

Tom Blues

Incumbent

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.

District 2

Randy Tobia

Write-In Candidate

**DID NOT RESPOND
TO QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Yes

The PDR match grant program not only protects our unique Bluegrass heritage, it preserves Fayette County's essential agricultural economy. I'm inclined to think that the 50,000 acre goal should be increased, but the decision should be based on a thorough review and evaluation of the program as we get closer to that goal.

2. Yes

Small business serving local communities and affordable housing should be priorities for land bank-based projects.

3. Yes

The Council's role is to monitor implementation of Consent Decree projects and timelines. Merging Council's sanitary sewer and storm water oversight committees into a single water quality oversight committee and holding monthly meetings will help us meet this commitment.

4. Yes

Urban County Government should make help set up and promote agri-economy tours, so that visitors from all over the world can see what our agricultural economy produces and what we are doing to promote and preserve it.

5. Yes

Any TIF project that I vote to support will be a full partnership of developers, the public, and the Urban County Government.