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What are your top budget priorities as a member of Metro Council?

There are two main functions of government as far as I am concerned and they are public safety and infrastructure.

I have always advocated in the budget cycle to give the police what they need to do their job. In recent years I have supported the Shotspotter technology and placing it back in the budget after it had been cut the cycle before.

Recently, after asking the question in the public safety committee of Major Humphries what was his opinion regarding changing policy to eliminate use of force or funding resources that would reduce officer stress with snap decision making, he stated that the officers need a training facility. The one they had was taken away from them 8 years ago. I think this needs to be a priority as well as a new police HQ which is crumbling and unsafe.

Our roads have been neglected for decades. For the past several years I have advocated to increase funding for repairing our roads from several million to almost \$20M. Businesses need safe roads to transport goods and services and it doesn't create a good impression of our city to out of town guests or businesses that are thinking of locating here, when our roads are crumbling or unsafe.

What steps do you think Metro Council should take to address racism and inequality in Louisville?

1) Unfortunately we do not have any control over JCPS as it is its' own taxing entity, but I think that we need education opportunities that incorporate school choice and the choice of attending your neighborhood school.

Not every student learns the same way. One way to address inequality is to make sure that we have a diverse and educated workforce, which is why I also support vocational training and learned skills in advance manufacturing and technology.

2) Nonprofits with a history of positive outcomes. Many nonprofits come before us seeking financial assistance to address inequality and most often they do not have a track record of being able to produce measurable outcomes. I will and do support nonprofits that elevate the father's importance in the home to provide emotional and financial stability such as the African American led 2not1. A fatherless home is one of great concern to me as it compounds the issue of poverty and especially boys not being able to reach self actualization.



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What are your top transportation and infrastructure priorities for your district?

As previously stated making sure that we are funding our road repair. I have also used District 18 capital as well as neighborhood development funds to pave roads that needed to be fixed and by doing this got them paved several years sooner than where they were on public works paving schedule.

I also will be working with the state to make improvements on Moser rd. at Watterson Trail. This year I funded lighting but more work needs to be done. Last year I funded a R turn lane on Lowe rd to alleviate congestion.

I have also purchased a radar smart machine for my District that we use upon request for problem roads and it has been so popular I am purchasing another one this year alone with 6 solar radar poles for problem roads in the District.

In past years I have partnered with Tarc \$50/50 to place sidewalk connectivity for better access to bus stops the most recent being . on Taylorsville rd.

What are your views on the state of land development and redevelopment in Louisville?

My District is mostly already developed. However, there are infill opportunities. We need to make sure that we support road and traffic infrastructure that supports development.

We need to have a better system of permitting so that developers and contractors are not held up by Metro Government waiting on the necessary permits.

We need t make sure our regulations are not so onerous as to drive away good development.



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What are your top economic development priorities for your district?

Economic development should be determined by the free market. Competition drives a better product. My philosophy is for government to stay out of the way and let the free market be a success and government to not do things that get in the way of opportunity and success. District 18 is rich in business opportunity, so I will let the entrepreneurs and free market prosper, and applaud and support their efforts.

I support measures that foster business development, as in don't raise taxes, and don't pass obtrusive regulations. And again I support infrastructure and have invested heavily in my two parks which provides quality of life amenities attractive to developers and businesses

What steps do you think Metro Council should take to address homelessness and housing in Louisville?

We have added funding- more every year to address homelessness. The down side is that when Metro government produces a product it is always so costly and the dollars don't go as far to address the issue. I have seen through the budget process what metro government pays for some of these homes and complexes to address homelessness and it concerns me.

I do support the landbanks efforts to turn over abandoned homes, where the tax liens are waived and they can be repurposed quicker.

I love the work that the Fuller Institute and Habitat for humanity does because they can do so much more for a much better cost than Metro government ever has been able to do. This is why I have advocated for them to receive their full ask going through the external grant agency during budget season.



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What policies would you support to reduce violent crime and make Louisville a safer city?

Two years ago I was one of the Councilmembers that called for the replacement of chief Conrad. Our officers need a leader that supports them. Our residents need to know we have a police chief that is vigilant.

We need to address the fact that we are a city that is attractive to gang members. Recently I inquired as to how many gang members are in Louisville. We have about 1400 gang members most of which are coming from Detroit and Chicago.

With the deteriorating family unit, cultural and societal decay, and substance abuse we need to continue medical help for substance abuse but also change our reputation from a city of appeasement to one that supports law and order.

We need to maintain our officer strength, increase their starting pay, supply longer and better training, and not continue to shed officers.