



**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND WRITTEN  
CONSENT TO FILL A BALLOT VACANCY IN 2022**

**(CAN-31)**

State Form 47005 (R15 / 8-21)  
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-13-1-10.5, IC 3-13-1-14)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A declaration of candidacy to fill a **ballot vacancy** must be filed no later than 72 hours before the caucus to fill the vacancy with the chair of the caucus **and** the official who receives the certificate of candidate selection under IC 3-13-1-15. For questions on where to file this form, contact the Indiana Election Division at 800-622-4941. Candidates for statewide, state legislative, and judicial office, including prosecuting attorney, must file a copy of their statement of economic interests or a receipt showing their statement of economic interests has been filed.

TO THE  Democratic Party or the  Republican Party CHAIR, Saint Joseph COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

I, Michael James Nidiffer the undersigned, certify the following:  
*Name of Candidate*

(1) I am a registered voter of Precinct 020017 of the Township of Clay,  
(or of Ward, if applicable, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City or Town of Granger), County of Saint Joseph,  
State of Indiana.

(2) I give my written consent for you to certify my name to the appropriate election official under IC 3-13-1-15 to be placed on the official general election ballot of the **(check one)**  Democratic Party **OR** the  Republican Party for the office of  
US House of Representatives, District 2 (if any)  
*Name of Office*

to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, if I am chosen as the above-named party's candidate by its caucus or authorized committee under IC 3-13-1 (or if I am appointed as the party's candidate when no caucus is required to be held).

(3) If I am a candidate for selection by a caucus of precinct committeemen or the state committee of the political party, I am also filing a copy of this declaration with the **(check one)**  Indiana Election Division or the  Circuit Court Clerk of the above county at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus or meeting of the state committee of the political party.

(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 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:  
52365 Silverleaf ct Granger, IN (amend if other state) 46530  
*Complete residence address must be included* *City* *ZIP Code*

(6) My mailing address is:  
*Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical*  
\_\_\_\_\_, IN (amend if other state) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing Address* *City* *ZIP Code*

**CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION**

I request that my name appear on the general election ballot in the following manner:

Michael Nidiffer  
(Include any Nickname and/or Suffix, such as Jr., Sr., II, III, IV)

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))

The candidate's name must comply with the requirements in Indiana Code 3-5-7. If a candidate's name does not comply with this state law, 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

**PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE OF FORM**

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

- (7) (This paragraph does not apply to federal offices.) By initialing, I acknowledge that, if required, 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) MJN
(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) MJN
(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) MJN
(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) MJN
(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) MJN

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

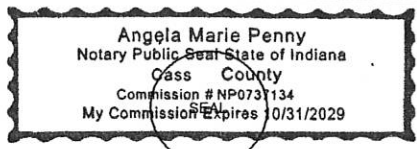
[Handwritten Signature]

Signature Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY) Telephone (Day) Telephone (Evening)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's email: nidifferm@hotmail.com Campaign website:

STATE OF Indiana COUNTY OF St. Joseph Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, 2022.



[Handwritten Signature: Angela Marie Penny] Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires (applies only to Notary Public): 10/31/2029 County of Residence: Cass

CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE

A candidate who fills a ballot vacancy thirty (30) days or more before the general election must file campaign finance reports in accordance with IC 3-9-5-8.5. A candidate who fills a ballot vacancy less than thirty (30) days before the general election must file campaign finance reports in accordance with IC 3-9-5-8.5 in addition to all other reports required by IC 3-9-5.
The candidate's committee must also file a pre-election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more during the period beginning October 15, 2022, and ending November 6, 2022, with the Indiana Election Division, appropriate county election board, or both. 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 TO CANDIDATES FILLING A BALLOT VACANCY FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE:

A candidate's committee must file "quarterly" campaign finance reports with the Indiana Election Division, 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 the Election Division for further information. The committee must file quarterly reports no later than noon, Indianapolis time:

- (1) April 18, 2022, covering the period from January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022.
(2) July 15, 2022, covering the period from April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.
(3) October 17, 2022, covering the period from July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022.
(4) November 1, 2022, covering the period from October 1, 2022, through October 24, 2022.
(5) January 18, 2023, covering the period from October 25, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

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 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, 2022, through NOON April 18, 2022.
(2) Supplemental Reporting Period: July 1, 2022, through NOON July 15, 2022.
(3) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 1, 2022, through NOON October 17, 2022.
(4) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 25, 2022, through NOON November 1, 2022.