Office Selection

Use this checklist to evaluate and select the specific office you will run for.
Move through each section carefully and check off each item once completed.

☐ Listed All Available Offices in My Area

Complete the following:

Offices available to me:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

You are making a choice from a full list — not from assumption.

☐ Confirmed Election Timeline

You have verified key dates for each office you are considering.

Complete the following:

- Election date: _____
- Filing deadline: _____
- Petition deadline (if applicable): _____

You understand the timeline and how much time you have to prepare.

☐ Confirmed Ballot Access Requirements

You have verified the official requirements to appear on the ballot.

Complete the following:

- Number of signatures required: _____
- Filing fee: $_____
- Method of ballot access (petition, fee, convention, etc.): _____

You understand the concrete steps required to qualify.

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- Petition deadline (if applicable): _____

You understand the timeline and how much time you have to prepare.

☐ Reviewed Incumbent & Field Landscape

You have researched whether the seat is open or contested.

Complete the following:

- Incumbent (if any): _____
- Is the seat open? Yes / No
- Known or potential opponents: _____

You understand the political landscape you are entering.

☐ Estimated Vote Total Needed to Win

You have reviewed past election results and calculated what it would take to win.

Complete the following:

- Total votes cast in last comparable election: _____
- Estimated votes needed to win: _____
- Path to Victory reviewed: Yes / No

You understand that winning is a math problem, not just a message.

☐ Assessed Personal Fit for This Office

You have evaluated why this specific office aligns with your experience, credibility, and community ties.

Complete the following:

- Why I am a strong fit for this office: _____
- What gives me credibility with these voters: _____
- What concerns I may need to overcome: _____

You are choosing a race strategically, not emotionally.

☐ Selected My Office

- I am running for: _____
- District / Jurisdiction: _____
- Decision Date: _____

You have made a clear, specific choice.

Before moving forward:

If you can check these boxes honestly and confidently, you are ready to proceed to the next milestone: securing alignment at home and building your first circle of support.