

## 2010 RAVEN SOCIETY CANDIDATE POSITION SURVEY

*Please feel free to attach as many pages as are necessary to include your complete answers.*

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3. For which office are you running?  
  
**County Commission - District 4, Seat A**
4. What is your professional background and current occupation?  
  
***I have worked as an Electrical Technician for the last 20 years. I have Worked for Alcoa Inc as an Electrical Troubleshooter for the last 5 years.***
5. Please list high school(s) attended and any higher education with degrees earned, if any.  
  
***Newberry HS 1987, Basic Electrical Engineering 1990, Advanced Electrical Engineering 1992***
6. List professional, governmental, community service or other relevant organizational affiliations you have maintained within the past 10 years. List approximate dates of service.  
  
***Boys State Future Leadership Conference 1986, DECA President 1987, U.S. Navy 1990-1996,***
7. Please comment on how your own background and skills would assist you as an officeholder.  
  
***The wide variety of people and cultures I have been exposed to while traveling the world have given me an appreciation for how special the things of Blount County are. I am not afraid of change or growth, but have been exposed to what happens when either or both run rampant. I have worked with a variety of teams and committees throughout the military and industry to solve problems.***
8. The Raven Society Mission Statement is at the top of this page. Do you support this mission? Why or why not? If elected, what will you do in support of this mission?

***I strongly support this mission. After living in Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York City, I have a great love and appreciation for a more traditional, rural life. I believe if yo want more hustle and bustle in your life, Knoxville is a short drive away. We need to be very careful about what we allow to change in our county, and who we invite in to do business here.***

9. What do you see as the three most critical issues facing Blount County? Being as specific as possible, please tell us how you will address each of these issues.

***1. County Budget and Deficit. We need to develop a specific plan for paying off the debt that includes cutting the waste out of the current budget. In addition, we don't need to spend money we do not have. The residents are having to cut back, so should the government. 2. Personal Property Rights. People should have the right to do whatever they want on their own land as long as it does not endanger or impose upon others. I'm against giving up sovereign ownership of our land to state or federal agencies to control. 3. Unrestrained Development. Growth should take into account the impact on schools, roads, and other infrastructure in the area, and whether or not they can support the proposed growth. If they can't then we need to look at other areas for growth, or how we are going to pay for the infrastructure to support growth.***

10. Rapid development in Blount County has implications for the County budget, as well as for our air and water quality, scenic heritage and community character. If elected, what principles would guide your decisions regarding growth and development?

***Please see point three above. We need to preserve the natural beauty we have here. We need to enforce the zoning that we have in place, and support efforts to maintain the land.***

11. Do you support the extension of the Pellissippi Parkway (PPE) from Old Knoxville Highway (SR 33) to US 321?

a. **No**

b. Please explain *why* you support or oppose the extension, including any statistics or studies you may know of which support your opinion.

***I believe the completion of the parkway would have a great impact on***

**Maryville and Alcoa in that all the tourist using 129 and 321 to visit Townsend and Cades Cove would bypass the cities. This would lead to rapid growth in Townsend and the 321 corridor as restaurants and other businesses would have to move to 321 to garner customers who would be likely to drive right by Maryville and Alcoa.**

12. If the PPE is eventually built, how will you address the development pressures this potential new road will bring, including impacts on Blount County's secondary roads, schools, public services, air and water quality?

**If it is continued, I would oppose zoning changes that would allow rapid growth in the area where it terminates at 321. I would oppose billboards and other advertising along the roadway, and anywhere else in the county. In addition, I would be opposed to subdivisions near the terminus until I knew the impacts they would have on local schools and roadways.**

13. Which, if any, of the proposals presented by the Growth Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) would you recommend using to raise funds to purchase and preserve green space in the rural parts of the county?

**I think the GMAC proposals are an excellent place to start. Unfortunately, the commission as currently filled has failed to adhere to these proposals.**

14. If elected, please describe how you would incorporate the Five Guiding Policies of the county's Policies Plan into your own decision-making process.

**I think we need to adhere to the vision proposed. I am not against growth, but I think it needs to be carefully planned and considered. In addition we need to ask the following questions about each decision: \* Is it the government's business? \* Does this measure promote self-reliance? \* Is it responsible? \* Does it make us more prosperous? \* Does it make us safer? \* Does it unify us?**

15. What is your vision for Blount County in 20 years?

**Today's Blount County reminds me very much of the rural setting I grew up in. Even for the kids growing up today, Knoxville is a short drive away if they need more excitement than our mall or streets. I hope we can maintain the small town atmosphere, the slower pace of life, and the aura of the quiet side of the Smokies. Pigeon Forge is a short drive away, like Gatlinburg, or Knoxville. Blount County does not need to be any of those places. We need to maintain our own identity and grow at our own pace, with an appreciation for just how special things are here. We need to take great caution as we move forward so that we do not lose**

***that.***