

Tom Blues
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?**

- I support continued and even increased funding to the extent possible because the preservation of our agricultural economy and Bluegrass rural character is essential to the future of our community.

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

- Yes. To encourage and facilitate growth within the urban services boundary, we should do all we should to review and revise regulations as appropriate, improve infrastructure support, and offer incentives to builders and developers.

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?**

- Yes. As a candidate for 2nd district council, I am well aware of the sewer and water problems, especially along the Russell Cave corridor. Residents of the Leestown and Georgetown corridors are also concerned about the lack of completed road projects and retail services. We have allowed infrastructure to lag behind residential development. Now is not the time to add to the problem.

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, I support these essential components of our economy and will fully support PDR, as noted above, and resist threats to it, such as wholesale expansion of the urban services boundary.

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?**

- I hope to work with the Downtown Development Authority, local financial

institutions, Habitat for Humanity, and other entities to encourage the building of affordable housing and to attract potential residents through such initiatives as the Live Where You Work program. We should also encourage Lex Tran to provide special bus routes throughout the downtown area, to facilitate movement and reduce traffic congestion. And we must move from one way to two way streets to reduce speeding and make it possible for pedestrian and bicyclists to move safely throughout the area.