

Linda K Jackson

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Redford Twp Trustee; Business owner
Party:	Democrat
Resident of Redford	14 years

All answers below are verbatim from the candidate's responses to the questionnaire. Edits were made to correct minor errors (e.g. a misplaced apostrophe). Bracketed words are edits where words were inadvertently left out by the candidate. Unanswered questions are left blank.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Why are you running for office? It is very important to be part of the solution for issues the Township may face. I also want to continue the progress we have made over the last eight (8) years. I am committed to making sure Redford is a place where people enjoy living here because they feel safe and everyone's property is maintained. I have helped to have a balanced budget every year since I [have] been in office. For the current fiscal we have lowered taxes. I want to continue maintaining balanced budgets and seek ways to lower taxes.

What experience do you bring to the role for which you are running? I have been a trustee for almost 8 years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. I have over 40 years of accounting and management experience. During my career, I have successfully managed multi-million budgets.

AFFORDABLE LIVING IN REDFORD

Do you consider Redford an affordable community for its current and prospective residents? Yes

Please explain your answer to the question above. How is it proving affordable? Or if unaffordable, what changes would you advocate to make it more so? Redford housing is reasonably priced. Taxes are reasonable. We all seek funding from the Federal, State and County government to supplement the annual budget. This helps us avoid increases in taxes, I advocate that we keep pursuing this funding.

REDFORD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Is Redford's vision to be a business-friendly community succeeding? Yes

How is Redford succeeding or not succeeding to be a business-friendly community? What specifically could the Board of Trustees do, if anything, to bring more businesses into Redford? Applications for new businesses seeking to locate to Redford and existing business seeking expansion are submitted to the site committee for approval every week. The Board of Trustees can pursue enhancing the DDA. A viable, walkable downtown would provide a major boost in encouraging businesses to relocate or continue to be located in Redford.

CRIME/POLICE

With the current challenge to recruit new officers into the police department, do you believe safety and security in Redford are at risk? No

Please share your thoughts on police officer recruitment and its impact on the safety and security of the community. Our current officers are willing to work enough overtime to make sure every shift is properly covered. Our new cadet program is already paying dividends. Two officers have been hired through this program. It is greatly enhancing our recruitment efforts.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

In light of today's divisive cultural climate, there is debate on whether the current restriction of speech which threatens or incites direct physical violence should be expanded to include speech perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful (or "hate speech" as it is often called).

Do you support modifying the free speech standard to disallow speech that is perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful? Undecided

Please explain your position regarding speech that is perceived as emotionally/spiritually harmful and how it relates to the First Amendment. I don't advocate amending First Amendment Rights as long as the speech is truthful and respectful.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES

Do you believe the promotion of DEI initiatives in Redford Township's government and community activities is beneficial or not beneficial? Beneficial

Please share the pros and cons that you see related to DEI either in principle or implementation. I don't see any cons. DEI helps to make people aware of their implicit biases. Celebrates and educates differences. Equity helps to level the playing field of those who have suffered years of systemic disadvantages. It is truly insulting to me when people say that all people were given the constitutional right to the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, so we don't need DEI. The insult is the people who wrote the constitution owned slaves when they wrote it. So they obviously did not include black people.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you believe humanity's impact on climate change poses an immediate threat to the Redford community? Yes

Please share how Redford should respond to this issue. On an individual basis, Redford cannot respond. We have to pressure lawmakers to go after big producers of carbon pollutants on a large scale.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

Who do you consider the most vulnerable and in need of protection in Redford?

Please share how you would like to see these vulnerable persons ensured greater protection in the Redford community. I don't think there is any population in Redford that requires greater protection than others. All residents need to feel safe and we have an obligation to make sure they do.

ENGAGING WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Redford has a diverse faith community, many of whom are practicing some form of Christianity and attending one of the local churches. This questionnaire has been developed for these practicing Christians.

Are you regularly engaged with a local church either in Redford or in a nearby city? Yes

ENDORSEMENTS

Please list any organizations or public figures who have given you their endorsement.

Congresswoman, Rashida Tlaib,

State Senator, Mary Cavanagh

State Representatives, Stephanie Young and Laurie Pohutsky

Treasurer, Lily Cavanagh

Trustees, Ed King and Kim Taylor

CONCLUDING WORDS

In 10 words or less, what do you consider the most pressing need for Redford Township? This brief answer will be included in the printed voter guide. Obtain state and federal funding for CSO Basins.

Feel free to share additional comments to the question above. In order to keep our residents' water rates from substantially increasing. We must obtain state and local funding for two (2) state mandated CSO basins . These basins cost about \$100 million dollars. Our residents should not have to pay for what the state mandates.