

K.C. Crosbie

Incumbent

1. Yes

The Purchase of Development Rights Program is an important tool in preserving and protecting our farmland. As an Urban County Council Member, I voted for the increase in Fiscal Year 2009 funding of \$2.4 million so as to secure available matching funds.

2. Yes

As a member of the Urban County Council Planning Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Committee, I will continue to work towards wisely utilizing any available land for redevelopment. It is important that any proposed landbank project revitalize blighted and neglected areas of the city while relieving any future pressure on the Urban Service Boundary, whether the project be affordable housing, new retail space, entertainment venues, etc.

3. Yes

It is the Urban County Council's role to prioritize any and all projects that require funding, including those for the improvement of our sanitary sewer and stormwater systems. Since the Consent Decree is an agreement between the city, the U.S. EPA and the state, it is our responsibility to ensure that these improvement projects are implemented- not just to fix our current ailing systems but to protect against future problems.

4. Yes

In order to ensure the long-term success of our agri-tourism and agri-business industries, we must protect our urban service boundary and precious farm land. As an Urban County Council Member, I will continue to support the PDR Program and infill/redevelopment projects as well as any program that promotes and strengthens Lexington's equine and agricultural industries.

5. Yes

Public participation is essential in any local planning process, not only with tax increment financing, but also with projects like the downtown streetscape. As a council member for a district that lies outside the downtown area, I try to engage the citizens of the 7th district on many issues pertaining to redevelopment around the city by holding neighborhood association round table meetings and writing quarterly updates for the hamburg journal.

Chris Logan

1. Yes

The agricultural/farmland surrounding Lexington not only produces a large economic impact to our community it is also a huge part of what makes Lexington and Fayette county unique; in essence our DNA that separates us and sets us apart.

The goal of 50,000 in easements through the Purchase of Development Rights program by 2020 is currently adequate. However, this represents roughly only 40% of the 126,000 designated agricultural acres that exist outside the Urban Service Boundary, continued evaluation might be needed to further decide if the current goal is adequate or would need to be increased.

2. Yes

I fully support the establishment and continued funding of a landbank and the full utilization of land inside the Urban Service Area. While all infill projects are important to the future growth and health of our city, in my opinion projects that should receive priority funding are ones that increase the affordable housing available in Fayette County.

3. Yes

For far too long our city has ignored the continued problem of our sanitary and storm water sewer systems and allowed for the increased burden on these systems by neglecting proper maintenance and the strain of continued development. The Council will play a role in bringing the standards of our sanitary and stormwater sewer systems up to date, by raising the funds necessary to fix and maintain our sanitary and stormwater systems, and making sure we remain proactive to this need so we do not fail in this vital area again.

4. Yes

Lexington and surrounding farm and equine areas are responsible for 60% of the tourism to the Bluegrass. While there will be an enormous economic impact by the 2010 World Equestrian Games, we must use this world platform to continue to promote and grow agri-tourism to our region and increase the over \$1 billion that is generated from agri-tourism annually.

5. Yes

Tax Increment Financing has tremendous potential for new development and improvements that will make our city and communities better, but there needs to be a process that brings everyone to the table so we can continue to develop the best possible plan for Lexington. The recent CenterPointe development, regardless of individual opinions and emotions about this project, should be used as a starting point for Lexington to forge a new model of how to best implement TIF's, downtown development and public participation throughout the planning process.

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