



Knoxville City Council Election – Responses to LWV Questionnaire

1. Why are you running for City Council?

I have been engaged in community development activities in east Knoxville for over 35 years through Town Hall East, the Public Assemblies Facilities Board, Mayor's Greenway Commission, Downtown Civitan and other organizations. I want to help assure we have strong healthy neighborhoods, rational growth and fiscal responsibility in our City, and that the voice of 4th District residents be heard.

2. State your position regarding hillsides, ridges and slopes development in Knoxville.

I think we need to protect our hillsides and ridges. The scenic beauty of this area is one of our greatest assets, and helps make our area a great place to live; it will help us attract new businesses and tourists to boost our economy. Visit my Facebook page (from website link) to learn about our community's recent challenge to a Landfill's request to desecrate the ridgeline along Marble Hill near the Holston River Park. I previously initiated the No New Billboard Petition that helped change our City Ordinance.

3. What efforts are you prepared to take to make Knoxville a leader in energy efficiency rather than a leader in energy consumption?

As a member of Knoxville's Public Assemblies Board, we are participating in the City-wide energy efficiency study, and have supported energy reduction efforts at the Civic Coliseum and other facilities. We explored geothermal energy use at the Jacobs Building during its rehab. I will help investigate other efficiencies city-wide to further fiscal responsibility and conservation goals. Improved public transportation opportunities and funding sources should also be explored.

4. What have you done or are doing for disadvantaged Knoxvilleans in the lowest income bracket?

I pay taxes. I raised funds to incorporate computers and learning equipment in the Burlington Branch library. I'll work to bring in more businesses and jobs in the City and the Magnolia Corridor in particular. I will continue to push for better educational opportunities for the old inner city schools, which the City taxes help support. I have been an advocate for community parks and greenways which provide free, healthy recreation opportunities. I support Second Harvest, the Mission of Hope, and the Boys & Girls Clubs. Our County Senior Centers are also a good resource for all citizens, regardless of income level.

5. *How would you work to improve safety and the quality of life for this community?*

As to safety, I would make sure that our Police and Fire Departments continue to have access to training and modern equipment, and that they be actively engaged with neighborhood groups. I'd work with neighborhoods groups to implement watches and community organizations that address local issues. Quality of life is a huge topic that embraces how we develop and improve our city, and run its business efficiently. Good planning and zoning are important. So are continued improvement and expansion of our parks, greenways, and sidewalks. Most importantly, I plan to listen to citizens' expression of needs and try to implement changes they desire.

I hereby permit the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/ Knox County to publish, in print or its lwvknoxville.org website, the answers I have submitted to this questionnaire.

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