

Larry Helminiak for Second Vice Chair

Maryland Republican Party



WHY AM I RUNNING?

I'd like to say, up front, that I have been around the block a few times; I have the EXPERIENCE necessary to show the MDGOP what appeals to voters. The MDGOP leadership needs to work together and speak with a unified voice - one that echoes the commitment of our grassroots activists and conservative legislators. We need to embrace the energy of the Tea Party, not shun it.

Born and raised in Canton, I have 45 years of experience running businesses in Maryland and 14 other states. I've hired and fired, met payrolls, and provided health care for employees. In the early 1960's I created the first integrated insulation company in Baltimore.

I have been a member of the Carroll County Republican Central Committee since 2004, and it's Chairman or Vice Chairman since 2007. I am the Vice President of the Maryland Taxpayers Association and have been active in local and state-level party activities for almost two decades.

I am NOT interested in using this as a stepping stone in a political career, but rather, to grow the party to elect as many conservative Republicans to office as possible. We need to make the party

an attractive alternative to the one-party rule that Maryland has been saddled with, and also to give conservative Republicans a voice in Annapolis. The Republican party will not succeed by just being "Democrat-lite". We are a party with core principles like fiscal conservatism, the rule of law, and respect for life, that are appealing to voters of all parties.

When I first went to work in 1958, the average family of four paid 14% of its income in local, state and federal taxes. Today it's over 50%. It took until 1968 for Maryland's budget to reach \$ 1 billion. When my first grandchild was born, in 2001, it was almost \$ 20 billion. In his short life of nine years, it's over \$ 32 Billion. By the time he graduates high school, he and his peers will owe more than they can ever pay.

I learned that the Federal Government is not the solution to our problems and neither is the State of Maryland. One out of every seven Marylanders is a Government Employee. Growing PRIVATE BUSINESS is the only way to get us out of this mess and having people with experience in growing a business is the only way to make that happen.

I ask for your vote for Second Vice Chair. I believe that I can help bring conservative activists back to the MDGOP. If you have any questions, or would just like to talk, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. My phone number is 410-795-0567. My email is larry@goplarry.com

