Subject: 2026 Republican Candidate Vetting Process – Osage County

From Osage County Republican Central Committee <OCRCC@proton.me>

To Osage County Clerk <osageclerk@osagecountymo.gov>, [redacted]

Date Friday, December 12th, 2025 at 9:31 AM

Good morning, Brooke,

I hope this email finds you well.

The Osage County Republican Central Committee will once again be vetting Republican candidates for the 2026 election cycle. We are finalizing our updated vetting process and will provide you with an instruction sheet for prospective candidates in the very near future.

For 2026, vetting will be conducted **online only** (no in-person interviews). Full instructions and the submission portal will be posted on our committee website, which is currently being upgraded and will be live soon.

If any candidate has questions, please direct them to our committee email:
OCRCC@proton.me

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our Republican ballot strong and principled.

Best regards,
Linda Rantz
Chairman
Osage County Republican Central Committee
OCRCC@proton.me
[redacted]

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From Osage County Clerk <osageclerk@osagecountymo.gov>

To Osage County Republican Central Committee <OCRCC@proton.me>

Date Friday, December 12th, 2025 at 10:36 AM

Linda,

Good morning! Once your website is live, where do you plan to have it "advertised" for candidates to view and vet?

Thank you,

Brooke Dudenhoeffer

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Hi Brooke,

In the 2024 election cycle, we provided the clerk with a handout to include in candidate packets. We are preparing that document and will them printed for you. Please let me know how many you will need.

I'll check our records - I believe Mark sent emails about vetting to all Republican incumbents whose offices are up for election in 2026. And we might have had ads in the UD, but I'm not certain of the effectiveness.

Thanks,
Linda

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Maybe 10 at the most. If I would need more I will let you know!

Thank you,

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Thank you!