

Election Questionnaire For County Commission Candidates

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Do you support local measures such as safe storage laws or restrictions on firearms in government buildings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support allowing concealed carry laws to apply to school employees in school setting?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you support independent redistricting commissions to prevent gerrymandering?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support federal oversight of state election laws?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is there widespread voter fraud in our electoral system?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If restrictive new voting laws result in a sizable drop in voting in certain neighborhoods or demographic populations, would you see that as a bad outcome?'

☒ Yes

☐ No

If it were within your power, would you support independent redistricting commissions to prevent gerrymandering?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Should the legal rights of Due Process and Habeas Corpus be considered with respect to illegal immigration?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support local legislation addressing discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity?

☒ Yes

☐ No

In general, is Diversity a strength or a weakness?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Weakness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	Strength

Given the opportunity, will you work to eliminate racial disparities in housing, zoning, and codes enforcement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Is a) equality of opportunity or b) equality of outcome more important?

☐ A

☒ B

It is theorized that American laws, policies and practices (intentionally or unintentionally) include embedded subtle systemic and structural mechanisms to disadvantage people of color. Do you agree?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Is reform needed in local policing or sentencing practices to reduce racial disparities?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support civilian oversight of law enforcement? (Ex: P.A.R.C.)

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Oppose	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	Strongly Support

How committed are you to having the demographic of your staff match that of the wider Knox County Community

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not very	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	Very

Do you support laws that address discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support local policies that support victims of domestic violence or sexual harassment?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you think companies like Flock should collect private data to rent to law enforcement or sell to third parties?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If so, what kind of privacy and cyber security protections or audits should these entities be subject to?

Do you think legal efforts are needed to offset the water and energy needs of the surge of data centers to protect local and state populations?

☒ Yes

☐ No

What are your budget priorities for the county?

My priorities are straightforward: public safety, infrastructure, education, and responsible financial management.

We need to invest in the roads, bridges, sidewalks, and stormwater systems that people rely on every day while making sure first responders have the resources they need to keep our communities safe. I also believe strong public schools are one of the best economic development tools we have. As our county grows, we should use that growth to fund these priorities while avoiding unnecessary tax increases through smart planning and performance-based budgeting.

What does "Responsible Growth" mean in the real world?

Responsible growth means planning before approving development... not after problems already exist. It means making sure roads, utilities, schools, emergency services, and parks can support new growth. It also means protecting our natural resources while encouraging housing choices and commercial investment in the right places.

What are your plans for maintenance of Knox County's current infrastructure, like roads, bridges, waterways, and utilities? What are your plans for improvements?

Maintaining what we already own should come before chasing new projects. Deferred maintenance costs taxpayers more in the long run. I support data-driven pavement management, proactive bridge and stormwater maintenance, investments in sidewalks and multimodal transportation where appropriate, and continued upgrades to aging utilities and public facilities. I also support completing major corridor improvements, like Schaad Road widening, before approving additional high-density growth in areas where infrastructure is already strained.

How do you plan to collaborate with the City of Knoxville to ensure that people who work in Knox County can afford to live in Knox County?

Housing affordability doesn't stop at city limits, so neither should our planning. We share a planning commission. I want the city, county, developers, employers, and nonprofits working together to increase housing options at every stage of life. That includes supporting workforce housing, modernizing outdated zoning via AdvanceKnox/UDO process, coordinating infrastructure investments, and ensuring transportation connects people to jobs. Young families, teachers, nurses, first responders, and service workers should be able to afford to live in the community they serve.

Given the surprise reduction in Knox County Schools' upcoming budget due to actions at the state level and our own County Commission, how will you support and advocate for KCS?

Strong public schools are one of the smartest investments a county can make. While I supported raising county employee salaries, I was disappointed to see additional reductions to education funding, particularly for school infrastructure. We cannot continue undermining public education and then point to its challenges as justification for privatization. As Commissioner, I will advocate for stable, predictable school funding, prioritize long-term capital investments, and work collaboratively with the Board of Education to ensure our schools have the resources students and educators need to succeed.

How important is it for Knox County to balance growth, tourism, and jobs creation with preservation of our natural beauty, green spaces, and ecology?

It's essential. Our natural beauty is one of Knox County's greatest assets and a major reason people choose to live, work, and visit here. Economic development and conservation are not opposing goals—they depend on one another. We should encourage smart economic growth while protecting parks, waterways, tree canopy, and open spaces for future generations. Good planning means we don't have to choose between a strong economy and a healthy environment. I live this every day as President of Keep Knoxville Beautiful.



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