

Candidate Questionnaire - Brentwood Commission

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Regina Smithson, Brentwood City Commissioner

Please provide a brief personal bio. *

My family moved to Brentwood in 1982. John and I were married 54 years. Unfortunately, I lost John on January 28th of this year. We built our financial service business, John Smithson & Associates, Inc. We have 3 children - Kim Gawrys (Steve) with 4 children - Laird Smithson (Sydney) with 4 children & Cynthia Shelden (Hunter). with 3 children. All my children and grandchildren live, work and go to school in Brentwood.

I volunteered at Scales/BMS/BHS.

I have served on the Brentwood City Commission 26 years. I am currently serving on the Library Board. Also, I have served as Mayor twice, Vice Mayor twice, Planning Commission three times, Historic Commission, Park Board, Environmental Board & Sister City Board. I have served in different leadership positions in my church.

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

I am running for Brentwood City Commissioner because I love Brentwood and what we have built in the city. I believe the experience I have will continue to benefit Brentwood. I want to keep Brentwood on Track. My philosophy is "if it ain't broke don't fix it".

We have an outstanding staff, an accredited police department and fire department. We also have a AAA bond rating, 1090 acres Parkland and 27 miles of walk/bike trails.

We have contributed over \$6 million to our schools in Brentwood, contributed to our senior center, blaze football, Brentwood baseball, and the YMCA. We have used taxpayers money to benefit all ages groups.

This city has been run with a vision from the beginning with the Founding Fathers having commercial on the northern and southern limits and the residential area in the center as a bedroom community.

All of the above results have not happened by "happenstance". I believe we have the most well run government of any.

My Experience, hard work, and a vision for our future will continue to be my goal. **PROVEN RESULTS** are very important. I hope the residents of Brentwood have seen the quality of life that we have in Brentwood. Experience and wisdom goes a long way in continuing to work with the residents and **KEEP BRENTWOOD ON TRACK.**

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

Of course, different people have different priorities for Brentwood over the next four years. My priority is to continue to work on having road projects that help ease the traffic situation.

As you drive on the Eastside and Westside of Brentwood you will see we are continuously working to improve our traffic patterns. With more than 20,000 people a day coming into Brentwood to work and people who live here traveling outside the city to work we will always have traffic. We will continue to work with the state, Nashville, Franklin, the County and surrounding communities to build roadways to help accommodate the traffic.

We have four state roads that go through Brentwood. Franklin Rd., Concord Rd., Moores Lane, and Wilson Pike are all state roads. We have Limited input on what can be done with state roads. We do work with the state on the engineering and ROW that helps speed up the projects, but it is still a slow process.

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? *

KEEPING OUR ONE (1)ACRE DENSITY IN PLACE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO TO MAKE SURE THE INFRASTRUCTURE CAN ACCOMMODATE OUR BUILD OUT.

My vision for residential and commercial development in Brentwood is to have undeveloped land built out according to its present zoning classification.

I will continue to work with our surrounding communities to improve all roads. The recent approval of the extension of McEwen Drive is Huge. It will help alleviate a lot of the traffic on Concord Road. Again, we have so many workers coming into Brentwood it will always be a challenge.

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

The Brentwood board of commissioners should continue working with Williamson Inc welcoming and supporting businesses into the community.

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 believe local governments in Tennessee do NOT need broader taxing authority.

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