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DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR PRIMARY NOMINATION IN 2026

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State Form 46439 (R22/ 6-25)
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-2-7, IC 3-5-7-5)

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INSTRUCTIONS: This form is used by an individual who is seeking the Democratic or Republican party nomination to an elected office in a primary election. A declaration of candidacy must be filed not earlier than January 7, 2026, and not later than **NOON, February 6, 2026.** Please print or type all information on this form except all signatures. **SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM.** Except for candidates seeking federal office, all candidates seeking a primary nomination must attached the required statement of economic interests forms. See the *2026 Candidate Guide* for more information regarding the statement of economic interests applicable to your office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

I, Robert J. Pfister, the undersigned, certify the following:
Insert Name

(1) I am a registered voter of Precinct Leo-Cedarville A of the Township of Cedar Creek,

(or of Ward, *if applicable,* _____ of the City or Town of _____,) County of Allen, State of Indiana.

(2) I request that my name be placed on the official primary ballot of the ***(check one)*** ☑ Democratic Party or ☐ Republican Party with which I am affiliated to be voted on at the primary election to be held on May 5, 2026, for the office of

Cedar Creek Township Board, District (or Judicial Circuit) _____ *(if any).*
Name of Office

(3) **I am claiming affiliation with the Democratic or Republican Party.** I understand that my party affiliation is determined by which party I voted for in the last two primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted. I understand that if I cannot meet this party affiliation requirement I must obtain and file with this declaration a certificate from the appropriate county chairman of the party indicating that I am a member of this political party. I meet the requirement to be affiliated with the political party indicated because: ***(check one)***

☐ The two most recent primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted were the primaries held by the party with which I claim affiliation above.

☑ The county chairman of the county in which I reside, and of the political party with which I claim affiliation above, has certified that I am a member of the political party. (I have attached a copy of the county chairman's certification to this form.)

(4) *(This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office.)* I comply with all requirements under the laws of the State of Indiana to be a candidate for this office including any applicable residency requirement and requirement to be a registered voter in the election district I seek to represent. I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this office.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

(5) My complete residence address is:

11319 Shoreline Dr (*Complete residence address must be included*) Leo (*City*), IN *(amend if other state)* 46765 (*ZIP Code*)

(6) My mailing address is:
Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical

Same (*Mailing address*) _____ (*City*), IN *(amend if other state)* _____ (*ZIP Code*)

CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION

I request that my name appear on the primary election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7:

Robert	J.	Pfister		
First Designation This can be: • The candidate's legal given name. • The initial of the candidate's legal given name. • The candidate's legal middle name. • The initial of the candidate's legal middle name. • The candidate's nickname.	**Second Designation** This can be: • The candidate's legal middle name. • The initial of the candidate's legal middle name. • The candidate's nickname. • The candidate's legal surname.	**Third Designation** If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: • The candidate's nickname. • The candidate's legal surname	**Fourth Designation** If not used in the third designation, this can be: • The candidate's nickname. • The candidate's legal surname	**Suffix** Examples: • Jr. or III *CANNOT be a title or degree such as MD, JD*

I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c))

If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

(7) *(This paragraph does not apply to federal offices.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I have attached a copy of the applicable statement of economic interest statement, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that this statement of economic interest has been filed. ***(initial here if applicable)*** RJP

(8) *(This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office or state legislative office)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. ***(initial here if applicable)*** RJP

(9) *(This paragraph does not apply for candidates for federal office, state office, or state legislative office.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. ***(initial here if applicable)*** RJP

(10) *(This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of the Indiana Campaign Finance Act (IC 3-9) regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and I agree to comply with IC 3-9. ***(initial here if applicable)*** RJP

(11) I have been a candidate for state, state legislative, or local office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or general election: ***(check one)*** ☐ Yes ☑ No *If the answer to this question is no, skip paragraph 12 and proceed to paragraph 13.*

(12) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: ***(check one)*** ☐ Yes ☐ No

(13) *(This paragraph only applies to a candidate for a local office, including judicial offices and prosecuting attorney, if the local office receives compensation of* ***at least*** *$5,000 per year, or to a local office if the local office receives compensation of less than $5,000 but the candidate raises or spends more than $500.)* I have filed a campaign finance statement of organization for my principal candidate's committee with the appropriate county election board **OR** I am aware that I may be required to file the campaign finance statement of organization not later than noon, seven (7) days after the final date to file this declaration of candidacy. ***(initial here if applicable)*** RJP

I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete, and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.

Signature	Date Signed (*MM/DD/YYYY*)	Telephone (*Day*)	Telephone (*Evening*)
Robert J. Pfister	2/5/26	(260) 433-8080	( )

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's email: rob@robpfister.com Campaign website: _____

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF ALLEN)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of February, 2026.

Angela J Sarff
Notary Public, Official Seal
DeKalb County, State of Indiana
Commission Number NP0738470
My Commission Expires January 17, 2030

Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires *(applies only to Notary Public)*: 01/17/2030 County of Residence: DeKalb

CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE

- A candidate's committee must file a pre-primary campaign finance report no later than **NOON, April 17, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division (if a candidate for a state legislative office) or with the appropriate county election board (if a candidate for a local office nominated in the primary).
- The candidate's committee must also file a pre-primary supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts any contribution of $1,000 or more during the period beginning **April 11, 2026 and ending at 6:00 a.m. on May 3, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division or appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.
- A candidate's committee must file a pre-election campaign finance report no later than **NOON, October 16, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division (if a candidate for a state legislative office) or with the appropriate county election board (if a candidate for a local office).
- The candidate's committee must also file a pre-election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts any contribution of $1,000 or more during the period beginning **October 10, 2026 and ending at 6:00 a.m. November 1, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division or appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.
- A person who fails to file a report with the Indiana Election Division or a county election board is subject to a civil penalty of $50 for each day the report is late, with the afternoon of the final date for filing the report being calculated as the first day, for a maximum penalty of not more than $1,000, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the Election Division or county election board. **NOTE: State legislative candidates are required to file electronically with the Election Division.**

NOTE TO CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE:

A candidate's committee must file "quarterly" campaign finance reports with the Indiana Election Division (IED), according to the following schedule. These filings must be made electronically and are subject to the same civil penalties set forth in the Campaign Finance Notice above. Contact the Campaign Finance Division of IED for more information. The committee must file quarterly reports no later than noon, Indianapolis time:

(1) April 15, 2026, covering the period from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.
(2) July 15, 2026, covering the period from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
(3) October 15, 2026, covering the period from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.
(4) October 27, 2026, covering the period from October 1, 2026 through October 19, 2026.
(5) January 20, 2027, covering the period from October 20, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

The candidate's committee must also file supplemental reports with the Indiana Election Division no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts contributions from a person that total $1,000 or more during the reporting periods listed below. If no such contribution is received, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

(1) Supplemental Reporting Period: April 1, 2026, through NOON, April 15, 2026.
(2) Supplemental Reporting Period: July 1, 2026, through NOON, July 15, 2026.
(3) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 1, 2026, through NOON, October 15, 2026.
(4) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 20, 2026, through NOON, October 26, 2026.

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CHAIR OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN SUPPORT OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I, Chad Wierzbinski, as county chair of the Democratic Party in Allen (insert name of County) County do hereby certify, pursuant to IC 3-8-2-7, that

Robert Pfister
(insert name of candidate)

is a member of the Democratic Party in good standing. This certification is made in support of the declaration of candidacy filed by the above named candidate for the elections being held in the year 20 26 only for the office of

Cedar Creek Township Trustee.
(insert name of office)

Certified this 5th **day of** February, **20** 26.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Chad Wierzbinski

County Chair of the Allen County Democratic Party

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