

Williamson County Elections - May 4, 2010
Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: BERT CHALEANT

Office/District: COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 7th DISTRICT

1. What is your motivation in seeking election to the Williamson County Commission?
How does your background and/or experience qualify you to hold this position?

ORIGINALLY, I WAS AND HAVE CONTINUED TO BE VERY INTERESTED
IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF PRENTWOOD & WILLIAMSON
COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE CONTINUED CONTROLLED GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
OF THE COUNTY, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SCHOOLS. I HAVE
COMPLETED 24 YEARS ON THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSION

2. What should be the top priorities of the Williamson County Commission over the next several years? How would you address and/or fund these priorities?

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
SCHOOLS
EXPERIENCE SEE ATTACHED

3. What is your vision of residential and commercial development within the unincorporated portions of the County over the next 5-10 years?

TECHNICALLY I REPRESENT A DISTRICT WHICH IS 90% IN
WITHIN PRENTWOOD, 10% FRANKLIN. I WAS ON THE
COMMISSION WHEN WILLIAMSON COUNTY ADOPTED THE FIRST
LAND USE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES FOR SYSTEMATIC GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT. AS THE POPULATION GROW, WE AMENDED THE
PLAN MANY TIMES.

- 4. Williamson County has realized tremendous success in terms of economic development and corporate recruitment efforts over the past several years. How would you propose to continue and/or enhance these efforts?

SCHOOLS & RELATIVELY LOW PROPERTY TAXES ENCOURAGE
 GROWTH. WE ARE OPENING 3 NEW SCHOOLS THIS YEAR.
 (ALSO SEE ATTACHED)

- 5. Do county governments within Tennessee need broader taxing authority granted from the state legislature? Does Williamson County? If so, what specific revenue-generating options would you support?

No, No - WE MANAGE WHAT WE HAVE.

- 6. Under what circumstances should local governments exercise the power of eminent domain? Is there a need to limit or expand this power on the federal or state level?

ONLY ON VERY RARE OCCASIONS & ONLY AFTER FAIR &
 EQUITABLE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL. AS FOR FEDERAL &
 STATE, THEIR POWERS SHOULD BE LIMITED.

- 7. How important is the development and preservation of diverse housing options within Williamson County? What role, if any, should county government play in this effort?

AS FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION, THIS IS THE ROLE OF
 THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THOSE RULES ARE IN
 PLACE.

8. Do you have issues or concerns regarding the County's current sign ordinance? Please explain.

No issues.

9. How should elected officials in Williamson County balance the need between economic development and the protection of our natural resources and the environment?

AGAIN, THIS IS A COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITY. THE COUNTY COMMISSION ACTS ON THE REQUEST OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

10. Should Williamson County government advocate or promote initiatives aimed at improving environmental sustainability? If so, where should these efforts focus?

WE HAVE DONE THIS THROUGH THE LAND USE PLAN. WHICH ADDRESSES HISTORIC & OPEN SPACE SUSTAINABILITY.

11. Other Comments

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

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