

## **SHOULD YOU BE A CANDIDATE?**

The person who cannot answer virtually all the following questions in the affirmative should not be running.

1. Does your family fully support your candidacy?
  - Are they prepared to assume much more responsibility at home and put in extra time campaigning?
  - Can they tolerate the verbal abuse you will receive and the long hours you will spend away from home?
  - Will your children accept and understand your frequent absences?
2. Can you afford to run?
  - Can you expect enough contributions to keep you out of serious personal debt?
  - Is your business in good hands while you campaign?
  - If you're employed, do you have a job to go back to in the event you should lose?
3. Can your personal background stand intensive scrutiny?
  - Are you fully prepared to have the public know about your debts, personal and organizational associations, past relationships, family background, sources of income, health history, partners, etc.?
4. Are you physically and emotionally strong enough to stand up to the rigors of a tough campaign?
  - Can your health tolerate long hours, poor food, erratic rest, continuous pressure, rejection, and frustration?
  - Can your ego tolerate a loss in the event you should lose?

## **EVALUATE YOURSELF:**

Do I have the proper training and experience?

Do I have an attractive personality?

Can I speak well and relate to groups of people?

Am I well-known and respected in my community?

Have I been active in community affairs?

Is running a campaign compatible with my financial status?

Is there any possible conflict of interest?

Have I made public statements which could be politically damaging?

Will I put forth my best effort to run a viable campaign?

Do I fully support the Republican Platform?