

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?

District 5, Seat B Blount County Commission

4. What is your professional background and current occupation?

Physician, Private Primary Solo Practice (Practice emphasis in Young families & Children)

5. Please list high school(s) attended and any higher education with degrees earned, if any.

Maryville High school Maryville College B.A. University of Tennessee Medical School @ Memphis M.D. Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, Internship and Residency

6. List professional, governmental, community service or other relevant organizational affiliations you have maintained within the past 10 years. List approximate dates of service.

Army Physician in Korea for The American Embassy and State Dept Personnell & their dependents in Seoul Chairman, Blount County Red Cross, Chief of Staff Blount Memorial Hospital, Chairman Blount County Chamber of Commerce (note. The dates were left off since the modern calender had not been invented)

7. Please comment on how your own background and skills would assist you as an officeholder.

One thing of benefit is the experience of leadership in arenas where wide input is expected and needed. Being a good listener is valuable asset and speaking out when necessary.

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?

Supportive of the Mission; Candidates that have good qualities for office need support since there are far too many excuses not to run for office; i.e, just not interested, lack of family support, lack of financial support, fear of harm to their business or profession as a political candidate, and fear of losing

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.

First---The Management of our County's Debt **Will continue to emphasize we get away from Swaps Bonds.** **Have been vocal at Commission Meetings about having a non-political committee involved in the selection of a firm for ongoing finance oversight. Will support Mr Stephen Jennings as our County's Financial Director. I approve of The Mayor having each Commissioner interview Mr. Jennings one one prior to his approval** **Second---Maintaining Quality Schools.** **Am presently on The Commission's Education Committee and and hope to remain so. There was earlier a Commission move to resolve the Committee which I successfully help block. Our Committee meets usually at a school each month. Personally I attempt to meet at one school each week. Our present school budget situation is critical and every effort must be made to maintain good schools and committed faculty** **Third-----Maintaining strict Traffic Control** **We all know as our County grows the roads and highways become more crowded and roads require more and more repairs. Our Traffic Control and Law enforcement People have a difficult task, and do a good job in many areas.** **Highway 129 extending into the area known as the Dragon is saturated in good weather with hundreds of motor cyclists(and automobiles) who disregard speed limits. This results in an unacceptable loss of life, destruction of property, and loud noise. The Mayor and I have discussed this but disagree with the severity. That stretch of road is a Local/State Problem and to my mind is an embarrassment to our County**

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?

There are many County Organizations that have a mandate to protect our environment, control building codes, and protect our waterways . These need adequate funding and public input is a must. Many of the zoning issues are complex, are often subject to appeal and require a lot of time. Taking time to see what positive steps other Counties and States can be helpful.

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.

From the first I have had misgivings about the PPE. Foremost is the fact it would harm some of the most pristine and beautiful farmland. Traffic increase will continue for sure in our area. To me that extension funnels four more lanes ultimately to a two lane road entering the park. To me we need to have people/tourists come through Alcoa and Maryville having a chance to see our beauty, eat in our restuarants , et.

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?

Have some ideas on that question but not enough study for an opinion

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?

Much more study needed by the Commission along with Private Organizations such as The Conservancy, etc to forward steps being taken.

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.

Do not have the data to give a meaningful answers.

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

Would like to see more importance put and more enforcement on the esthetics not only of landscaping but the limitation of junk cars and

debris. This will gradually occur with combined govt, and private efforts Health Care access particularly in the primary sector could improve only if there is developed a reasonable, affordable National Health Plan. In this regard some innovative way/s need that would require people to take reasonable steps to control their own health