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Subject: **2026 Candidate Vetting Instructions**

**Dear Potential Candidate,**

The Osage County Republican Committee (OCRC) requires all candidates seeking to file as Republicans for partisan political offices or for Committeeman or Committeewoman positions to complete a vetting process, per our bylaws. This process ensures alignment with the Missouri Republican Party Platform (including 2024 amendments recognized by REPACCMO) and, for committee candidates, commitment to advancing OCRC goals (e.g., promoting Republican values, supporting county events such as the Lincoln Day Dinner, and growing party membership).

**The Vetting Process Has Two Required Parts (Both Online):**

1. **Part 1: Vetting Notification & Platform Alignment Review** Complete OCRC's online Candidate Vetting Request Form at [insert your OCRC Part 1 form on our OCRC website: [OsageCountyRepublicans.com/Vetting](https://OsageCountyRepublicans.com/Vetting). Ensure all information is accurate — incorrect or omitted details may delay processing and cause you to miss the vetting deadline. This step notifies OCRC of your intent and allows our review of your public record (statements, social media, voting history, etc.) for alignment with Republican principles.
2. **Part 2: REPACCMO Candidate Questionnaire & Pledge** Complete REPACCMO's (*Republican Association of Central Committees in Missouri*) standardized online questionnaire (including the Candidate Statement pledge affirming majority alignment with the Missouri Republican Party Platform + 2024 amendments) at [REPACCMO.com/vetting](https://REPACCMO.com/vetting) (scroll to the 2026 section).
  - o You must complete this yourself — do not share or delegate.
  - o Upon successful completion (70%+ alignment, no felonies, acceptable voting record if applicable), REPACCMO automatically issues their "REPACCMO VETTED" badge and may list you publicly. **However, this badge and REPACCMO's pass do NOT constitute OCRC approval.** OCRC makes the final pass/fail determination based on BOTH parts per our bylaws.
  - o REPACCMO will copy OCRC on your pass/fail notification. Full questionnaire answers are not shared with OCRC until after July 1, 2026 (when they become public for voters).

- Take this immediately after Part 1 — OCRC does not control REPACCMO's processing/notification speed.

**Key Deadlines for 2026 (All Times Central):**

- Vetting opens: January 13, 2026 (OCRC Part 1 form now live).
- Submit Part 1 form and complete Part 2 (REPACCMO Questionnaire): By March 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (48-hour buffer before official filing close; forms/questionnaire access locks after this time to allow OCRC review).
- Official state filing period (per Missouri Secretary of State): Opens February 24, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.; closes March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- Late submissions will not be accepted to ensure thorough review.

**Receipts & Approval:**

- Approved candidates for partisan political offices receive a receipt from our Treasurer upon payment of their filing fee (typically \$100 for county-level offices; per [RsMO 115.357](#)). Payment instructions will be emailed upon passing both parts.
- Approved committee candidates receive a zero-dollar receipt to confirm qualified status (no fee required; per [RsMO 115.611](#)).
- Unapproved candidates will be notified via email and certified mail within four (4) business days, with appeal rights to the Committee.
- Failure to complete and pass both parts will result in non-acceptance of your filing fee (for partisan offices) or non-qualification (for committee positions).

Contact OCRC with questions at [Vetting@OsageCountyRepublicans.com](mailto:Vetting@OsageCountyRepublicans.com)

We appreciate your interest in serving as a Republican and your commitment to our shared principles.

Sincerely,

Linda Rantz, Chair  
Osage County Republican Central Committee

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