Candidate's Form

Consolidated Election Office April 4, 2023. Candidates, please respond with short sentences (like bullet points/numbered lists). Your canvassers and community members need to describe your candidacy concisely. The information we are gathering may be present on the DGTD website.

For what position are you running? List the position and the district or municipality (examples: School Board District 99, Mayor Downers Grove). *

Mayor of Downers Grove.

How is your name listed on the ballot? *

Marshall J. Schmitt

What is the best way for voters to learn more about you (website, facebook or other platforms)? *

Website -- www.marshallformayor.com

What experiences do you have to help you succeed in the position (e.g. employment, volunteer)? *

Served eight years on the District 58 Board of Education and the Board of Control of SASED (special education cooperative) (including two years as chair during which we negotiated a new labor contract);
Served as President of the Rotary Club of Chicago (Rotary/One) 2019-20 and as Rotary Youth Exchange Office for the Rotary Club of Downers Grove;
Built 40-year career as trial lawyer with current concentration on intellectual property law;
Participated in various community initiatives to further community engagement.

What do you want to accomplish (list your top three)? *

Lead the Village to more balanced, responsible development that builds our future while honoring our past;
Restore fully transparent, ethical government;
Foster constructive community communication that provides for full community involvement built on reasoned, civil discourse.

Why are you running (list three short reasons)? *

I am concerned about a deterioration in communication between the local government institutions and the community and the local institutions themselves.
I am concerned about recent instances of less than transparent and ethical governmental practices.
I am concerned that the Village lacks a vision for development that is current, balanced, and responsive to the community.