

Jacques Wigginton
2nd 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/ Support. Prior to my election, Council voted on a program that would lessen pressures to develop Fayette farmland by investing in the redevelopment of the city's core while paying farmers. With millions having been spent paying farmers with little for redevelopment, I have continued to vote for a program that promises to dedicate equal funding to the redevelopment of our city's urban core.

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

- Yes/ Support. Model cities from across the country testify that government investment and the reduction of "red tape" are major factors in getting lenders, developers, and businesses to invest in older parts of town. Tax breaks and other incentives often work to "prime the pump" with the private sector eventually taking over unassisted once the benefits of redevelopment begin to flow.

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?**

- According to city officials, there is one situation in my district in which long running stormwater problems will not be adequately addressed until new development occurs nearby. A blanket statement "for" or "against" expansion does not do justice to the issue when there is a need to look at each proposal individually and comprehensively.

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?**

- I have supported moving the stockyards to a more rural area, Lexington's bid for the 2010 Equestrian Games, and a permanent Farmer's Market for farmers to sell their produce. Though it represents less than a third of Lexington's economy, Keeneland's \$300 M+ horse sales has no sales tax, millions of victims' tobacco settlement funds have gone to Fayette farmers, and the city has taken out loans to pay farmers not to develop their land-no other industry gets that kind of support.

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?**

- Definitely. I propose a long-term, multi-million dollar, block-by-block fight against dilapidated housing as part of this city's promise for infill and redevelopment of its urban core. The anticipated results more affordable housing stock, better homeownership percentages, more respectable housing values, increased private sector investment, more retail opportunities, less traffic, reduction of crime, stabilization of neighborhoods, less predatory lending and leasing practices, and more community pride.