# **Penny Githens**

Penny B. Githens

Husband: Ed; 2 Children: Nathan, Nick

Born in Wilmington, OH

Lives in Bloomington, IN

#### **Education**

- MS, Educational Psychology, Indiana University, 1981
- BS, Chemistry Education, Purdue University, 1972

#### **Political Experience**

• Monroe County Commissioner, District 3, April 2019 - Present

### **Professional Experience**

- Project Manager, Indiana University, 2012 2017
- Former Faculty Member, Vanderbilt University, 1987 1992
- Research Faculty Member, Yale University, 1979 1982
- Lab technician, Indiana University, 2007-2012
- Consultant, Fulton, Longshore and Associates, 1991-1992
- Research Associate, Vanderbilt University, 1987-1992
- Assistant Director, Lauder International Management Program, Wharton School of Business, 1983-1987
- Research Associate, Yale University, 1979-1982
- Teacher, Gulf Shores Academy, 1978-1979
- Graduate assistant, Indiana University, 1975-1978
- Teacher, United States Peace Corps, Kenya, 1972-1974

## Religious, Civic, and other Memberships

- Board Member, South Central Indiana Chapter of the Autism Society of America, 1999 -2007
- Member, Autism Society of America, 1996 Present
- Commissioner, Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women, 2014 2018

- Member, Democracy for Monroe County, 2015 Present
- Member, Indiana Coalition for Public Education, 2015 Present
- Parent Volunteer, IN\*SOURCE, 1997- Present
- Member, Monroe County Democratic Club, 2015 Present
- Member, Monroe County Democratic Women's Caucus, 2008 Present
- Steering Committee, Monroe County Democratic Women's Caucus, 2014-2016
- Board Member, Autism Society of Indiana, 2003 2005
- Volunteer, Monroe County YMCA Adapted Martial Arts program, 2001 Present

#### **Additional Information**

#### Awards:

Monroe County YMCA Volunteer of the Year, 2004

Kristin Willison Volunteer Service Award, Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility, 1999 (Inaugural winner of this award)