muskegon County are continued economic development, education, growing our strong public image. As Prosecutor, my role is to join forces with the stakeholders in these areas, including the Chamber to be an advocate for Muskegon County helping to re-inforce what many of us already know. Muskegon County is a diamond in the rough waiting for companies to take advantage of its location and potential. I have and will continue to work with all of our educational institutions, stressing the importance of education, opening work and educational opportunities for those who wish to turn their life around. Most importantly, I will continue to provide the accurate information related to the safety of our community, so those visiting, or considering a move know that we are a safe place to live, work and play.
- 6. I love the growth that Muskegon County is seeing and most importantly the development of the downtown area. It is exciting to see and great to be able

- to support. We still have some infrastructure needs to deal with like local and residential road fixes and abandoned dilapidated buildings that could be torn down.
- 7. I have and will continue to use the office and my title to the betterment of Muskegon County. I will continue to work hard to ensure we have a safe and quiet community and I will continue to work within the community to help us grow.
- 8. The Chamber has been huge ally for me and my office. Their leadership with the Silent Observer program has transformed how we in the law enforcement community are able to obtain critical investigation information. I have on many occasions reached out to the Chamber to offer my voice and/or service to help keep the business community informed of what is going on. Lastly, the level of communication between my office and the Chamber has strengthened our relationship which I plan to continue.
- 9. My priorities are to continue to work hard every day to make Muskegon County great through community work. I will continue my efforts to make sure kids and parents understand the value of a good education. Most importantly, I will continue to be a strong advocate for victims and for public safety.