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Williamson County Elections - May 4, 2010
Candidate QuestionnaireCandidate Name: Betsy HesterOffice/District: Williamson Co. Commissioner, Dist. 2

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?

Public ServiceActive in Homeowner's Association
Meals on Wheels volunteer, Sunday School
teacher, Green Valley Family & Community
Education, Active in local PTO's

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?

Jobs, low taxes, schoolsFunding → good schools attract
businesses to area

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

Growth — Managed in theComprehensive Planning — Planning
is the key

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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?

continue with low taxes and
good schools

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

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 when benefits the
community directly (schools-roads)

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?

Affordable housing is important,
County government should play
a MINIMUM role.

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

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

Planning Carefully

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

Federal Mandates on Clean Water,
Stormwater run-off cannot be
ignored or there are potential
Problems

11. Other Comments
