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About The Guide

As part of our voter education and outreach programs, our goal is to expand the electorate by creating new and informed voters. The Tennessee Voter Guide is a free, nonpartisan, public resource to help Hamilton County voters make an informed decision in the voting booth on Election Day. The widely popular publication is produced by The Equity Alliance in partnership with DENOR Brands + Public Relations and Tell Publishing and is distributed by a host of community partners.

Publisher's Note

This is a free, nonpartisan publication. The Equity Alliance does not endorse or financially support candidates. Every effort was made to contact each candidate to obtain their profile information. In the event we couldn't reach a candidate, ready available information was captured from the internet. Due to the large number of candidates, candidates' campaign platforms may be edited; Community Affiliations: were limited to five; and those who did not return a profile were only listed by name. Profiles were printed as-is and were only edited for word count, grammar or clarity.



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Dear Hamilton County Voter:



What a time to be alive! At the start of 2020, we already expected this year's election to be the most important of our lifetime. What we didn't expect was to be voting during an unprecedented global pandemic and amid widespread civil unrest and protests against racism. This historical moment is calling for all of us to take direct action that reflects our morals and values. The buck stops with you on Election Day.

Decisions are made everyday on behalf of you, me and our community at different levels of government. As constituents of elected officials, it is our right to choose the best person to represent our interest on issues such as policing, public health, school reopening, voting accessibility amid a pandemic, infrastructure, disbursement of the city budget, and a host of other issues. It is our right to choose the best person who chooses to show up to the table to be our extended voice.

This upcoming Aug 6 election will be your opportunity to say who you want to vouch for you at the state and federal levels. Chattanooga is choosing United States Senators, House of Representatives, State Senators, State House of Representatives, School Board Members, Lookout Mountain School Board Members and Lookout Mountain Commissioners. We need to make sure the people in our circle are registered to vote by the July 7 deadline. We also need to stay vigilant and stay informed on the real-time changes happening to our voting process. A Nashville judge ruled that COVID-19 is a valid reason for every Tennessee voter to request an absentee ballot. No one should have to choose between their health and their right to vote, so be sure to complete your absentee ballot application by July 30. Detailed instructions can be found in this Guide.

No candidate is perfect but who will best represent your beliefs and values? Who is making what's important to you important to them? Who has the better plan to engage the community in reopening the schools and businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic? Who has the better healthcare policy plan? Who has the better plan to reform or abolish policing. Who is collaborating with other elected officials to maximize their policy change efforts? Who is truly going to bring hope to our communities beyond words, tweets and fancy slogans?

The Equity Alliance equips Black Tennesseans and other communities of color with the proper information in the civic process so we all can show up informed on Election Day. The Equity Alliance is proud to provide you our 2020 Tennessee Voter Guide, a free, nonpartisan, public resource for Chattanooga voters to be informed. In this guide, you'll find unbiased candidate profiles, a description of what each elected office does, polling locations and hours, voter ID requirements, a reminder to fill out your Census form. Our goal is to empower you to exercise your right to vote as a means to bring a balance of power to these public offices.

Thank you to our community partners, DENOR Brands and Public Relations, 529 Graphics, Tell Publishing, and our volunteers and distribution partners for their contributions to the 2020 Tennessee Voter Guide. Be sure to share the guide with your family, neighbors, friends, customers and on social media. Visit www.TNVoterguides.com to access our mobile-friendly site and obtain your free copy.

Stay vigilant,

Charlane Oliver
Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director
The Equity Alliance

★ Voter Registration Requirements

To be Eligible to Register to Vote in Hamilton County, Tennessee all of the following qualifications must be met:

- You must be a United States citizen,
- You must be a legal resident of Hamilton County when submitting a voter registration application,
- You must be 18 years of age or older by the date of the next election,
- You must not have been convicted of a felony or, if you have such a conviction, have your voting rights restored as required by state law, and
- You must submit a properly completed voter registration application at least 30 days before an upcoming election.

★ Ways To Register To Vote

Online Voter Registration: <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/>. You must have a Tennessee driver's license or identification issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security in order to submit this application online. If you do not have a Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security ID, you will be able to print the voter registration form and submit by mail.

Register in Person:

Paper Registration: You may complete a paper form at the Hamilton County Election commission office, Department of Safety (motor vehicles division), Department of Health (WIC program), public libraries, and many other designated government agencies.

Once you complete the form, you may either mail-in the application or hand-deliver applications to:
Hamilton County Election Commission:
700 River Terminal Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37406

★ Voter Registration Deadlines

The August 6 election's voter registration deadline is **Tuesday, July 7** by close of business. Deadlines can creep up quickly. Make sure you're registered to vote! New registrations must be postmarked or delivered to the Hamilton County Election Commission no later than thirty (30) days before an election, in order to vote in that election; that is state law.

★ Voter ID Requirements

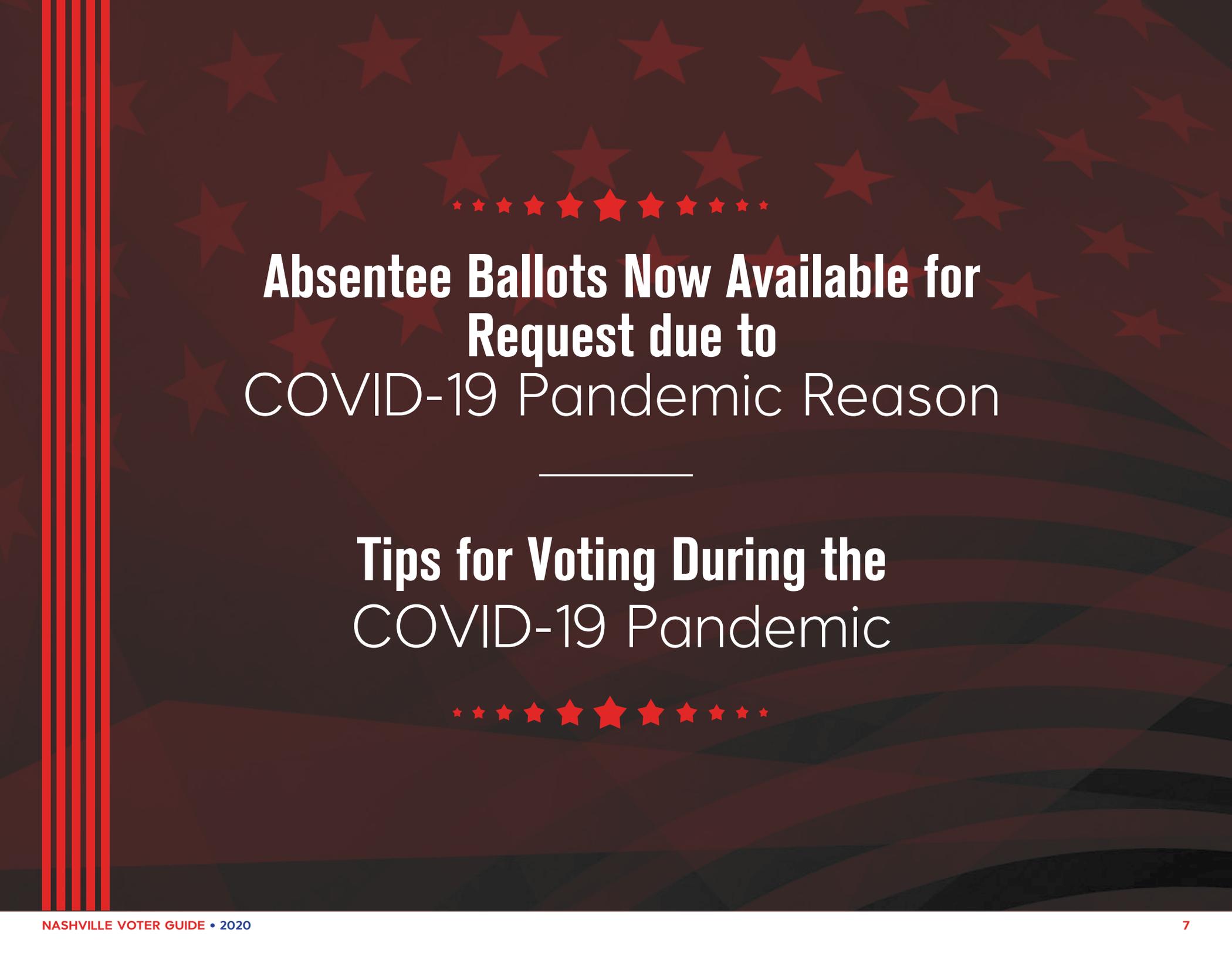
All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day unless an exemption applies. Acceptable forms of ID include, even if expired:

- Tennessee driver's license with your photo
- United States passport
- Tennessee Department of Safety photo ID
- Photo ID* issued by the federal or Tennessee state government
- United States Military photo ID (active or retired)
- Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo



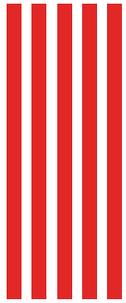
DID YOU KNOW:

These photo IDs may be expired, unless you are voting in Hamilton County for the first time. Student IDs, library cards and photo IDs issued by cities, counties and other states may not be used.



**Absentee Ballots Now Available for
Request due to
COVID-19 Pandemic Reason**

**Tips for Voting During the
COVID-19 Pandemic**



Absentee Ballots Now Available for Request due to COVID-19 Pandemic Reason



Chancery Court Order

On June 4, Davidson County Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle ruled that the state must provide all eligible voters the option to vote absentee in the August and November elections this year. The court ordered the state to:

- ★ Provide any eligible voter who applies to vote by mail in order to avoid transmission or contraction of COVID-19, an absentee ballot in upcoming elections during the pendency of pandemic circumstances.
- ★ Allow those voters who determine it is impossible or unreasonable to vote in-person at a polling place due to the COVID-19 situation to check the box on the absentee ballot application that says they are ill and have that absentee voting request duly processed by the State in accordance with Tennessee law.
- ★ Prominently post on their websites and disseminate to county election officials that voters who do not wish to vote in person due to COVID-19 are eligible to request an absentee ballot.

The Coordinator of Elections issued guidance to local officials the following morning to not immediately comply with the court's decision:

On June 4, Davidson County Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle ruled that the state must provide all eligible voters the option to vote absentee in the August and November elections this year. The court ordered the state to:

- ★ The state told locals not to send out any absentee applications or update their websites or forms yet as the state was working on language.
- ★ If a voter asks for an absentee application because of COVID-19, locals were instructed to take the information but wait until either the state form had been updated or a stay is not granted.

That same evening, the Coordinator of Elections informed locals that the state website and application form had been updated and instructed counties to either use the state form or update theirs with the same language:

- ★ The state website now reads, "Pursuant to the June 4, 2020 Order of the Davidson County Chancery Court, if you are a registered voter and do not wish to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation, you are eligible to request an absentee ballot by mail. You also have the option to vote in-person during early voting or on Election Day."

Email: Vote@HamiltonTN.gov

Phone: (423) 209-8683

Fax: (423) 209-8686

Mail: Hamilton County Election Commission

Attn: Absentee Department

700 River Terminal Road

Chattanooga, TN 37406-1736

- ★ New language has also been added to the absentee eligibility categories

on the state website: “You have determined it is impossible or unreasonable to vote in-person at a polling place due to the COVID-19 situation, and therefore qualify as hospitalized, ill or disabled and unable to appear at your polling place.”

★ The state's absentee request application also has the same language listed as a reason the voter may check for requesting to vote by mail.

On June 9, plaintiffs filed a contempt motion against the state for alleged violations of the judge’s order to immediately begin supplying mail-in ballots to voters who request one.

★ The plaintiffs argue the state's creation of a new eligibility category (rather than allowing voters to check the “illness” excuse) wasn't permitted by the court order and allows election officials to segregate these voters' requests and refrain from processing them.

★ Chancellor Lyle is expected to hold a hearing on the contempt charge on June 11.

Attorney General Appeal

On June 6, the Attorney General filed motions in Davidson County Chancery Court seeking an immediate appeal and a stay pending the appeal.

The state argues that the injunction will cause irreparable harm in multiple ways:

★ From the burden that it places on counties to process “a dramatic influx” of absentee ballot requests and the need to hire people to count the ballots and acquire the space needed to process more ballots.

★ From the costs to counties (while simultaneously cutting budgets across the board) for purchasing and mailing “thousands, if not millions” of absentee ballots that cannot be recovered (if the ruling is overturned).

★ And to the integrity of the elections. The state argues that rushing to expand absentee leads to disenfranchisement and points to examples from other states expanding absentee this year where ballots were not received or returned in time, discovered after Election Day and rejected. The state also requested the court to stay the preliminary injunction pending appeal in order to prevent the above irreparable harm.

What This Means for Absentee Voting

If and until the court stays the injunction, the Chancery Court Order stands. Any voter may now request an absentee ballot if she is concerned about appearing in person at a polling place because of COVID-19.

While the state has updated the eligibility language on its website and absentee ballot request form, the Coordinator of Elections has indicated that counties will only send out absentee ballots if the court's later decisions require it. Voters who submit absentee ballot requests indicating COVID-19 concerns as their reason will thus not immediately have their applications processed.

What happens next could confuse many voters: If courts ultimately side with the state, counties may or may not be required to mail ballots to those voters who applied for them during the time Chancellor Lyle allowed it. The state emphasized this potential confusion in its motion to stay Chancellor Lyle's Ruling.

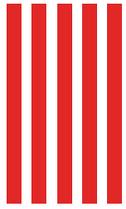
The timeline of these actions is unclear: We do not yet know when the state's appeals will be exhausted or how long the state will wait to mail absentee ballots to voters pending a final decision from the courts.

Important Reminders:

★ Counties will accept absentee ballot requests until July 30

★ Voters are required to mail absentee ballots to the election commission so that it is received by Election Day (August 6). Voters should submit requests and return ballots as soon as possible.

★ If a voter is mailed an absentee ballot and then decides to vote in person (either because they changed their mind or they didn't receive the ballot), they will be required to vote a provisional ballot



TIPS FOR VOTING DURING THE COVID-19 Pandemic

While voting is important, voting safely is more important while COVID-19 is still running rampant. As you decide which method of voting is suitable for you, keep these tips in mind for the upcoming August 6 State and Federal Primary, Local General Election.



- ★ Mail-in Absentee Ballots are optional. The new law requires an option to list COVID-19 as a reason to mail-in your vote. Must apply for the ballot at <http://elect.hamiltontn.gov/> by July 30. Once approved, the completed ballot must be mailed in by Election Day at 7 p.m. to be counted.
- ★ If you're going to do in-person voting, make sure your address is updated to limit the amount of time you have to be in the polling station. Use this link to update your address: <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov>
- ★ Consider early voting during times when there aren't huge crowds and you have the option to choose which polling location to vote. visit <http://elect.hamiltontn.gov/> for early voting locations and times.
- ★ To minimize the amount of time at the polling station, review the Nashville Voter Guide so you'll know who you're voting for before you get there.
- ★ Follow guidelines issued by public health officials, including safe practices when in a public setting like wearing a mask and gloves and practicing social distancing - staying 6 feet apart from everyone.
- ★ Bring your own ink pen to sign documents
- ★ Bring your own disposable gloves and stylus pen to use on the touchscreen while using the voting machine
- ★ Do not take additional people with you who are unable to vote
- ★ Use hand sanitizer before and after you use the voting machine
- ★ If you are sick or test positive for COVID-19, please stay home



DID YOU KNOW:

Did you know that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a cloth face mask that covers your mouth and nose that is secured under your chin? Make sure you can breathe easily and do not touch the mask once you put it on; if you do, wash your hands in soap and water immediately.



2020 Election Calendar

July 7	Voter Registration Deadline
July 17	Early Voting Begins
July 30	Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot
August 1	Early Voting Ends
August 6	Election Day

AUGUST 6TH BALLOT

CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTIONS



FEDERAL PRIMARIES

- United States Senate
- United States House of Representatives - Congressional District 3

STATE PRIMARIES

Tennessee State Senate District 10

Tennessee State House of Representatives - Districts
26 • 27 • 28 • 29 • 30

Democratic State Executive Committee

LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION

County School Board Districts 1 • 2 • 4 • 7

Lookout Mountain School Board

Lookout Mountain County Commission

Sessions Court Judge Division 3

Assessor of Property



UNITED STATES SENATE PROFILES



UNITED STATES SENATE

Each state is represented by two (2) Senators; therefore there are a total of 100 Senators in Congress. A Senator helps create laws with the House of Representatives and serve on committees. Due to the high volume and complexity of its work, the Senate divides its tasks among 20 permanent committees, 4 joint committees, and occasionally temporary committees. The majority leader and minority leader are elected by their respective party conferences to serve as the chief Senate spokesmen for their parties and to manage and schedule the legislative and executive business of the Senate. The Senate has the power to confirm federal judges and try impeachment hearings that the House will start. U.S. Senators are elected to 6-year terms, and approximately one-third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years.





DID YOU KNOW:

Early voting is a great way to beat the long lines on Election Day. You can vote at any one of the 11 locations open, and it gives you more control over fitting voting into your busy schedule.



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: I have extensive experience in the environmental justice movement and as an advocate for human rights.

Education: University of Memphis

Community Affiliations: Defense Depot Memphis, TN-Concerned Citizens Committee Youth Terminating Pollution (Founding member) Mid-South Peace & Justice Center.

Top Three Issues:

- Education
- Healthcare
- Environment



GARY G. DAVIS

Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: financial advisor, part-time bakery worker.

Education: Attended Marshall University

Top Three Issues:

- Partisan Gridlock
- Deficit Spending
- Affordable Care Act



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Employment/Occupation: Meharry Mwwedical College, Chaplain and Ombudsman

Education: Bachelor of Arts from Fisk University, Doctor of Jurisprudence from Emory School of Law, Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School

Community Affiliations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, NAACP, Nashville Branch, Women's Political Caucus, Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Top Three Issues:

- Criminal Justice Reform: Fight for racial equity in policing, sentencing, courts, decriminalizing marijuana, increased funding for neighborhoods through housing and education, and reducing domestic and gun violence.
- Healthcare: Support Medicare for All, increased funding for mental health, a woman's right to choose and full rights for LGBTQIA, innovative farming practices for our food supply, and adoption of the Green New Deal to address the health of our climate.
- Labor: Work to increase the minimum wage to at least \$15, protect rights of workers, social security, and the Older Americans Act. Pass equal pay for equal work.



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Employment/Occupation: Attorney, U.S. Army veteran (helicopter pilot in the 101st Airborne Division, enlisted after 9/11)

Education: Duke University and law degree from University of Washington

Community Affiliations: Active member of the Tennessee Air National guard, member of Reform Synagogue The Temple; married to Rabbi Shana Goldstein Mackler

Top Three Issues:

- Without change I am worried about the future for my family and yours. My wife and I want to raise our two daughters in a nation that celebrates the best of America: an open and welcoming place that is driven by opportunity and ingenuity; a country motivated by courage, not fear; a society where we seek justice, strive for equality, and embrace our neighbors.



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Employment/Occupation: Attorney, Entrepreneur

Education: Harvard University, University of Tennessee

Community Affiliations: Adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School; coaches the Vanderbilt National Moot Court Team; ordained Baptist deacon; teaches Sunday School to youth; member of First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Top Three Issues:

- Emergency Action — stabilize the economy and protect the American people, without bailing out Wall Street
- Financial Market Reform — build a more stable foundation for our economy
- Health Insurance — improve availability and flexibility, while reducing costs



CLIFFORD ADKINS

Candidate Status: Open Seat **Previous elected offices held:** None

Education: Austin Peay University



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Candidate Status: Open Seat **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Owner/Director of The Brooks Academy, a home-school institution

Education: Prairie View A&M University.

Top Three Issues:

- I believe in better living and health benefits for Military Veterans
- I support the funding of mental health services for Americans living in certain circumstances.
- I believe that future college tuition ought to be determined by the current annual cost-of-living.



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Employment/Occupation: Dentist, educator

Education: Tennessee State University, Meharry Medical College, Trevecca Nazarene University

Community Affiliations: Governor's Alliance for a Drug Free Tennessee Founder, Never Ever Drugs campaign Save the Children Coalition, Tennessee Republican Party Statewide Issues and Platform Committee Chairman, Tennessee delegate to two Presidential Conventions, Board member of Nashville's First Church of the Nazarene

Top Three Issues:

- Tennessee Values - Faith, Family and Truth
- Judicial Integrity - I will work to Drain the Swamp in D.C. and Tennessee!
- Jobs and Opportunity - I will fight back against Big Government



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Candidate Status: Open Seat **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Attorney & Former TBI Criminal Investigator

Top Three Issues:

- Push legislation to end all war
- Propose legislation to end racism by ending the concept of race
- Propose legislation that will establish a national identification system



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Employment/Occupation: Pharmacist

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy

Community Affiliations: Member ICBC (International Community Baptist Church), FAAGC (Filipino American Association of Greater Chattanooga)

Top Three Issues:

- Giving a voice back to the forgotten working/middle-class and not the choice of special interest or the political elite in Washington.
- All things Healthcare; Preventative, Affordable, and Access including TN's high rural hospital closures rate and mergers.
- The practice of pharmacy transparency, drug prices, and the disenfranchising of patients and undue burdens on staff. ***Bonus Student loan repayments missing tax expense benefits.



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Candidate Status: Open Seat **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Retired after 44 years in Information Technology; U.S. Navy veteran

Community Affiliations: Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairperson of a Republican District in Shelby County (Memphis); Treasurer and Secretary in the Tipton County Republican Party.

Top Three Issues:

- Term Limits
- Veterans Affairs
- Health Insurance



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Employment/Occupation: Flinn, an electrical engineer turned physician, established a chain of radiology clinics in Tennessee. He also founded Flinn Broadcasting, which owns 40 radio and television stations across the United States.

Education: Bachelor's from the University of Mississippi; Medical degree from the University of Tennessee

Community Affiliations: West Tennessee Director for the Board of the Tennessee Broadcasters Association

Top Three Issues:

- Support judicial appointments that respect the rule of law, and defend the rights of people expressed in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.
- Defend the rights to free speech, religious liberty and freedom of the press as put forth in the First Amendment of the Constitution.
- Without equivocation, every law-abiding citizen in this country has the right to own and bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment, and I will make sure that the federal government does not take those rights away.



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Candidate Status: Open Seat **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan under President Donald Trump; senior leader in the Trump Transition Team; Donald Trump's Tennessee Victory Chair; Former Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; Businessman

Top Three Issues:

- Bill will work to strengthen our economy bring more jobs to our communities
- Stop illegal immigration
- Defend our Second Amendment rights.



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Retired U.S. Marine Corp

Education: Associate's degree in General Studies, Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Master's Degree in Public Administration & current Ph.D student in Leadership Studies

Top Three Issues:

- Ethic and moral representation
- 2. Policies that support the safety and security of the American people
- 3. Protect the freedoms of our rights to defend oneself, freedom of speech, & freedom of religion



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: President and CEO of Indoor Oceans, an aquarium design firm he founded in 1993

Community Affiliations: Board Member of Safe Access Tennessee, which provides science-based educational resources about the importance of treatment options, including medical cannabis for pain management, to legislators and offers advocacy training across the state.

Top Three Issues:

- Healthcare reform
- Support for Veterans
- Education



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Employment/Occupation: Pharmacist

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy

Community Affiliations: Member ICBC (International Community Baptist Church), FAAGC (Filipino American Association of Greater Chattanooga)

Top Three Issues:

- Giving a voice back to the forgotten working/middle-class and not the choice of special interest or the political elite in Washington.
- All things Healthcare; Preventative, Affordable, and Access including TN's high rural hospital closures rate and mergers.
- The practice of pharmacy transparency, drug prices, and the disenfranchising of patients and undue burdens on staff. ***Bonus Student loan repayments missing tax expense benefits.



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Owner of the Piggly Wiggly grocery store brand

Education: Middle Tennessee State University, degrees in Political Science & Social Economics

Community Affiliations:

Top Three Issues:

- Government reform
- Immigration
- Healthcare



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Truck Driver

Education: High School and self-educated Constitutional Scholar (With guidance.)

Community Affiliations: National Rifle Association, Tennessee Firearms Association, 917 Society, Truckers Against Trafficking and Constitutional Patriots

Top Three Issues:

- Restoring Constitutional limits on our Federal Government to protect our Rights and State Sovereignty.
- Cutting Government spending by cleaning up Unconstitutional Federal agencies and streamlining those that are, which will also reduce the ability for them to use regulations as Unconstitutional Law.
- Term limits and ending the lifetime benefits of those serving in both Chambers of Congress, it is a privilege and honor to serve and should not be a lifelong career and retirement plan, paying them well to live in two places is one thing, a lifelong burden on taxpayers is another.



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Education: Lunenburg High School

Community Affiliations: National Rifle Association, Tennessee Firearms Association, 917 Society, Truckers Against Trafficking and Constitutional Patriots

Top Three Issues:

- Term limits
- End the Patriot Act
- Fight for people TN, not lobbyist

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROFILES



UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The U.S. House of Representatives makes and passes federal laws. The House is one of Congress's two chambers (the other is the U.S. Senate), and part of the federal government's legislative branch. Also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district. Among other duties, representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees. The number of representatives with full voting rights is 435, and is proportionate to population per state. Currently, there are five delegates representing the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A resident commissioner represents Puerto Rico. The delegates and resident commissioner possess the same powers as other members of the House, except that they may not vote. The Speaker of the House is the leader of the House, and majority and minority leaders represent their respective parties on the House floor.



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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: U.S. Congressman Tennessee District 5

Education: Undergraduate degree in Political Science from University of Illinois, Doctor of Jurisprudence from University of Tennessee law school

Community Affiliations: National Craniofacial Association, Cherokee Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Chattanooga Bar Association, & Chattanooga Lawyers Pro Bono Committee

Top Three Issues:

- 1. Education
- 2. Foreign Affairs
- 3. Social Security



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Customer Service and Support Team Leader at Whole Foods Market

Education: BS in Hospitality and Tourism, UTK

Community Affiliations: N/A

Top Three Issues:

- Healthcare as a human right
- Elevating our schools and our educators
- Developing policy that helps to protect and empower our most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

TENNESSEE STATE SENATE PROFILES



TENNESSEE STATE SENATE

The Senate is the upper house of the Tennessee General Assembly and is composed of 33 members who are elected to four-year terms of office. They are elected by the voters of their Senate legislative district. A senator must be a citizen of the United States, at least 30 years old, a citizen of Tennessee for at least three years and a resident of the county or district he represents for at least one year before the election. The functions of the Legislature are to enact, amend, and repeal the laws of Tennessee. Some of the specific powers granted to the Tennessee General Assembly by the state Constitution include: the appropriation of all money to be paid out of the state treasury; the levy and collection of taxes; and the right to authorize counties and incorporated towns to levy taxes.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 10 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Candidate Status: Incumbent

Previous elected offices held: Former Second Vice Chair, Education Committee, Tennessee State Senate

Employment/Occupation: Senior Vice President, Wealth Management, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, 1987-present

Education: B.S. in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1972

Community Affiliations: Senate member of the 108th through 111th General Assemblies Board Member, 1994-Present, Awakening, Inc., National Rifle Association Hamilton County Pachyderm Club, Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Valley Safari Club

Top Three Issues:

- Education
- Healthcare reform
- Tax cuts



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Candidate Status: Challenger

Previous elected offices held: None

Employment/Occupation: City of Chattanooga - Assistant Police Chief

Education: Belhaven University

Community Affiliations: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; President of Heritage Green Neighborhood Association; Board Member of the Child Advocacy Center; Advisory Board Member of the Chattanooga Urban Policy Institute

Top Three Issues:

- My 26 years serving as a police officer have shown me firsthand the greatnesses our community - but have also revealed opportunities for growth. Serving this community has shaped my values, and the pillars of our campaign: quality education, criminal justice reform and public safety, and economic mobility.
- Our public schools need more funding, not less. Our criminal justice system is in need of deep reform; I've seen this personally. And lastly, hardworking Tennesseans deserve more opportunity to move up the economic ladder. I commit to prioritizing these initiatives from day one.

TENNESSEE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROFILES



TENNESSEE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House of Representatives is the lower house of the Tennessee General Assembly, composed of 99 members who are elected to two-year terms of office. They are elected by the voters of their House legislative district. A representative must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years old, a citizen of Tennessee for at least three years and a resident of the county he represents for at least one year before the election. In general, the functions of the Legislature are to enact, amend, and repeal the laws of Tennessee, and they can create changes in the form of bills, resolutions and joint resolutions. Some of the specific powers granted to the General Assembly by the state Constitution include: the appropriation of all money to be paid out of the state treasury; the levy and collection of taxes; and the right to authorize counties and incorporated towns to levy taxes. The House also has the power to start impeachment hearings.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 26 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**JOAN
FARRELL**

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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Top Three Issues:

- I'm running because a Living Wage for every Tennessean is Job #1. The bill to raise the Federal Minimum Wage is stalled on Senate Republican Mitch McConnell's desk. States are taking action because the current rate of \$7.25 an hour amounts to only \$15,000 a year for a full time worker. Many have a second job, have no time for family and rely on payday loans for their cars.



**ROBIN T.
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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** State Chair of the Republican Party

Employment/Occupation: Policy Advisor, Mark Green for United States Congress & Columnist

Education: B.S Nursing, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate, Stanford University, Center for Professional Development, Certified Project Manager

Community Affiliations: House member of 111th General Assembly, Abba's House, Hixson, Hamilton County Republican Party, Turning Point USA, Concerned Women for America, The Heritage Foundation, NRA, Tennessee Republican Party

Top Three Issues:

- Healthcare
- Taxes
- Education

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 27 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**PATSY
HAZLEWOOD**

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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: retired from AT&T, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, and as Director of CapitalMark Bank & Trust

Education: Middle Tennessee State University, Bachelor of Science received in Physics and Secondary Education.

Community Affiliations: Chattanooga Rotary Club, Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Bible in the Schools Board

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 28 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Candidate Status: Challenger

Previous elected offices held: Chattanooga City Councilperson (19 years), Chattanooga Public School Board (10 years) and TN House of Representatives District 28 (2 years).

Employment/Occupation: Retired

Education: Howard High School, Chattanooga State

Community Affiliations: Second Missionary Baptist Church, Deacon Bessie Smith Cultural Center, Chair

Top Three Issues:

- Healthcare. Our community is dying of chronic illnesses for lack of basic care in a timely manner. The lack of healthcare for chronic illnesses has made our community more susceptible to COVID-19 and any future pandemics. We have left 1 billion on the table that would help hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans.
- The Basic Education Program (BEP) has to be fully funded as required by law. I also propose we take the new sales tax paid by out of state residents on items purchased on the internet and earmark those funds for our public schools.
- Criminal justice reform. I was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to serve 7 years on the Board of Parole and Probation. It is important to return people back into the community with job and life skills. While on the City Council, I proposed and passed a Ban the Box measure for the City of Chattanooga.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 29 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**MIKE
CARTER**

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Candidate Status: Incumbent

Previous elected offices held: Judge - General Session Court of Hamilton County

Employment/Occupation: Attorney/Businessman

Education: JD, University of Memphis
BS, Pre-Law, Middle Tennessee University

Top Three Issues:

- Annexation/Property Rights
- Taxes
- Roads & highways

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 30 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**ESTHER
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Candidate Status: Incumbent

Previous elected offices held: Vice-Mayor City of East Ridge

Employment/Occupation: L.P.N.

Education: East Ridge High School, Chattanooga School of Practical Nursing

Community Affiliations: Hamilton County Republican Party

East Brainerd Elks Lodge #91, East Ridge Optimist Club

East Ridge Alumni Association, Active member Grace works Church - Chattanooga, TN

Top Three Issues:

- Healthcare- As a nurse, compassion and dedication will always drive my views on healthcare in our state. I will continue to work for more patient control of healthcare decisions. And not for more control by insurance companies or government.
- Public Education - I am a graduate of our public schools and a vocational school. Public schools can & should teach a curriculum that is practical for employment. An education that includes career and technical opportunities. I will continue to advocate for options that work for parents and students.

**JOSEPH
UDEAJA**

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PROFILES



COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The school board represents the public's voice in public education, providing oversight for what the public schools need and what the community wants. An effective school board plays an important watchdog role in keeping your local school on track and setting policies that affect your child and your school. Their job is three-fold: (1) Oversee and evaluate the Director of Schools, (2) Review and approve the school budget, and (3) Develop and update board policies.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 1 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



RHONDA THURMAN

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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Hairdresser at Allure Beauty Salon

Education: Red Bank High School, Highland Beauty Academy

Top Three Issues:

- Education
- Represent views of taxpayer
- Holding superintendent accountable for performance



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Senior Data Analyst

Education: Bachelor's in Organization Management, Master's in Conflict Management and going for a second Master's for Psychology

Community Affiliations: Soddy Daisy Kids Club, Soddy Daisy Middle School Baseball, North Hamilton Basketball League, and Boy Scouts of America

Top Three Issues:

- Improving the school system's infrastructure, particularly with the facilities and technology
- Expanding vocational learning
- Hiring and retaining top talent, in regards to teachers

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 2 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Decosimo Corporate Finance, LLC

Education: BS - Business Administration - Accounting, UT

Community Affiliations: Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club, Richmond Graduate University/Chattanooga Bible Institute board member and past chair, past board memberships on Bible in the Schools, Chattanooga United Way, and Chambliss Home and Shelter.

Top Three Issues:

- The fundamental right of all children to a foundational public education, parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children, and all children have the right to a clean, healthy, and nurturing environment.



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: TrailDrops, Business Partner

Education: MBA, Thunderbird School of Global Management. MA Ministry Leadership, Crown College. BS Bible, Columbia International University

Community Affiliations: Board Member, former Chair and former Treasurer. Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise, Former Board Member, former Chair and former Treasurer, La Paz Chattanooga, Member of the Mayor's Minority Business Taskforce, City of

Top Three Issues:

- The strong continuation of quality education for all our students despite the obstacles we will be presented with next year.
- Continuous improvement of our schools for all our students, so that Hamilton County can become the best district in the state.
- Investment in infrastructure and buildings in order to ensure that all of our students have a quality place to study.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 4 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** Hamilton County Board of Education, District 4

Employment/Occupation: CEO - Lamp Post Properties

Education: B.A. Communication

Community Affiliations: Board Member - Girls Inc of Chattanooga; Board Member - Artsbuild; Board Member - Creative Discovery Museum; Rotary International Member; Young American Leadership Program (YALP) Fellow, Harvard University

Top Three Issues:

- Continued academic achievement in our Opportunity Zone schools, and our most vulnerable students
- Increase in teacher recruitment and retention
- Future ready students and schools

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 7 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Candidate Status: Challenger **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Human Resources Professional (retired)

Community Affiliations: Hamilton County Republican Women

Top Three Issues:

- Build trust
- Improve communication
- Utilizing the voices of the community, parents and teachers.



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Candidate Status: Incumbent **Previous elected offices held:** None

Employment/Occupation: Professor/Chattanooga State Community College

Education: B.S. Secondary Education (Biology), M.Ed. Administration & Supervision, M.A. Exercise Science

Community Affiliations: 22 year educator - 10 years in K-12 and 12 years in higher

Top Three Issues:

- Improving academic achievement
- Improving safety and security
- Improving operational efficiency

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY PROFILES



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Candidate Status: Incumbent

Elected office they are seeking:
Assessor of Property

Previous elected offices held: Hamilton County Commission

Employment/Occupation: Hamilton County Government

Community Affiliations: Hixson Kiwanis Club, Friends of Hixson, Hixson High School Alumni Association, North River Civic Center and the Pachyderm Club

Top Three Issues:

- Fairness
- Accountability
- Integrity

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMISSION PROFILES



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMISSION

In a county commission form of government, a body of elected commissioners serves both the executive and the legislative duties, meaning they enact local ordinances and administer them. They approve budgets, oversee spending and hire county employees. The commission usually consists of three to five officials. There are five Lookout Mountain Commission seats and they serve a two-year term.



JIM BENTLEY | **WALKER JONES** | **DAVID PASCHALL** | **BROOK PIPPENGER** | **FRANK SCHRINER**

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD PROFILES



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD

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HAVEN GLASCOCK

JAMES HALEY

KAREN C. WELBORN

SESSIONS COURT JUDGE PROFILES



SESSIONS COURT JUDGE

General sessions judges have the authority to issue search and arrest warrants. They also have power to set bonds for persons released from custody pending resolution of their case. General sessions courts also conduct preliminary hearings on criminal charges prior to these cases being bound over to the grand jury.



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General Sessions Judge, Division III- unexpired term, criminal court

Employment/Occupation: Founding Partner Speak, Webb, Turner & Newkirk PLLC

Education: The Cumberland School of Law at Samford University
Middle Tennessee State University, BA History

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS & TIMES



Early voting is a great way to beat the long lines on Election Day. You can vote at any one of the 11 locations, and it gives you more control over fitting voting into your busy schedule.

At the time of this publication, the Chattanooga Election Commission have not posted the times and locations for early voting so keep checking <http://elect.hamiltontn.gov/> for that information

★ Election Day

Thursday, August 6 • Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote at your assigned Election Day polling locations, which can be found on your voter registration card or at this link:

www.elect.hamiltontn.gov

Watch the video to see how to use the paper ballot on election day: <http://elect.hamiltontn.gov/>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GETTING YOUR VOTING RIGHTS RESTORED ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Getting your voting rights back may be easier than you think! If you have been convicted of a felony and you finished your court ordered obligations, there's still hope when it comes to being an engaged citizen and voter. The state of Tennessee has the right to deny any person convicted of "infamous crimes" from voting. A Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights Form may be used to restore an individual's voting rights after being convicted of a felony.

★ You may be eligible to get your voting rights restored if:

- You received a pardon.
- You completed the maximum sentence imposed for the crime.
- You were granted final release from incarceration or supervision by the board of paroles, the department of correction, or county correction authority.
- You paid back any court order restitution.
- You paid off all child support obligations.
- You paid all court ordered court costs

★ Conditions under which you cannot have your voting rights restored:

- You were convicted between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1996 of first degree murder, aggravated rape, treason or voter fraud.
- You were convicted between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 2006 of murder, rape, treason or voter fraud.
- You were convicted on or after July 1, 2006 of any of the above, or any degree murder or rape or any offense under TCA Title 39, Chapter 16, parts 1, 4 or 5 designated as a felony or any violation containing the same elements and designated as a felony in any other state or federal court; or any sexual offense under TCA S 40-39-202 or any violent sexual offense under TCA S 40-39-202 designated as a felony or any violation containing the same elements and designated as a felony in any other state or federal court and where the victim of such offense was a minor.

★ If you meet the requirements in above, you have two (2) options for restoring your voting rights:

1. Court Order a) Obtain a certified court order restoring your rights in either the county in which you currently reside or the county in which you were convicted. b) Bring the certified copy of that original order to the office of the county election commission in the county in which you reside.
2. Certificate of Restoration (recommended):
 - a) Access the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights on the Tennessee

Secretary of State's Website: <https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/if-i-have-felony-conviction-can-i-vote>. Have the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights completed by:

- i. The pardoning authority or an agent or officer of the supervising or incarcerating authority; and/or PLEASE NOTE: If there are multiple felonies, the form must be filled out for each felony with a different docket/case number.
- ii. An agent of the circuit/criminal court clerk

This form must be completed by the Criminal Court Clerk's Office, your probation officer, or your parole officer upon your completion of your parole responsibilities. If not, we recommend you call to set up an appointment with the following agent for Hamilton County:

Vince Dean

Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk
102 Courts Building
600 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN
Phone: 423-209-7500

- b) Bring the completed Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights to the office of the county election commission in the county in which you reside.

Once you have completed either #1 or #2 above, the county administrator of elections shall send a copy of the Certificate to the Coordinator of Elections for verification. Upon verification that you do not have any outstanding child support obligations due, you may be registered to vote.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ VOTING AS A COLLEGE STUDENT ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Voting as a college student is important and can be confusing. Here's some information on what to do:

★ Registering To Vote

College students should register to vote in the county/state of your permanent residence address (the address you consider to be your permanent home while enrolled). Students do not lose their residence solely by attending college away from home. If your permanent address is out-of-state, you may use your campus address to register to vote in Tennessee. Once you decide to register, you now become a resident of Tennessee. You are allowed to use your campus address on the voter registration form. No photo identification is required to register to vote as an out-of-state student.

If you have taken actions to make your school address your permanent residence address (moving your car registration, driver license, etc.), then you should register in the applicable county/state using your school address

★ Out-Of-State Students

If your permanent residence address is out-of-state, you should go to an ROTC office or military recruitment office. If you need to register in person (in order to obtain an absentee ballot), but will not return to your home state before the registration deadline, go to an ROTC office on a college campus or military recruitment office to submit an in-person registration. The ROTC/Recruitment Office will mail your voter registration application to your local county election office marked as in-person

You must be cautious of any college scholarships you receive that requires you to be a resident of your home state. You could lose those scholarships! For this reason, the Election Commission encourages students to register in their home state whenever possible, but it is your choice.

★ Going To The Polls:

You cannot go vote at your polling place with an out-of-state driver's license. You must bring a federally-issued government ID, such as a passport or military ID. A college ID is not an acceptable form of identification to vote in Tennessee. If you are a registered voter and do not have a government-issued photo ID, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security will provide you with a photo ID at no charge. Visit the Department of Safety and Homeland Security's website to learn more: <https://www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/photoids.html>

★ Voting Absentee

If a student or their spouse is outside of the county during the time of the election, they have the option of completing an absentee vote. If you registered to vote by mail, you must vote in person the first time you vote. If this is not your first time voting, you may request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. You can find the Absentee Ballot Request Form online at <http://www.nashville.gov/Election-Commission/Voters.aspx>. You must request an absentee ballot by July 30, 2020 to vote in the August 6 Election

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ POLL WATCH: IF YOU ARE BEING TURNED AWAY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

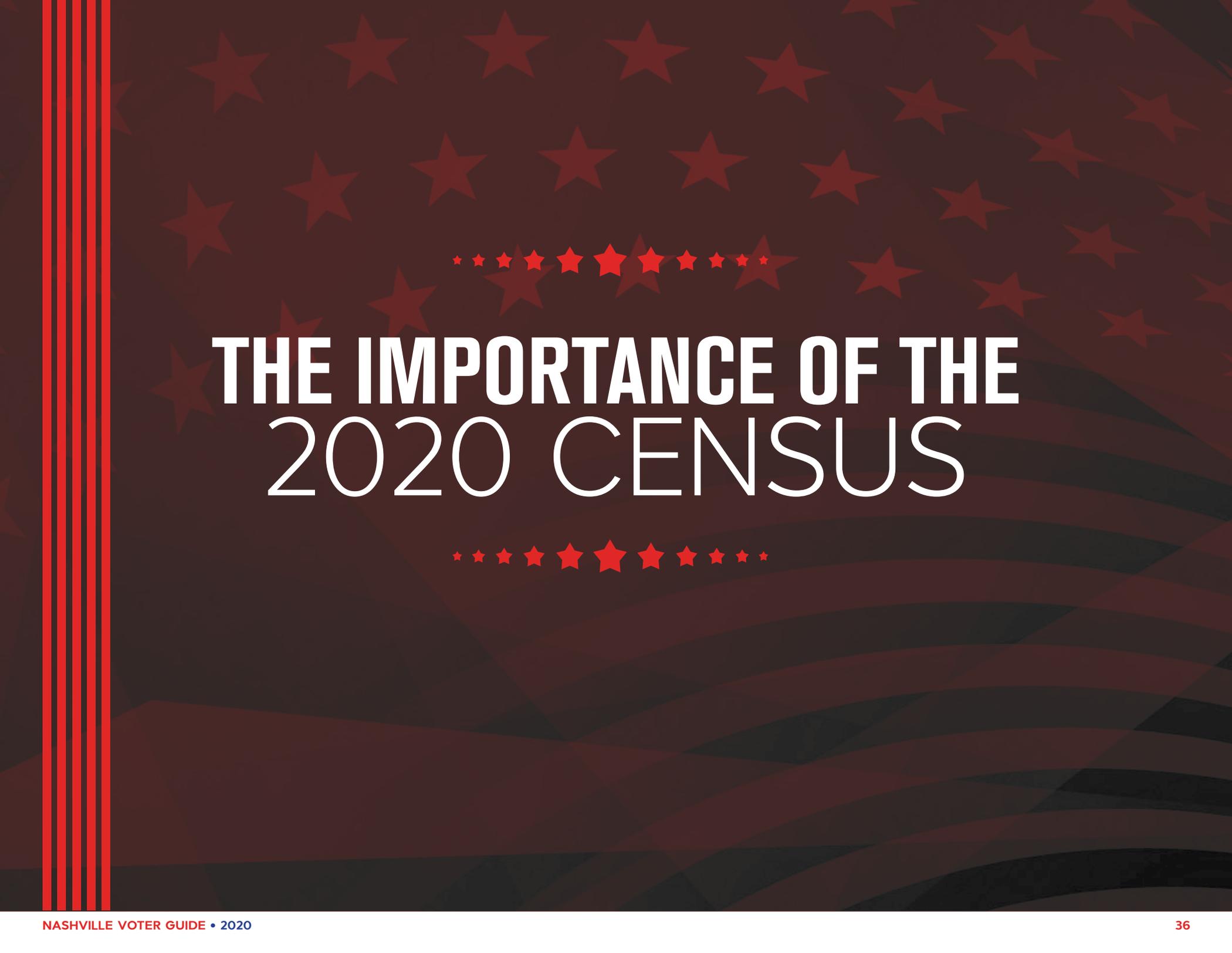
Being turned away at the polls CAN and DOES happen. If you are turned away, stay calm, and contact the following IMMEDIATELY before leaving the polling location:

Tennessee Secretary of State
615-741-7956 • 877-850-959
www.state.tn.us/sos/election

ACLU Tennessee
615-320-7142
www.aclu-tn.org/gethelp.htm

Election Protection
866-OUR-VOTE (687.8683)
<https://866ourvote.org/>

US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Voting Section 800-253-3931 voting.section@usdoj.gov



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
2020 CENSUS



YOU DESERVE TO BE COUNTED

The U.S. Constitution requires that we take a count – or a census – of America's population every ten years. The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the count and serves as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy. The Decennial Census is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.



Visit www.2020census.gov to complete the census.
The deadline to respond is October 31, 2020.

What to Expect: The census is a simple survey. 95 percent of households will receive their census invitation in the mail; Almost 5 percent of homes receive their invitation from a census taker going door-to-door; and less than 1 percent will be counted in person by a census taker. The Census Bureau is offering online responses in 2020. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone.

Confidentiality: All information provided to the Census Bureau is confidential and protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. All Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent data, and they face a felony conviction if this oath is broken.

Why Being Counted Matters: The data collected in the census is used to determine where and how billions of dollars are spent on critical programs, such as Medicaid, Head Start, SNAP, and more. It's also used by businesses to decide where to open new stores, offices, and factories – creating jobs in many communities.

Redistricting: In Tennessee, the congressional and state legislature districts are redrawn based on Census data. When population distribution changes in the state, political district boundaries must shift too to ensure each district has roughly the same population. The Tennessee General Assembly will draw the new district lines in time for the 2022 election.

Reapportionment: The number of congressional districts in a state may shift based on increases or decreases in population over the previous decade, which affects congressional representation and state electoral votes. This reapportionment of seats in the House of Representatives and resulting change in electoral votes helps dictate the geographic shift in political power within the United States.

Government Resource Allocation: Over \$400 billion per year is allocated throughout the nation with help from census data, including programs such as public health, education and infrastructure, as well as academic and commercial research. State and local funds are often distributed based on population; every person is important when advocating for funding. The strength of census statistics and data also helps inform many public policy proposals at all levels of government.

The census is about money and power and representation. This survey is critical to ensuring our communities get the resources and support needed to thrive. The census is how we get access to resources. It's how we get access to power. It's how we leverage our presence.

Election Commission Contact Info

Questions? Concerns? Address all confusion by contacting the Election Commission.

Below are their office hours, contact information, and locations.

Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

On Election Day the polls are open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Email: Vote@HamiltonTN.gov

Website: <http://elect.hamiltontn.gov/ContactUs.aspx>

Phone: 423-209-VOTE (8683) - General Information

Main Office

700 River Terminal Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

All candidate and voter services are available at the Main Office.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ABOUT THE EQUITY ALLIANCE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Established in November 2016, The Equity Alliance proactively advocates for communities of color to have a fair and just opportunity at realizing the American dream. We are a Nashville-based, nonpartisan, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to equip citizens with tools and strategies to engage in the civic process and empower them to take action on issues affecting their daily lives.

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