

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?

Fully funded public schools (and opposing voucher diversion of funds), affordable and workforce housing, and proactive infrastructure investment to address the county's backlog

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

Growth that pays for itself instead of pushing infrastructure costs onto existing taxpayers; development that's matched with the roads, schools, water, and sewer capacity to support it, guided by real planning tools like Advance Knox and the UDO rather than case-by-case rezoning fights.

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

Address the backlog with a clear asset-management approach: inventory what's aging and prioritize repair over new build-out, use TIF/PILOT and other financing tools deliberately so growth helps close the gap rather than widen it, and push for proactive investment instead of reactive, crisis-driven fixes so maintenance keeps pace with the county's growth rather than falling further behind

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?

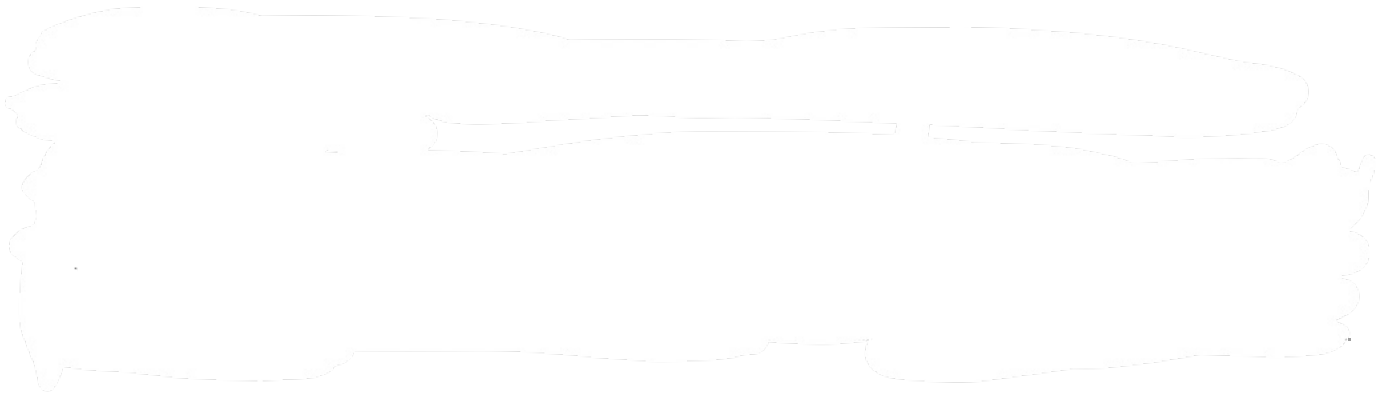
I plan to coordinate with the City on shared housing goals rather than working in silos, align county land-use tools (UDO, Advance Knox) with city planning so workforce housing gets built where jobs already are, and support policies that expand the supply of affordable and workforce housing across the county (not just within city limits).

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?

I'll push back on further cuts and make clear that the Commission's own budget choices, not just state action, are part of the problem. Fully funding schools is one of my three core platform pillars--that means prioritizing KCS in the county budget process, opposing voucher schemes that divert public dollars to private schools, and being a visible, vocal advocate on the Commission for closing this gap rather than letting it become the new normal.

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

Very important! Growth shouldn't come at the expense of the natural resources that make Knox County worth living in and visiting. That means using planning tools like Advance Knox and the UDO to guide development toward areas with the infrastructure to support it, protecting green space and waterways as real assets rather than obstacles, and recognizing that ecological preservation and economic growth aren't opposing goals when growth is planned responsibly.



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