

Stop the Outer Loop Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name

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The Outer Loop has been tabled for now. What is your stance on the Outer Loop proposal and any future bypass that may be proposed?

I am against this particular outer loop proposal. I am also against any future bypass proposal that will run directly through our family farms and homesteads in Daviess County.

What is your stance on Highway 56 improvements and what do you propose?

We need to work with the KY Transportation Cabinet-Department of Highways, to install shoulders to needed areas along the roadway. Proper grade in the ditches has to be maintained to allow maximum water drainage as well. Attention needs to be paid to culverts and connecting ditches beyond the roadway, to aid in the flow of water away from the road.

As county lands continue to be developed, what is your stand on future annexations of county lands into the city of Owensboro?

Population growth will indicate the future need for annexations of county lands into the city of Owensboro.

Do you think that Daviess County government should provide or pay for ditch cleaning of major waterways on private property?

Yes. This has been done in years past. Especially pertaining to major waterways such as Rhodes, Carter, Gilles, Goetz Ditches and Flat Lick, Blackford, Horse Fork, Knob Lick, Two Mile, and Panther Creeks. We should also involve the Army Corp of Engineers and State Officials, as flooding is attributed to these waterways throughout all of Daviess County and beyond.

What are some areas of the current county budget that could be cut to lower taxes?

Areas where projects have been completed, rescind the tax created for that particular project. We don't need deep tax cuts to benefit the taxpayers, we need our taxes to be applied to the right areas.

Do you see our Planning and Zoning process as an impediment to business growth? How could it work better?

There doesn't need to be a "one size fits all" set of rules and regulations for businesses in Owensboro and Daviess County. The creation of individual business classifications could allow for friendlier rules and regulations towards businesses, new and old.

Serious crime seems to be way up in Daviess County. How will you work toward protecting residents and their properties?

We need to encourage neighbors to look after each other, to be more vigilant. Educating the public to be the eyes and ears for law enforcement in their absence would be beneficial. Let's keep seeking out federal grants and law enforcement funding for Narcotics Task Forces and Enhanced Crime Units. Open lines of communication between law enforcement and citizens are very important in combating crime throughout the city and county.

Do you agree with the current occupational tax structure? Do you think current tax rates are fair? If not, how would you work to change it?

It appears to be doing the job it was created to do, which is fund the Daviess County Detention Center.