

2010 RAVEN SOCIETY CANDIDATE POSITION SURVEY

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3. For which office are you running?

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST 6 SEAT A

4. What is your Professional background and current occupation:

CURRENT OCCUPATION: FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF ALPHA OMEGA LEGAL SPECIALISTS, MARYVILLE, TN Currently working to acquire proper educational accreditation for the purpose of taking the Tennessee Bar Examination for the practice of law. • 20+ years as an analytical, articulate and seasoned legal professional with experience in criminal and civil investigations both from police procedure and private investigation aspect, journalism, and a legal support specialist with excellent abilities of legal research, state and appellate brief writing. • Focus in law enforcement, law, and media. OTHER EXPERIENCE Tax Consultant/Office Manager/Market Research Analyst H & R Block, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Knoxville, TN Realtor Knoxville Realty; Hart & Home Realty; Knoxville, TN Richmond & King Realty; Maryville, TN Reporter, Writer, Editor, Sales Campbell County News, Jacksboro, TN; LaFollette Press, Lake City Town Crier, LaFollette, TN; Knoxville Journal, Knoxville, TN Reporter, Announcer, Sales WLAJ Radio, LaFollette, TN; WLIQ Radio, Knoxville, TN

5. Please list high school(s) and higher education degree(s) earned, if any:

Campbell County Comprehensive High School 2006 Juris Doctor (Summa Cum Lande 3.91 GPA) Credits (40) 2005 M. S. Criminal Justice Credits (60) 2005 B S. Criminal Justice Credits (120) 1990-1996 Paralegal, Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies Pellissippi State Technical Community College (Dean's List 3.5 GPA) Credits (12) Paralegal Studies South College Credits (120) Total Credits Earned: 352

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

1981 – present COMMUNITY ADVOCATE 2005 Honorary Chairman “Business Advisory Council” The National Republican Congressional Committee 1984 Volunteer, Cissy Baker for Congress Campaign, Campbell County, TN 1981 Chairperson, Campbell County Concerned Citizens, Jacksboro/LaFollette, TN 1981 – 1981 Acting President, Campbell County Humane Society, Campbell County, TN

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

My educational and professional work experience in the legal profession, (specifically studies and work in law), along with taxation, is an asset for insight into the issues of finance, taxation, budgeting, zoning, business and industry recruitment, and other legal issues which face the Blount County area.

8. The Raven Society Mission Statement is listed above (also see our web page - <http://www.ravensociety.org>) Do you support this mission? Why or Why not? If elected, what will you do in support of this mission?

Yes. Blount County and East Tennessee has an unique and special geographical setting, and we need to promote sound development, effective use of the land, site planning considering and complementing our natural and historic qualities. I will sponsor a guide developing specific land use standards, creating zoning boundaries and guiding development for: 1. promote sound development, effective use of the land, site planning considering and complementing the county's unique geographical setting; 2. Prevent overcrowding of land, overtaxing of public facilities and services, poor quality development, wasteful or inefficient land use, dangerous or congestion in travel and transportation or other detrimental factors for the stabilization of the county; 3. Protect and promote public safety, health and general welfare by providing adequate lighting, water and sewage control, police and fire protection, educational and recreational opportunities; 4. Encourage innovation in residential development and renewal that meets the growing demand for housing by a variety in type and design of housing; 5. Preserve the environment and stability of neighborhoods, and conserve property values by encouraging the most appropriate uses of land within the zoning districts; 6. Support and implement goals for Blount County; and 7. Provide equal opportunity housing to the handicapped.

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 and foremost, is the current debt and having a responsible, accountable government body. I will sponsor motion for a forensic audit of the county budget, by each department, line by line, to assure each department has the necessities for operation, without the the overspending of the taxpayers' dollars. Second, is Job Creation. We must work to maintain the current existing businesses and industries remain in Blount County. We must be creative and innovative in soliciting new businesses and industries to locate in Blount County. Both of these matters may be addressed by the factors of taxation. And finally, Education. Our students of Blount County must be assured the opportunity to reach their maximum potential for entering into today's workforce and for entrance into college. We need to assure the retention of a qualified teaching staff in each school, and work to create incentives for more qualified teaching personnel to want to locate in Blount County and work with the Blount County School System.

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?

I feel this reflects back to the mission of the Raven Society and my viewpoints in question 8. For a recap of that platform - Blount County and East Tennessee has an unique and special geographical setting, and we need to promote sound development, effective use of the land, site planning considering and complementing our natural and historic qualities. I will sponsor a guide developing specific land use standards, creating zoning boundaries and guiding development for: 1. promote sound development, effective use of the land, site planning considering and complementing the county's unique geographical setting; 2. Prevent overcrowding of land, overtaxing of public facilities and services, poor quality development, wasteful or inefficient land use, dangerous or congestion in travel and transportation or other detrimental factors for the stabilization of the county; 3. Protect and promote public safety, health and general welfare by providing adequate lighting, water and sewage control, police and fire protection, educational and recreational opportunities; 4. Encourage innovation in residential development and renewal that meets the growing demand for housing by a variety in type and design of housing; 5. Preserve the environment and stability of neighborhoods, and conserve property values by encouraging the most appropriate uses of land within the zoning districts; 6. Support and implement goals for Blount County; and 7. Provide equal opportunity housing to the handicapped.

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

Yes

This is a yes and no answer. I support the extension because it will provide better travel opportunities for reaching areas of the County, yet by extension, it would

take property, scenic areas, from current existence. This is a matter that requires proper study and consequences to the scenic areas, property and the opinions of the property owners, and what is best suited for Blount County and the future growth demand.

12. If PPE is eventually built, how will you address the developmental pressures this thoroughfare will bring (include comments on how the impact to Blount County secondary roads, schools, public services air and water quality would be handled):

As previously stated in question 11, this is a matter that will require extensive study for what is in the best interest for Blount County and the future growth demand. We want our residents to have employment opportunities available in Blount County without traveling outside Blount County to work. The extension could provide better access to businesses and industries throughout Blount County. However, a study should be conducted to determine the future growth areas of Blount County and determine the future growth of businesses and industries locating to Blount County. We need to determine how that future growth will impact roads, schools, public services, air and water quality. This study should be performed by an independent company with NO Conflicts of Interest to Blount County.

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 need to review all the proposals which have been presented throughly. However, there is one method to raising funds that seems to be effective, and that is the impact development fee that could be assessed based on size of developements. This would be used to purchase the green space outlined in a capital improvement plan.

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.

The Five Guiding Policies are as follows: Guiding Policy 1: The rural, small town, and natural character of the County should be preserved. Guiding Policy 2: Land use and development should be managed and regulated to preserve the quality of our growing County. Guiding Policy 3: The guiding policy in any government actions in relation to the use and development of land should be to limit regulations to specific public health, safety, and welfare objectives, balanced with responsible freedom in the use of the land. Guiding Policy 4: County roads should be improved and maintained to serve existing and future development. Guiding Policy 5: Growth and development should be matched with provision of adequate infrastructure such as utilities, roads, and schools. Blount County and

East Tennessee has an unique and special geographical setting, and we need to promote sound development, effective use of the land, site planning considering and complementing our natural and historic qualities. All these guiding policies with the unique and geographical setting of Blount County will be applied when I am making decisions.

15. Please share your vision of Blount County in the future. What will it be like in 10 years? 20 years?

I have lived in Blount County going on 9 years, and I have developed a passion for the area and the people. I want to see a governmental body that listens to the opinions of the people and makes decision for the best interest of the county. I want a balanced budget, with steady revenue and fixed liabilities. The future of Blount County depends on Responsible Government Spending, Job Creation and Education. We are evolving into a society of information technology and we need to prepare the next generations to move into this profession and recruit more technological industry to Blount County. The decisions of the Blount County Government will depend what Blount County will be like in 10 or 20 years. Those decisions need to be sound and effective for future of the people and Blount County.