

Election Questionnaire For County Commission Candidates

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Name *

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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?

Mental Health , housing, infrastructure

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

The growth of the area must take into account the desired of those already in the area. The infrastructure should be developed before the building, and the water and the protection of it should be a priority

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

We need to make them a priority and double the number of miles covered in repair, repair the pipes and create stronger waste water systems

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?

Work together, have some crucial conversations to work together to create pathways for all citizens

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 believe the budget must be reviewed by the commission along with the board to ensure agreement about meeting the needs of the students and teachers

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

With 75,000 projected to move here by 2040, it's extremely important to prepare now.