



MICHIGAN CONTRACT SECURITY ASSOCIATION

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MICHIGAN CONTRACT SECURITY ASSOCIATION (MCSA) 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Michigan Contract Security Association is an organization representing Michigan's Security Guard Companies, guards and their interests. The Michigan Private Security industry is estimated to generate millions of dollars in economic revenue to the State of Michigan every year. Michigan's private security guards and company management and those of in-direct interest are very interested in public policy affecting our industry.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to share important information and issues with candidates and receive your input of understanding and positions on these issues. The Michigan Contract Security Association will review your responses and determine if an endorsement or contribution is requested and warranted. Your endorsement will be sent to our members through district publications and statewide notification to all Private Security Company members. A press release will be sent to you to utilize in your campaign if you wish.

1. Would you be willing to support legislation that would require all security guard companies, including proprietary companies to be licensed as a guard company in order to conduct business in Michigan?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: I don't like mandatory licensing. Voluntary associations with standards can perform the same function without government interference.

2. Would you support legislation that will exempt the licensed security industry from stringent privacy requirements in order to better serve their clients?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: Without seeing what the legislation is, hard to say. Sure, I would love for companies to better serve their clients, but is state action needed to do that?

3. Will you support legislation to make it more efficient to conduct background investigations and fingerprint check for employment of security personnel?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: As long as there is authorization from the employee for the background check and fingerprinting, I like efficiency. What legislation is required to do that?

4. Will you support legislation restricting active certified police officers from functioning as a private security officer in their departmental jurisdiction?

Yes _____ No X _____

Comments: Many police officers in smaller jurisdictions do not work full-time, and supplementing their income performing services for which they are qualified seems to make sense, so why prohibit them? (other than to protect the turf of private companies which the individual would be, a private individual in that capacity.)

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of MCSA for you as a State Representative?

Yes X _____ No _____

6. Are you seeking a financial contribution from MCSA PAC for your campaign?

Yes X _____ No _____

Comments: I am all for qualified security personnel providing services, as compared with public employees, but it appears that I don't agree with many of the "protectionist" positions implied by the questions above. I have contracted with private security firms while Business Manager for Adrian Public Schools, selected them on their qualifications and references, and had very satisfactory experiences. Further, I am very supportive of Robert Bobb hiring private security personnel instead of the Detroit Public Schools former security guards, as security and accountability is necessary.

7. Please explain in 50 words or less why you deserve the vote and financial assistance of Michigan Contract Security Association members.

My business, finance, law and legislative support experience makes me ready to serve to help improve the business climate to create jobs, for all workers, including security personnel. See my website at <http://voiceforthepeople.net> for more specific qualifications. I am willing to listen and respond to reasonable advocacy, but will come from a consistently conservative position.

CANDIDATE NAME Rick Olson

SIGNATURE 

DISTRICT State Representative, District 55

Please return the above questionnaire by October 1, 2010 to:

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