

Election Questionnaire For Governor Candidates

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Would you work to assure consistency of freedom of the press between administrations?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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 restoring provisions of the Voting Rights Act?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Should there be federal standards to govern early voting, mail-in ballots, or voter ID requirements?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you support independent redistricting commissions to prevent gerrymandering?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support federal authority to change state election laws?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you believe there is significant voter fraud in our electoral system?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Would you support legislation addressing discrimination against minority communities?

☒ Yes

☐ No

In General, is Diversity a strength or a weakness?

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

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

Would you support reforms in criminal justice, as they relate to racial equality before the law (sentencing reform, bail reform, expungement laws)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	Strongly Agree

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support state protections for reproductive health decisions?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you think that 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?

N/A

Should States and local governments have the power to regulate AI use or data center infrastructure?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

What sets you apart from the other candidates running in your party?

First, what sets me apart from other gubernatorial candidates is that I have pledged publicly to give back 3/4 of my Governor's salary to Tennesseans for homelessness, domestic violence, affordable housing, child literacy, teachers' empowerment funds, parental development, and farm preservation. I am bold, unbossed, and unbought; therefore, I will get ICE out of Tennessee and shut all ICE Detention Centers down. I am uniquely different because I have a 40-year history of standing with Tennesseans, especially farmers and veterans. My well-rounded, people-centered background working in the capacity of Dean of Medical Studies, Academic Dean, Dean of Student Affairs, Medical Director, Hospital Administrator, Nursing Home Administrator, Public Health Administrator, EEOC Officer, Mental Health Liaison, Community Developer, and Community Advocate, has prepared me to be the "People Governor" for all Tennesseans. I know government rules and regulations, environmental regulations, accounting, and fiscal budget management. My community outreach across the State of Tennessee speaks for itself as I have fed 10,000 Tennesseans per year, donated 5,000 bookbags and school supplies, donated 5,000 coats each year, donated 200 air conditioners to senior citizens, created a free children's literacy program, created a free summer food program for children and elders, created 150 jobs for ex-felons, teenagers, and gang members. Tennessee needs a Governor that is connected to the people and will give all Tennesseans a seat at the table of prosperity. When Waverly, TN had its devastating flood, I was there with food, toiletries, water, and clothing. When Clarksville, TN had its tornado, I was there. When Union City, TN had its tornado, I was there. Humanitarian efforts do not start with running for a political office. My goal is to place people back into politics. This is not just a political run for a position for me; I am the only gubernatorial candidate who has presented a comprehensive plan from the start, known as the "Resurrection of Hope" Plan, thus lifting Tennessee up from the ruins of economic and housing disparities. My focus is a holistic affordability agenda, homelessness intervention, address rural governmental neglect, release the \$717 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, allocate State funds equitable, address campaign funds from lobbyists, dismantle CoreCivic, assess increase taxes on billionaires, medical cannabis for veterans, veteran benefits, farmland preservation, rural hospital closures, political corruption, eradicate gentrification in underserved and marginalized neighborhoods, public education, rescind all discriminatory laws against the LGBTQIA community, rescind all laws against women's reproductive rights, data center regulations, DCS reform, foster care atrocities, redlining, gerrymandering, voter suppression, judicial and criminal justice reform. I want to "Make Tennessee Whole Again". ONE TENNESSEE! Diversity is what makes Tennessee great, and I welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers to the Volunteer State. I believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Tennesseans. God Bless Tennessee and the United States! www.atwater4governor.com

Tennessee faces problems from aging infrastructure. What are 3 things you intend to do to address these issues

As the next potential Governor of the State of Tennessee, I plan to address the aging infrastructure first by, addressing governmental transparency, accountability and waste. Tennesseean's livelihood would come first. Tennessee faces an \$82.7 billion infrastructure backlog, and it will take an innovative Governor to get us back on track. I bring to the table new creative concepts. Many bridges are over 60 years old. Across the State, water systems need \$3.3 plus billion in repairs coupled with the data centers atrocities. Legalizing cannabis could bring much needed funds to the State of Tennessee without raising property taxes. (1) Cut all unnecessary governmental spending as it relates to private prisons, abusive tax breaks to billionaires and re-route those funds to highway infrastructure, restoration of the old grid, and ensure that TVA is not privatized. (2) Restore and ensure maintenance on old bridges and highways to prevent floods that keep rural farmers from sending their produces (wheat, soybeans, corn) to the markets. Introduce rural AI Tractors collaborative to sustain small farmers and take the direct pressure off the grid and irrigation water source through the Farm Bureau and USDA innovative plan. (3) Work closing with all entities involved to bring forth the Amtrack-backed train corridor to connect Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta. Working with the Federal Railroad Administration to finalize the Sunbelt-Atlantic Connector. High on my priority: Public transit systems are aging and underfunded, failing to keep up with population growth. I also want to be innovated to incorporate more EV street buses, hydroelectric cars for governmental workers and EV for police officers in low-crime areas. Bicycles to encourage effective community policing engagements. Solar panels on governmental buildings to assure taxpayers are not burdened with governmental waste.
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Tennessee also faces new developmental challenges with respect to Data Center integration and energy demand and environmental impact on our beautiful state. What are 3 things you intend to do to address these issues

I am the only gubernatorial candidate that has presented a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Center Protection Plan to safeguard Tennesseans. www.atwater4governor.com (1) First, I would be a governor who regulates data centers, driven by concerns over energy grid capacity, water usage, and the cost of electricity for residents. Through executive orders, state agency directives, and working with legislators, I, as the next Governor of the State of Tennessee, would implement regulations to ensure data centers do not overburden utility infrastructure. I would also ensure that our farmland is protected. There should be no data center erected without Community Benefit Agreement. (2) I would immediately set up a moratorium on all new data centers. Proposed a temporary pause on tax incentives for new data centers to ensure they do not strain the electrical grid and raise consumer costs. As the next Governor of the State of Tennessee, I will examine ways to stop data center growth in certain areas, with Tennessee pushing to repeal previous tax incentives. Incorporate a Farm Preservation Restrictive Zone. Assess a special tax rate on all new data centers and detention centers erected in the State of Tennessee, such as 15% of their gross net, to be set aside for grocery sales tax replacement. Impose special taxes or repeal existing incentives on data centers as of 2027. Introduce or remove these incentives. (3) Set standards that aim for data center transparency, environmental protection, and ensuring community benefits, including hiring locally. www.atwater4governor.com

On a scale of 1-5 how would you Rate the Use of Tennessee National Guard in Memphis?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Highly Disapprove	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Highly Approve

On a scale of 1-5 how would you rate the administration's handling of the war in the Middle East?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Highly Disapprove	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	Highly Approve

This is Indivisible Knoxville's first candidate questionnaire do you have any constructive feedback?

This was one of the most informative questionnaires that I have completed. Thank you for the opportunity.

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