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# MIBOR RPAC 2020 GENERAL ELECTION Voter's Guide

Election Day – November 3, 2020



Prepared by MIBOR REALTOR® Association on behalf of the  
MIBOR REALTORS® Political Action Committee

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## Candidate Review Process

The purpose of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee is to help elect candidates to public office that support important REALTOR® issues. All decisions are made by MIBOR members serving as RPAC Trustees.

The MIBOR RPAC Trustees only consider **local races** – IAR and NAR handle all state and federal races. Due to the number of candidates running in any given election, the Trustees focus on those offices which have the greatest impact on the real estate industry and our communities. These tend to include, but are not limited to: mayor, city council, town council, county commissioner and county council.

For each local election, questionnaires are sent to each candidate that has officially filed to run for office. **To see a copy of the candidate questionnaire, [click here](#).**

Once questionnaires are returned, staff and the RPAC Trustees may further prioritize the list depending on return rate and time available. Priority is given to the races with highest impact and/or those that are contested.

Candidates are invited to interview with the RPAC Trustees to talk about their stance on issues, campaign strategy, their priorities if elected, and their background and qualifications in for the office. The interview process gives the Trustees a chance to dig into the details on where candidates stand on

critical issues. All decisions are made in a non-partisan fashion.

Throughout the candidate review process, the trustees evaluate candidates primarily on 4 criteria:

**Issues:** By far, the most important factor in considering an endorsement for a candidate is where they stand on the issues important to REALTORS®. Will the candidate support private property rights, a diverse housing supply, safe communities, quality schools, and investing in quality of life such as infrastructure, parks, trails, etc.?

**Approachability:** We look for candidates who recognize that REALTORS® (and their clients) are important stakeholders and will seek input and opinions on issues as they arise.

**Electability:** The trustees are the stewards of the PAC contributions of our members and they take the job seriously. It is important to know if a candidate has a well-thought-out campaign plan and resources. While MIBOR RPAC isn't in the business of simply betting on the winner, we want to see a viable campaign plan and have some assurance that any contribution will be put to good, effective use.

**Integrity:** REALTORS® hold themselves to a strict code of conduct and professional standard. Our trustees understand that offering the REALTOR® endorsement lends that credibility to the candidate; they want to make sure that the candidate is expected live up to that standard as a candidate and as an elected official.



## **About the RPAC Trustees**

The MIBOR RPAC Trustees are comprised of the following positions: Fourteen (14) REALTOR® members representing the geographic areas and divisions of MIBOR (Boone, Brown, Eastern, Greater Downtown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Montgomery, Morgan, Northside, Shelby/Decatur and Southside), One (1) Appraiser representative, One (1) Commercial/Industrial representative, Three (3) REALTOR® members At-Large, One (1) Affiliate member representative and One (1) MIBOR member serving as an IAR RPAC Trustee.

## **Your 2020 RPAC Trustees**

**Steve Thompson** - Chair/Madison County  
**Zach Miller** – Vice-Chair/Northside  
**Rusty Carter** - Montgomery County  
**Rick Daves** – Shelby/Decatur Counties  
**Jason DeArman** - At Large  
**Doug Dilling** – Greater Downtown  
**Evan Elliott** - Hamilton County  
**John Flatt** - Affiliate

**Angie Garard** – Johnson County  
**Kathy Hall** - Hancock County  
**Cameron Harris** - Eastern  
**Jordan Kornmann** – Commercial/Industrial  
**Rob Lather** - Southside  
**Megan Peyton** - At Large  
**Carole Snyder** - Morgan County  
**Lisa Treadwell** - At Large

## **Trustee Openings**

We currently have positions open starting in 2021 for the following areas: Boone County, Brown County Hamilton County, Johnson County, Montgomery County, Morgan County and Hendricks County along with our Affiliate Representative and our Appraiser Representative. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lacey Everett at [laceyeverett@mibor.com](mailto:laceyeverett@mibor.com) and please also complete the MIBOR Committee Application at [www.mibor.com/committees](http://www.mibor.com/committees).

## **MIBOR RPAC Endorsed Candidates – General Election 2020**

*This list of endorsements include carryover from the Primary Election in June 2020.*

### **Statement of support:**

The candidates below have received the endorsement of the MIBOR RPAC Trustees. Despite these unprecedented times, the trustees have reviewed each questionnaire submitted and have conducted numerous hours of interviews with the candidates, virtually – a first for MIBOR RPAC.

The Trustees are confident these candidates will bring valuable skill sets and experience to our local elected offices. As each of our communities face challenges with inventory and attainable housing, the candidates were each asked to provide their thoughts on comprehensive planning, land usage and other avenues that could be considered to relieve burden and pave the way for more sufficient housing product at the right price, place and type.

They were also asked to weigh in on crime and public safety, infrastructure, economic development, quality of life, transportation, and taxes and financing. Additionally, the candidates were each asked to review their campaign fundraising and outreach plans to ensure they will be frontrunners in their races.

Your RPAC Trustees stand behind these candidates and believe they demonstrate a clear passion for their communities and our region and that we are certain to benefit from their leadership.

## BOONE COUNTY

**Elise Nieshalla**, Boone County Council, At Large

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**Don Lamb**, Boone County Council, At Large

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**Jeff Wolfe**, Boone County Commissioner, D3

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## BROWN COUNTY

**Scott Rudd**, Brown County Council, At Large

## HAMILTON COUNTY

**Steve Dillinger**, Hamilton County Commissioner, D2

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**Mark Hierbrandt**, Hamilton County Commissioner, D3

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**Sue Maki**, Hamilton County Council, At Large

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## NEW: HANCOCK COUNTY

**Bill Spalding**, Hancock County Commissioner, D3

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## HENDRICKS COUNTY

**Cheryl Teague-McClendon**, Hendricks County Council, At Large

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**Larry Hesson**, Hendricks County Council, At Large

## NEW: JOHNSON COUNTY

**Ron Deer**, Johnson County Council, At Large

## MADISON COUNTY

**Treva Bostic**, Madison County Council, At Large

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**Ben Gale**, Madison County Council, At Large

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**Jacob Bohlander**, Montgomery County Council, At Large

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**John Frey**, Montgomery County Commissioner, D1

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**David Hunt**, Montgomery County Council, At Large

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## MORGAN COUNTY

**Don Adams**, Morgan County Commissioner, D3

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## **NEW: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

**Benita Hutt, Hamilton County - Carmel Clay School Board, At Large**

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**Evan Elliott, Hamilton County – Noblesville School Board, At Large**

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**Justin Kloer, Johnson County - Clark Pleasant School Board, Pleasant Township**

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## **Eligibility and Voting Procedure**

You have the right to vote in Indiana if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; and
- You will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next General or Municipal Election, and
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; and
- You are registered to vote.

A voter must provide an Indiana state government-issued or federal government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. An Indiana Driver's License, Indiana Photo ID card (available free of charge for voting purposes from the BMV), US Passport, Military ID, or Veterans ID is sufficient.

The ID must:

- Display the voter's photo;
- Display the voter's name, and the name must conform to the voter's registration record (conform does NOT mean identical);
- Display an expiration date and be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (except for certain military and Veterans IDs).

## **Voting In-Person on Election Day, In-Person Early, or by Absentee Ballot (Mail)**

In-Person voting will take place on Election Day and earlier for many locations. To verify available polling locations in your area, please consult your County Clerk's website or office. You can find contact information, [here](#).

In order to vote by mail with an Absentee Ballot, you must apply to receive one by October 22, 2020. You must return the completed ballot by Noon on Election Day, November 3.

To apply, click [here](#).

## **Provisional Ballot**

If you believe you are registered to vote in a precinct, but your name does not appear on the poll list, or if you have been challenged as not qualified to vote in your precinct, you will cast a "provisional ballot." A provisional ballot will be kept separate from the other ballots cast in that precinct. After Election Day, the county election board will decide if you were qualified to vote in that precinct, and if your ballot should be counted. You will be able to contact your county election board to find out if your ballot was counted

## **FULL 2020 GENERAL CANDIDATE LIST**

Who else is on the ballot? In order to review the candidates on your ballot, please visit [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com).

## A Final Word on RPAC

For more than 50 years, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has been one of the strongest and most successful advocacy organizations in the nation. And there's one reason for that: REALTORS® like you.

RPAC recognizes that an industry that shies away from politics is an industry whose future is unstable and uncertain. Your voluntary investments in RPAC earn us a seat at the table with legislative and policy decision makers on Capitol Hill, statehouses, and city halls across the country. Your continued support and engagement allow us to shape the size, scope, and success of the real estate industry for REALTORS® and business, property, and homeowners alike. Together, we're protecting the future of real estate in America.

Learn more about RPAC at [www.mibor.com/rpac](http://www.mibor.com/rpac).

