

# District 11

1. Do you support continuing local funding for the LFUCG Purchase of Development Rights Program? If yes, why do you support funding for this program? If no, explain. Do you think the current goal of acquiring easements on 50,000 acres of Fayette County farmland is adequate or should be increased?
2. Fayette County has over 8,000 acres of land inside the Urban Service Boundary available for infill redevelopment projects. Recently, Mayor Newberry and the Urban County Council allocated over \$2 million to establish a landbank in which these funds will be used to purchase land and buildings to create larger parcels of property for redevelopment. Do you support the creation of a landbank? If yes, what kinds of projects should receive priority for funding? If no, explain.
3. Over 70% of streams in Fayette County are impaired or polluted due to its sub-standard sanitary sewer and stormwater systems. Do you think the Council has a role to play in ensuring that the EPA Consent Decree is implemented? If yes, explain the nature of the Council's role. If no, explain.
4. Fayette County agri-business and agri-tourism generate over \$3 billion for the regional economy each year. Do you think these industries rate in the "top 5" in Fayette County? If yes, how should the Council promote agri-business and agri-tourism for the 2010 World Equestrian Games and beyond. If no, explain.
5. Do you feel that more public participation and transparency is needed in local planning processes for infill projects and in particular those developments applying for Tax Incremental Financing? If yes, how will you improve the process as an Urban County Council Member? If no, explain.

## Peggy Henson

Incumbent

### 1. Yes

Preserving our heritage is very important to our city. The PDR is an excellent program and very well managed. At this time I feel that the 50,000 acres of easements is adequate.

### 2. Yes

The land bank should be used in partnership with matching Federal funds. CDBG and New Market Tax Credits can allow construction of affordable housing and enable businesses to open and operate in those areas.

### 3. Yes

For many years Lexington's Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water systems has been neglected. It should be one of the primary responsibilities of the Council to ensure that our infrastructures are properly maintained.

### 4. Yes

The Council should promote this industry by supporting the local Farmers Market, World Trade Center and the University of Kentucky. This industry is what makes Fayette County unique and classy.

### 5. Yes

It is important to have public participation in Lexington's infill development projects, including TIF. I would like to see a fair balance on committees consisting of government officials, business leaders, developers and neighborhood representatives.

## Logan Weiler III

### 1. Yes

The PDR program is a rare exception to my belief that government should not interfere with private enterprises. If horse farms continue to disappear, we will not remain the horse capital of the world.

When the budget allows, it should be increased.

### 2. No

Government should not be in competition or collusion with land developers.

### 3. Yes

However, the current tax levied should have a sunset. The council is the check and balance to correct years of LFUCG mismanagement.

### 4. Yes

The LFUCG does promote it with every document featuring "Horse Capital of the World." I'm open to other cost-effective promotional ideas, such as a permanent farmer's market.

### 5. Yes

To have a truly transparent government, I propose posting all budgets and expenditures online for instant access to all taxpayers.