



FAYETTE ALLIANCE

Candidate Questionnaire

HOUSING

Studies show Lexington needs about 22,500 new housing units across all types to fill the housing gap in our city, but 75% of the needed units are at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). What strategies and locations do you believe Lexington should prioritize for housing growth in order to address these needs?

Lexington's housing shortage is real, and the greatest need is for homes that working families, seniors, and young people can afford. If we truly want to address that gap, we must focus on how many units we build, as well as where and how we build them so housing growth truly serves the people who already call Lexington home.

In order to successfully address the housing gap in Lexington, we should focus on areas with existing infrastructure through infill and redevelopment, but we have to be honest about the challenges that can come with that approach. Too often, new development is concentrated in older, downtown adjacent neighborhoods where lower income and minority residents already live, creating real risks of displacement and rising costs. Growth should strengthen neighborhoods, not push people out of them. That requires community input and an understanding of how development affects everyday life.

We also need a mix of housing options across the city so people at different stages of life and income levels can stay connected to opportunity. Supporting our workforce depends on it. Done right, housing growth helps people stay rooted, protects existing neighborhoods, and keeps Lexington a place where families can build stable lives now and for generations to come.

EXPANSION

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council recently adopted the Preservation and Growth Management Program, which created a data-driven method for considering future expansions of the Urban Service Boundary (USB). What factors do you believe are most important to consider if an expansion of the Urban Service Boundary was proposed to the Council during your term?

If an expansion of the Urban Service Boundary were proposed during my term, the most important consideration would be whether it truly serves the long-term interests of the Lexington community. Any proposal should clearly explain why expansion is being considered and whether growth inside the current boundary is being used responsibly and effectively.

It would also be important to consider the impact on farmland, existing neighborhoods, and public infrastructure. Because Lexington's farmland is central to our economy, growth decisions should reflect how changes to the Urban Service Boundary would affect everyday life, including traffic, public services, and the community we are shaping for future generations.

I would also advocate for a transparent and inclusive process. While data should inform decisions, listening to residents, farmers, planners, and stakeholders across Lexington matters just as much.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION

Agricultural industries, and the farmland that supports them, have an economic impact of \$2.6 billion every year on Lexington-Fayette County's economy and support more than 16,000 jobs across all twelve council districts. What policies do you support that promote Lexington's iconic and productive farmland and protect it from irresponsible future development?

Lexington's farmland is a defining part of who we are and a major contributor to our local economy. I believe protecting it requires thoughtful, balanced decision making that respects both our agricultural heritage and the needs of Lexington as the city grows.

As a councilmember, I would ask thoughtful questions, listen closely to experts and stakeholders, and support land use decisions that reflect community benefits for the long term. I support planning approaches that recognize farmland as an economic and environmental asset.

It's important to approach growth responsibly by encouraging development that makes efficient use of existing areas, while being mindful of the impact decisions can have on surrounding rural land.

It is important to steward our land by working collaboratively with farmers, residents, planners, and fellow councilmembers to ensure future decisions reflect Lexington's values and preserve this resource for generations to come.