

Ed Lane
12th District

1. **Are you in support of, or in opposition to, continuing funding for the Purchase of Development Rights program? Why do you support or oppose funding for this program?**

- Yes. Properly utilized, PDR funds will help maintain Fayette County's leadership in agribusiness. I would prefer that Lexington not incur long term debt (20 year bonds) to pay for PDR's.

2. **Do you support or oppose tax breaks and/or other incentives for infill-redevelopment projects?**

- Yes. Requests for redevelopment project incentives should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if assistance from local government is necessary to make the developer's infill real estate investment economically viable.

3. **Do you feel that a higher priority should be placed on addressing and solving the sanitary sewer, storm water and water quality problems in Fayette County before there is any further expansion of development beyond the current urban services area? Why or Why not?**

- Local government must do a better job of managing the sanitary sewer system's growth and operations. The mismanagement of infrastructure must not be allowed to disrupt Lexington's economy.

4. **Fayette County agri-business and agri-tourism generate over \$3 billion dollars for the regional economy each year. Do you support these industries? If so, how will you promote agribusiness and agri-tourism if elected to office?**

- Yes. As 12th District Councilmember, I actively support agri-business and agri-tourism, and serve as a member of Commerce Lexington's Agribusiness Committee and the LFUCG's Equine Task Force. The farm community is a significant and important component of Lexington's economic base.

5. **Fayette County currently has enough vacant land within the urban services area to support nine years of residential growth. Will you propose to use this available land to provide affordable housing, accessible transportation, and amenities for our growing community? If so, how?**

- Most real estate investments are made by private investors in a free market economic system. It is the competitive market place that creates demand for land

uses. Government – to a limited extent- can influence land uses and values by increasing or limiting supply (e.g. zoning) and by providing tax benefits or disincentives (e.g. development fees).