

GATES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
TOWN CANDIDATE JOB DESCRIPTION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ROLE:

Town of Gates candidates function as a team and work together with rest of local slate to ensure victory for the whole slate. Candidate supports committee platform. Candidate should expect an ever increasing level of volunteer commitment and be prepared to devote 20 or more hours weekly to campaign, peaking during final campaign weeks with an almost full time effort.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

- Beginning July 1 walks 1-2 election districts per week. Goal: to walk 2/3 of Gates' 35 election districts or better before November 1st.
- Attends county campaign school & weekly town campaign planning meetings
- Attends town meetings & events, contributing to audience participation
- Raises funds equal to ¼ of the funds needed for successful slate campaign [for example if campaign plan calls for \$20,000; can raise \$5000 over 9 months time.]

REQUIRED SKILLS/ASSETS:

- Resident of the Town of Gates; registered voter
- Team player with positive community leadership track record
- Congenial, outgoing, with good listening skills & engaging personality
- Known supporters from family and friends to assist in campaign and to provide/raise campaign funds as outlined in campaign plan as approved by county Democratic leadership
- Commitment to community & improved town services with reduced costs
- Familiar with town issues & exhibits willingness to develop team resolutions for town issues.

RECOMMENDED SKILLS/ASSETS:

- Previous experience with elected office either with school board or community organizations
- Success either as a local business or governmental leader
- Known in community
- Education credentials appropriate to position being sought

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: resume and cover letter indicating reasons for seeking position due by November 15, 2008 to Candidate Selection Committee, Gates Democratic Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS: Interviews will take place in December 2008 or January 2009 with the Candidate Selection Committee, meeting with the Executive Committee in February and approval of the full Committee at their March meeting. Candidates are expected to seek 3rd party endorsements in April and to begin fundraising as soon as selected. Candidates help shape campaign plan & budget for May 2009 approval by MCDC and assist with petition drive in June.

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