

Jim Newberry
Mayoral

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?**

- Support. It provides a useful tool in the overall effort to preserve farmland and to plan effectively for the future.

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

- Yes, I support incentives for infill and redevelopment projects. Lexington needs to use its limited land resources efficiently. By using our land more efficiently, Lexington can grow while minimizing its need to consume farmland. Lexington needs to update its subdivision regulations to facilitate more densely developed land that accommodates mixed uses such as residential, office and retail facilities in close proximity.

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. When expanding our community, we must balance the infrastructure needs of our existing neighborhoods with the infrastructure needs of proposed new neighborhoods. While we will never fully address all of the infrastructure needs of existing neighborhoods, care must be taken to see that we do not ignore significant infrastructure needs of existing neighborhoods as we consider expanding the urban service boundary.

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 want to focus Lexington's economy around our horse, health care and high-tech industries. As mayor, I will use the events associated with the World Equestrian Games as a means by which the advantages of living and working in Lexington can be displayed to the world, work with the Lexington Convention and Tourism Bureau to make Lexington a more appealing place for horse lovers to visit by creating alternative driving and biking tours through central Kentucky's horse country, recruit agri-related businesses and trade associations to

locate in Lexington, designate a member of the Mayor's Office staff to facilitate economic development initiatives in the horse industry, and attend sales and other horse industry events to let buyers and other participants know that we appreciate their doing business in Lexington.

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?**
 - Yes. We must always promote infill and redevelopment, especially in the areas close to downtown and the campuses of Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky. By developing and redeveloping areas inside the existing Urban Service Area, we can deliver urban services more effectively and, at the same time, minimize our need to consume additional farmland. I am also is committed to mixed use developments in residential neighborhoods that will enable residents to complete many trips without the necessity of getting into a car.