

Candidate Background:

1. Please tell us about you and your family. What are your qualifications, skills, and experience? Tell us about your faith, your civic involvement, and about any character traits that will help you be an effective alderman or mayor.

Married to James Petersen, Attorney, Two sons. Masters degree in Mathematics, taught math for over 30 years at Columbia State Community College. Long Time Member of First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. Alderman, 2007 to present. Franklin Planning Commission 1987 to Present. I study all materials and do my homework.

2. Why are you running?

I want to use my knowledge of how the city works to continue serving the city of Franklin.

Scope and Role of Government:

1. What is your view about the U.S. Constitution and how it should be interpreted?

The Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land. It should be interpreted literally whenever possible.

2. What does liberty mean to you? How does government influence liberty?

Liberty means freedom. Government should preserve our freedom.

3. What is the primary role of government?

Legislative branch - Pass laws. Executive Branch - Carry out those laws. Judicial branch – Decide constitutionality of laws and resolve disputes.

Franklin Governance

1. What are the three most critical issues facing Franklin today and how would you propose that Franklin address each issue?

(a) Road Projects, such as getting Mack Hatcher SE 4 laned 96 E to Columbia Ave. (b) Continue to support Departments of the City, such as Fire, Police, Garbage pickup so they can continue high level of service for citizens. (c) BOMA will be prioritizing capital improvements anticipated to be needed in the next 10 years.

2. Do you have any concerns about how city officials are appointed? What involvement, if any, should the BOMA have in recommending and/or approving appointments? **No. BOMA is involved.**

City Finances:

1. What concerns do you have regarding Franklin's finances and how would you propose they be resolved? **Franklin's finances are very sound. It will take careful, knowledgeable and diligent effort to keep it that way.**

Growth and Infrastructure:

1. What is your commiunent to the Envision Franklin document? What changes would propose, if any, to the Envision Franklin document?

Envision Franklin is a planning commission document not a BOMA document. A new proposed version is coming out in the next few weeks and I will be very interested to see what staff is proposing.

2. For new development, how do you think the additional infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, police, ambulances, fire, etc.) should be funded?

Franklin has adopted impact fees to require new development to pay its way. These should be regularly reviewed. Some are being reviewed at present.

3. Some citizens have expressed concern that the building in which City Hall resides is no longer adequate. What are your thoughts? **Plans are already underway to construct a new city hall. This will be a major project money-wise and time-wise.**

4. What are your views concerning Franklin giving tax breaks to attract new businesses? **Only extraordinary businesses should get tax breaks. The national headquarters for Nissan is a good example. IN-N-OUT BURGER is opening their first eastern territory office in Franklin.**

Public Issues:

1. Should the City of Franklin have a code of decency for events held at publicly owned venues? How should the attendance by children be addressed at events which may contain adult content, including sexual content?

No. Events held in Franklin at public venues must follow the State of Tennessee Code of Decency.

2. Is it the government's role to ensure the availability of affordable housing? if so, how?

The City works with a several agencies such as Franklin Housing Authority to promote affordable housing.

3. What are your thoughts about the "Middle Eight" development project?

I opposed it. 39 units per acre is too dense for this area.

4. What do you think about how Franklin handled the pandemic? What would you have done differently?

Franklin and Williamson County handled the pandemic extremely well.

5. As a citizen and a voter, do you think the county and the state have any election integrity issues? if so, what are the issues? **Election integrity issues are rare in Williamson County and the State of Tennessee.**

6. How should the City of Franklin make decisions regarding the placement of historical markers?

This should be done in close cooperation with the Historical Society.