

# Candidate Questionnaire - Brentwood Commission

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Please provide a brief personal bio. \*

I'm a native of Huntington, WV. I'm a graduate of Marshall University. I have a degree in Elementary Education. I taught for 13 years in the Metro Nashville Public School system. I manage my husband's medical practice and have done so for over 30 years. I'm married to Michael C. Gunn, MD. We have three adult daughters who reside in other states. We have lived in Tennessee for over 40 years. Thirty of the years in Brentwood, TN. I'm a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Jack and Jill, Inc, Links, Inc, The Girl Friends, Inc., and the Carrouseles, Inc. I'm a Parishioner of St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and I serve on the Parish Council.

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Why are you running for Brentwood Commissioner? How does your background and experience qualify you to hold this position? \*

To provide diversity for the voters and a new voice. I want to engage and encourage others to be a part of our local government. By the sheer fact that I've lived in Brentwood, TN for 30 years and I've watched Brentwood transition from a quiet community to a bustling municipality, I believe I can add voice to the decisions that are being made for our community. My participation in these organizations as a member and at times in leadership positions have prepared me to work with the public.

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What should be the top priorities for Brentwood over the next four years? How would you address and fund these priorities? \*

Traffic, safety.

Since all of these issues are fueled by our growth, I feel that monies to fund these issues should come from the businesses that benefit from being in our community. Developers in conjunction with the city government before they can build need to do feasibility studies to determine the effect it will have on our community. Businesses that want to do business in Brentwood should be responsible for keeping our standards.

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What is your vision for residential and commercial development in Brentwood over the next decade? What steps will you take to ensure road and other infrastructure improvements keep up with growth? \*

My vision is for smart growth both residential and commercial that takes into consideration how the growth affects traffic. We must find a way to control traffic, if we don't it can impair the quality of life.

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What role should the Brentwood Board of Commissioners play in promoting economic development opportunities? \*

They should continue to look for opportunities that are a good fit for our future without compromising it. If the quality of life is compromised then, I believe the value of living in Brentwood would be diminished.

Do local governments in TN need broader taxing authority granted from the General Assembly? Does Brentwood? If so, what specific revenue-generating options would you support? \*

I need to explore this further before answering this question.

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