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1. Have you ever been appointed or elected to public office?  
If yes, which office?

No

2. Have you ever owned a business or has someone in your family owned a business? If yes, please describe.

My grandparents owned an eating establishment called the Doo Drop Inn in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

3. Briefly describe the qualifications and experience you possess that make you the best candidate for this office.

I taught in the Muskegon Public Schools for 32 years and have a BA and MA from Western Michigan University. I have been active in the Muskegon County community as a foster parent, Big Brothers/Big Sisters participant and spent 2 years on the City of Muskegon Review Board. I also was the telecommunications supervisor at Hackley Hospital for 10 years.

4. What do you believe should be the role of the office you are seeking?

Good stewardship of the multimillion-dollar county budget and enhancing the lives of all the people living in Muskegon County while representing the special needs and interests of my district.

5. What do you consider to be the top three (3) issues facing Muskegon County businesses today and, if elected, how can you address them?

Housing – Rising rental and home prices are affecting employers' ability to find a stable workforce.

Transportation – Employers would benefit from more widespread and affordable public transportation to ensure their employees can get to work.

Technology – Public services need to be available to all by addressing the technology gap.

6. How do you balance personal values and beliefs with problem solving for the public's issues?

I prioritize issues based on their importance to the community and practicality of solutions.

7. In what areas do you feel you can make the most difference as a local elected official?

Affordable housing and improved access to county services by addressing the technology gap for seniors and others.

8. How will you leverage and utilize the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce as a resource should you be elected?

When I need input from local business people, the Chamber of Commerce will be my first resource.

9. If elected, what are your top 3 priorities?

See question 5.

10. Is there anything else that you would like to share?

Thank you for the opportunity to interact with the business community. I look forward to any questions you have for me.

***Send completed questionnaires to:***  
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