

2025 CONSOLIDATED Primary Candidate Survey

Please **complete this survey no later than 12/20/24**. Please contact Bruce Johnson, Chairman at 847-668-8516 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your desire to serve. The Algonquin Township Republican Party wants to help you reach our voters. When our voters don't know who to vote for they often don't vote as seen by the low number of voter turn out during Primary Elections. The Democratic Party are NOT having a Primary Election. They are selecting their Candidates in a Caucus. That's why we created this Survey. We'll be posting your answers on our website www.algtwpgop.org and contacting our voters to access the website to help them determine who to vote for.

We invite all Candidates to complete the survey and help us inform our voters. The survey allows voters to view how candidates intend to govern—information they need to feel confident they're picking the best person for the role.

Minimally, please answer the first four questions:

- **Who are you? Tell us about yourself in 200 words or less.**
- **What are three goals that you want to achieve if elected?**
- **What skills and experience do you bring to the office?**
- **What would you do to bring greater financial transparency and accountability to government?**

Candidates can decide which additional questions to answer. We believe that the first four questions illustrate why a candidate is running and what they hope to achieve in office.

Thank-you for completing the survey. It helps us to help you inform our voters.

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Richard Tado

1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself in 200 words or less. *

As a proud father of five beautiful daughters, a loving husband to an amazing wife, and a grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren. I have built my life and career on a foundation of dedication, integrity, leadership, and hard work. Over the past 25 years, I have had the privilege of coaching wrestling at all levels, fostering discipline, teamwork, and success in countless young athletes. Professionally, I bring over 30 years of experience in sales and business management, along with seven years in mission-specific security details and creating asset routes for currency deposits and collections. I have successfully owned and operated a consulting firm while also developing and executing sales and marketing plans, as well as creating and managing fiscal budgets. Additionally, I have designed and implemented innovative sales programs and organized a nonprofit organization, complete with a Board of Directors, to oversee business responsibilities effectively.

As the current United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 39-08 Chicago Vice Flotilla Commander, I have dedicated my time to serving and supporting the Active Duty members of the U.S. Coast Guard. Now, I want to extend that same Commitment, Respect and Devotion to Duty to serve as your Algonquin Township Supervisor. By supporting Richard Tado, you can help restore real public service to our township and ensure a brighter future for our community and its residents.

2. What are three goals that you want to achieve if elected? *

- Increase Transparency and Accountability

Implement policies to ensure township operations are transparent and accessible to residents. This could include publishing detailed budgets, meeting minutes, and decision-making processes online, as well as hosting regular community forums for feedback and engagement.

- Enhance Community Services

Improve the efficiency and reach of essential township services, such as senior programs, General Assistance, and waste management. Explore innovative solutions to reduce costs while maintaining high-quality service delivery.

- Promote Fiscal Responsibility

Focus on managing taxpayer dollars wisely by identifying areas to cut unnecessary spending, securing grants, and finding opportunities for cost-effective collaborations with neighboring municipalities to deliver services.

3. What skills and experience do you bring to the office? *

1. Proven Leadership Experience

With 30 years of leadership experience in business operations, Board member for several Nonprofit organizations, USA Wrestling Coach, and Vice Flotilla Commander for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, I have developed the ability to manage teams, oversee budgets, and implement strategic initiatives that achieve results. My background demonstrates a commitment to serving others and making decisions that balance efficiency with fairness.

2. Financial Expertise

I have a strong track record of fiscal responsibility, including balancing budgets and reducing expenses. These skills will ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely while delivering high-quality township services.

3. Problem-Solving and Collaboration

Throughout my career, I've been recognized for my ability to address complex issues by fostering collaboration and listening to diverse perspectives. Whether it's resolving disputes, improving community programs, or managing resources effectively, I thrive on finding innovative solutions that benefit everyone involved.

4. Deep Community Engagement

As a long-time resident of Algonquin Township, I understand the challenges and opportunities our community faces. My involvement as a Committee member for the Algonquin Township Road District Decennial Committee has given me firsthand insight into what residents need and how the township can better support them.

5. Vision for the Future

I bring a forward-thinking approach, focusing on sustainable growth and long-term planning. My commitment is to ensure Algonquin Township remains a vibrant, thriving community for current and future generations.

4. Why are you running for the position? *

I am running for the position of Algonquin Township Supervisor because I believe our community deserves strong, transparent, and effective leadership that works tirelessly for the benefit of its residents.

Having lived in this township for approximately 14 years, I've seen both the challenges we face, the wasteful spending and the incredible potential our community holds. I'm motivated to bring new energy, fresh ideas, and a collaborative approach to ensure our township thrives.

My goal is to enhance essential services, make township government more accountable, and manage taxpayer dollars responsibly. I want to ensure that every resident feels heard, valued, and supported by their local government.

This role is an opportunity to give back to a community that has given so much to me and my family. I'm committed to working hard every day to improve the lives of all residents and to build a stronger, more united township.

5. What would you do to bring greater financial transparency and accountability to government?

- Online Transparency Portal

Develop an online portal where residents can track township spending, contracts, and project progress in real time.

Include a dashboard for taxpayers to see how funds are allocated to various services and programs.

- Procurement Reforms

Establish competitive bidding processes for all township contracts to ensure taxpayers get the best value. Require full disclosure of vendor relationships to prevent conflicts of interest.

- Regular Community Updates

Provide quarterly financial updates at public township meetings, breaking down revenues, expenses, and project statuses.

6. What are the primary concerns being expressed by voters and where do you stand on these issues?

Voters want to see an end to government waste and inefficiencies, particularly in how township funds are managed.

I will take a close look at current operations, identify areas where costs can be reduced without compromising service quality, and work to make the township government leaner and more efficient. I am committed to implementing modern management practices to increase productivity and accountability.

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