

# Candidate Questionnaire - Brentwood Commission

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Please provide a brief personal bio. \*

Semi Retired Healthcare Executive. I have experience as a hospital owner and operator along with experience as an executive of a Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 hospital company. Bachelors of Finance from Eastern Illinois University 1990.

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

Brentwood is my chosen hometown and watching the rampant growth spurred my interest in balanced and responsible growth 8 years ago, I ran and was elected. It is easy to get caught up in the up-zoning frenzy and abandon the proven success of Brentwood's blueprint. My top goal is to continue working with residents to keep Brentwood a solid investment with 1 home per acre density, award winning schools, unique park lands of over 1,000 acres, and low property taxes. My executive experience leading teams up to 4500 members across multiple states allow me the opportunity to bring a common sense business approach to serve Brentwood's residents.

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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? \*

Fiscal Planning and Discipline that will keep our property taxes low. With property taxes exploding all around us, only sound budgeting will keep Brentwood's low property tax in force. If we allow explosive, high density developments to creep into Brentwood, our infrastructure will be overwhelmed and local homeowners will pay the price.

Public safety is a top priority. Robust funding and support of our award winning Police and Fire Departments will assure that Brentwood continues to be a safe, suburban community that is in high demand.

Traffic and congestion pose a threat to our area as surrounding communities rubber stamp mega expansions. Technology does offer some solutions to help promote traffic flows, but we must be researching more options to alleviate traffic challenges especially during peak times.

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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? \*

The City of Brentwood commercial districts should continue to be contained in the northern and southern parts of our city. Property zoned for residential use currently has a predetermined number of lots (typically 1 home per acre), I firmly AGAINST up zoning. We will continue to utilize our capital improvement plan to fund infrastructure.

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

Brentwood City Commissioners should continue to provide a highly desirable city for its business and residents, thus creating a desirable community for a business to thrive.

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? \*

Brentwood does not need additional taxing authority.

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