

Lexington district council contests



3RD DISTRICT: WHERE THEY STAND

Diane Lawless

Age: 56 **Residence:** 315 Hanover Court
Occupation: Retired director of the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center and community activist
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration and master's in social work, University of Kentucky
Public office: None
Family: Divorced; two adult sons **Web site:** www.dianelawless.com



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Our older neighborhoods and a comprehensive downtown plan. Plan: LFUCG departments working together and trained volunteers to cite violations. Incentives to return properties to homeowner-occupied. A comprehensive plan for downtown in ordinance. Community input before changes are made.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Saving our neighborhoods and downtown. Ordinances are not being enforced and our neighborhoods are suffering. We must be bike and pedestrian friendly, have art and entertainment, and support local businesses. I have creative plans to solve problems and build community.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Lexington fees haven't been adequate to maintain infrastructure. This is a mandate. It is a quality-of-life, environmental and safety issue. Nobody wants higher fees, but in older neighborhoods, rains bring sewage in yards and basements, and flooding.

Don Pratt

Age: 63 **Residence:** 210 Walton Avenue
Occupation: Foster parent and former owner of Woodland Grocery
Education: Attended the University of Kentucky and the University of Michigan
Public office: None **Family:** Divorced; three children and more than 40 foster children **Web site:** None



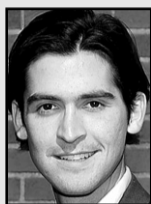
What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 What is needed is strength, independence and unselfish leadership free from yes men, high-priced consultants or prejudicial advice of power brokers. I will serve with courageous openness, welcoming honest input from citizens and astute observers within our community.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Being the only candidate giving huge amounts of energy to water distribution, my leadership will dynamically prepare Lexington for the 2013 franchise fee renewal. Pushing for an effective voluntary Reverse 911 System phone-call system for emergencies is my pledge.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 I'm the only candidate who's fought excessive rise in rates of Kentucky American Water's stupid planning, which also means huge, higher sewer bills. Because local administrators "blow smoke," I will demand accountability and listen to critical thinking for palatable solutions!

Jonathan Rodgers

Age: 28 **Residence:** 327 Aylesford Place
Occupation: Freelance photographer and carpenter
Education: Bachelor's in music, Vanderbilt University
Public office: None
Family: Single
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What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 The current budget crisis; the FY2009 deficit of \$30 million, a struggling pension system for our first responders, and failing infrastructure. Entering office with an in-depth understanding of STARS resource planning system, allowing an understanding of fiscal accountability.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Enacting legislation and creating policy that ensures that Lexington grows and thrives to become the strong, healthy, vibrant and diverse urban city my generation and that of my children will be proud to call home 20 years down the road.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Yes. The opportunity to upgrade the infrastructure over time and within budgetary bounds was lost when this looming issue was ignored by the council over the past few decades. We need forward-thinking progress to ensure change for tomorrow.

Eric Thomason

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Family: Single
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What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Underfunded infrastructure and basic services are Lexington's most pressing problems. Crumbling sewers, streets, inadequate code enforcement, and police and fire are just a few examples. Ensuring allocated monies are spent appropriately and finding creative revenue streams are the answers.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 My top goal is incremental implementation of plans adopted/soon to be adopted by the city. (e.g. College Town plan, downtown master plan, downtown entertainment/arts plans). Through implementation, an overall better quality of life can be achieved.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Our sewer infrastructure is outdated and inadequate. Needed and mandated improvements require additional funding. I support the user-fee increases. As a caveat, additional funding must subsidize sewer improvements, planning for future needs, and encouraging conservation to offset added costs.

Garry Weston

Age: 29 **Residence:** 222 Bolivar Street, #217
Occupation: Physician-services coordinator for Central Baptist Hospital
Education: Bachelor's in health-care administration and master's in business administration; University of Kentucky
Public office: None **Family:** Single **Web site:** www.garryweston.com



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 The most pressing problem is balancing our growth and development while maintaining the historic neighborhoods, campus communities, and the beautiful farmland for which Lexington is known. I will "fix" this problem by further encouraging urban infill and redevelopment initiatives.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 My goal would be to serve as a voice and representative for all the citizens of the 3rd District. Many diverse lifestyles have converged in this district, in work and residence, which should be heard from on a regular basis.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Yes, I support the sanitary sewer user-fee increase, as well as the proposed storm-water fee. In order to comply with the consent decree, and for public health and safety reasons, these are necessary increases.



5TH DISTRICT: WHERE THEY STAND

Cheryl Feigel

Age: 60 **Residence:** 301 Colony Boulevard
Occupation: Retired **Education:** Bachelor's in human environmental science and master's in interior design, University of Kentucky. **Public office:** Mayor of Colleyville, Texas, for one year; four years on Colleyville's city council **Family:** Husband, Phil; two adult children; two grandchildren. **Web site:** www.cherylfeigel.com



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 The most pressing problem is a serious lack of revenue. I would advocate a collaborative effort between state government, Commerce Lexington, UK and the city focused on a strategic plan to create new industries, new jobs and new revenue streams.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Public safety has the highest priority in my platform and will require a strategic plan for economic development to create necessary revenue to meet nationally accepted public safety standards for a city of this size.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Increasing sewer user fees was not optional to meet EPA lawsuit requirements, due to decades of neglect. A comprehensive plan to address storm water is critical to prevent merely shifting flood waters. Any fee must be fair to all taxpayers.

Richard Marrs

Age: 40
Residence: 1929 Blairmore Road
Occupation: Owner of Richard Marrs Advertising
Education: Bachelor's in telecommunications, University of Kentucky
Public office: None
Family: Wife, Melanie; four children **Web site:** None



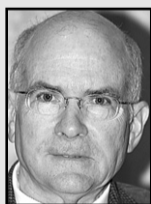
What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Sewer and storm-water drainage is the most pressing problem. We need to use the best and least-invasive process for repairs so as not to interfere with residential property and traffic and keep the citizens informed throughout the process.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Improving public safety by supporting the police and fire departments and keeping taxes low while providing incentives for businesses to grow and relocate to Lexington. Maintaining open lines of communications with citizens of Lexington, the mayor and fellow council members.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Yes. I support the increase to deal with what has been a long-term problem that needs to be corrected for the safety and welfare of our community.

Edward Norton

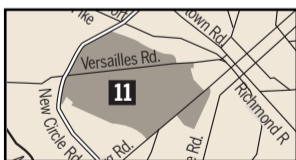
Age: 58 **Residence:** 328 McDowell Road
Occupation: Insurance salesman for the Knights of Columbus
Education: Bachelor's in political science, Eastern Kentucky University
Public office: None
Family: Single **Web site:** edwardnortonforcouncil.com



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Public safety is the basic reason for government. This means protection from crime, but also public health (sewer repair), traffic, fire, emergency services, etc. Fiscal responsibility demands budgeting these services without placing an undue tax burden on our citizens.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 I would work diligently with the council and mayor to promote a safe and prosperous Lexington for our citizens. I would seek out and listen to the concerns of those I represent and respond to their needs promptly.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Not as structured. The present fee is an overcharge not tied to the debt-retirement schedule for these improvements. It should match the actual expense to retire the debt, and upon final payment, we should require expiration of the tax.



11TH DISTRICT: WHERE THEY STAND

Peggy Henson

Age: 52
Residence: 143 Garrett Avenue
Occupation: Assistant director of job placement for Employment Solutions
Public office: Council member since January
Family: Husband, Ron; two adult daughters; four grandsons **Web site:** None



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 The most pressing problem for Lexington is development, which benefits our city greatly with increased employment and revenue. Infill and redevelopment is a good way to enhance the appearance of our city, while meeting the economical needs.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 My top goal as a member of council is to represent the residents of the 11th District. I love Lexington and will give great care and concern when making decisions that could affect us now and in the future.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Lexington's sanitary sewer and storm water systems are in critical need of repairs, which have been neglected for years. Increasing the user fees will provide needed funds to make these crucial repairs. Our water quality has to be a priority.

Ellen Hollon

Age: 68
Residence: 750 Shaker Drive, #425
Occupation: Retired buyer for YH America
Public office: None
Family: Widow; three adult children; six grandchildren
Web site: None



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Budget shortfall of \$25 million (plus). Must maintain what is required by the charter, cut back on what is not a necessity. Eighty percent of budget comes from payroll taxes; must collect all that is due.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Communication. The council must communicate and understand each other's problems. District 11 representative must meet with their district often to hear the issues and work on the problems. This has not been done enough in the past.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Yes, we have no choice. Sanitary sewers, storm water are a huge problem in District 11.

Logan Weiler III

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Education: Bachelor's in psychology, University of Kentucky
Public office: None
Family: Wife, Sarah; three children **Web site:** www.loganweileriii.com



What is Lexington's most pressing problem? How would you fix it?
 Ten years ago it was sewers; the city didn't address it and we are paying for it now. Today, the issue is illegal immigration; likewise, the city is unwilling to aggressively address it.

What would be your top goal as a member of council?
 Improve the quality of life in District 11, just as I have done on a neighborhood level. My goal is for people to feel safe walking on any street in the 11th, day or night.

Do you support the recent sanitary sewer user fee increase, as well as the proposed storm water fee?
 Not in its current form. They are open-ended increases. If a fee increase is necessary to fix a problem, then a fee reduction should be planned upon successful resolution of that problem.