

Question #1	Candidate Name
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Question #2	Campaign/Candidate Address
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Question #3	Campaign/Candidate Office Phone
Answer to #3	610-334-4347
Question #4	Campaign/Candidate Fax:
Answer to #4	N/A
Question #5	Campaign/Candidate Website
Answer to #5	www.donvymazal.com
Question #6	Campaign/Candidate Email
Answer to #6	dcvymazal@gmail.com
Question #7	Political Party
Answer to #7	Democrat
Question #8	Campaign Organization
Answer to #8	
Question #9	Campaign Chairperson Name
Answer to #9	Don C Vymazal II
Question #10	Type
Answer to #10	Volunteer
Question #11	Campaign Treasurer Name
Answer to #11	Brenda Loeb
Question #12	Type
Answer to #12	Volunteer
Question #13	Campaign Manager
Answer to #13	Don C Vymazal

Question #14 Type

Answer to #14 Volunteer

Question #15 Campaign Manager Phone:

Answer to #15 610-334-4347

Question #16 Campaign Manager Email:

Answer to #16 dcvymazal@gmail.com

Question #17 Campaign Media Consultant

Answer to #17 n/a

Question #18 Type

Answer to #18 Volunteer

Question #19 Official Campaign Name

Answer to #19 Don Vymazal for Berks County Commissioner

Question #20 Campaign Budget

Answer to #20 -

Question #21 Have you ever run for public office before?

Answer to #21 Yes

Question #22 If yes, what office and when:

Answer to #22 Kutztown Area School Board

Question #23 Do you currently hold (or have you held) an elected office?

Answer to #23 Yes

Question #24 If yes, what office and when:

Answer to #24 Member, Kutztown Area School Board, 1995-2009

Section B - Campaign Qualifications/Issues/Positions

Question #1 Why are you running for this Office?

Answer to #1	To serve the citizens of Berks County. My career working for a major corporation, along with my experience serving the community as a school board member, have provided me with detailed insight regarding where business and community interests are aligned. I believe that in order to best serve the citizens of Berks County, the individuals in the administrative leadership positions must be focused on advancing opportunities with a mindset on best practices and improving the overall quality of life for all those who call Berks County home. At this point in my life, I strongly feel that I will provide this leadership.
Question #2	What qualifications/experience do you have that will enable you to fulfill the responsibilities of the office you are seeking? Include Educational Background.
Answer to #2	In addition to 34 years in a variety of managerial positions at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and 14 years of public service, I obtained my Bachelors degree in Business from Kutztown University and my Masters in Business Administration from Lehigh University. During this time, I also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Cedar Crest College specifically instructing students on finance, economics, accounting, business and government administration. My academic experience prepared me for a long career in business and provided me with opportunities to implement business management strategies throughout the United States and International community. I was able to witness first hand a wide variety of community and government programs throughout the world as well as their impacts on the business community. I plan on drawing on these experiences once elected as Berks County Commissioner to help build the foundations for a stronger economy throughout Berks County.
Question #3	Have you ever owned or operated a Business? If yes, please provide details.
Answer to #3	<p>No</p> <p>Details: I have not owned or operated a business; however, while I was growing my parents were partners in a bowling alley, and owned and operated a small family restaurant. As anyone who owns and runs a family business knows, family labor is expected and required for success. At a very early age, I spent many hours working for a family owned business.</p>
Question #4	What are your primary goals if you are elected/re-elected to this office?
Answer to #4	It is vital that elected officials work with the business community to help create opportunities that will develop long term strategies to not only maintain a vibrant business climate, but to improve the foundation of government services in a manner that allows for those businesses established in Berks to remain in Berks. Further, attracting new businesses that encourage the economic growth of all local industry will not only improve and advance established companies but the development of future opportunities. With this in mind, the foundation of a growing economy relies on infrastructure improvements. As Berks County Commissioner, I will work with state and federal agencies to improve our transportation infrastructure without sacrificing the quality of life elements necessary to encourage top level employees from relocating to Berks County. Further, I will focus efforts to revitalize those areas of urban Berks County with established infrastructure resources, lowering overall costs for business growth and expansion. Finally, I will work with established companies and small businesses to determine how best Berks County can encourage future success.
Question #5	What are the greatest challenges facing Berks County?
Answer to #5	The key transportation corridors in our County are failing and require a comprehensive strategy and long term plan for revitalization. Many of the patchwork fixes proposed will only shift transportation burdens and back up further down the road. A long term plan must take into account future growth and provide for input from the business community. In addition, we must accomplish these improvements without sacrificing the quality of life elements that form Berks County's community heritage. Finally, Berks County must work with our federal and state officials to help reduce unfunded requirements that are passed on to County and local government agencies.
Question #6	If elected/re-elected, what would you do to address these challenges?
Answer to #6	While I do acknowledge that these challenges are significant, and decisions made today will have lasting impacts years down the line, I also see these challenges as an opportunity to form partnerships. County government, business, and community groups need to work together to develop priorities and craft solutions. Working together and forming a focused voice, we will be best able to influence those decision makers at the state and federal levels. In this way, we will be able to take ownership over these decisions and bring significant control to the community level. As County Commissioner, I feel it is vital for these lines of communication to be open.

Question #7

What specifically what would you do to improve the overall infrastructure (transportation/utilities) in Berks County?

Answer to #7

The major planned infrastructure improvement projects scheduled for development are focused on immediate relief of a current problem. I believe that these plans will only address issues in the short-term, but for the business community to thrive, we need a long-term fix. For example, I have heard from many in the business community that the proposed roundabout plan for Route 222 may create problems for their fleets. Before a plan is implemented that may have lasting impacts on our transportation and business community, I feel that these concerns should be addressed and mitigated. In addition, I will focus on improvements to aging infrastructure in our developed communities that will allow for low cost expansion and business development.

Question #8

What specifically would you do to spur economic growth for Berks County?

Answer to #8

During my time in business, I found that it is best to work with those who are experts in their given fields. With this in mind, I would look to work with the business community to determine best practices. You will know the impacts of a governmental decision on your business, and in order to make an informed decision, I will need to hear what the County can do to best improve your business. As County Commissioner, decisions will need to be made that may directly impact your day to day operations. An open line of communication is vital to ensure county government provides opportunity for your business to grow and to bring any and all economic advantage to the region.

Question #9

What specifically would you do to manage the County Budget and ensure the financial stability of Berks County?

Answer to #9

I will rely on my professional and educational experience to manage the fiscal practices of Berks County with a view toward long-term strategies rather than short-term stopgaps. I have significant experience managing financial matters and view this responsibility as paramount to the success of an organization. Smart management of budgetary decisions not only encourages future opportunities, but allows for greater options when economic predictions change unexpectedly. I will view each and every decision in the full context of how it impacts Berks County citizens now and in the future.

Question #10

What would you do to promote more regional cooperation within Berks County?

Answer to #10

Opportunities for regional growth within Berks County can be hampered by local policies and limited by individualized planning. As a county administrator, I will work with local government officials to identify opportunities for regional expansion and coordinated smart growth.

Section C - General/Other

Question #1

Do you do regular community serve? If so please describe you activities.

Answer to #1

Yes

Details: In the past I spent 14 years as a member of the Kutztown Area School Board. During that period, I viewed my time on that board as an elected community servant.

Question #2

Please list any past or present affiliations with business and/or community organizations.

Answer to #2

Kutztown Strong.

Question #3

Have you ever been convicted of a non-summary crime?

Answer to #3

No

Question #4 Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

Answer to #4 No

Question #5 Have you ever been or are you involved in any tax dispute or investigation with a government agency?

Answer to #5 No

Question #6 Have you ever been successfully sued?

Answer to #6 No

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Question #1 Electronic Signature - Print Candidate's Full Name

Answer to #1 Don C. Vymazal

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date -

Other Comments
