

COUNTY COMMISSION - DISTRICT 8

DEBBIE NOTLEY



1. Why are you running for this position?

The enjoyment I get living in Maury County and our community makes me want to be involved; I'd like to do my part to maintain the quality of life that residents have come to enjoy. Being retired, I can direct my time, energy and enthusiasm to the betterment of Maury County.

2. What specific experience and qualifications do you have that make you the ideal candidate for this position?

My many years of public service with the Placer County Sheriff's Office as a Community Service Officer and Crime Prevention Specialist have afforded me the opportunity to be proficient in public speaking, collaboration, problem solving, budgeting and planning. I have experience in studying plans to project the needs of the community as it pertains to law enforcement and emergency response (past President, Law Enforcement Environmental Planning Association).

3. What do you see as the top 3 priorities for Maury County and how do you plan to contribute to accomplishing those priorities?

I see growth, infrastructure and homelessness as top priorities in this County. While I appreciate that growth is necessary and inevitable, we must take a hard look at the seemingly unrestricted growth that's happening, and even consider a moratorium on so many new projects until proper infrastructure is in place. We're rapidly losing our precious resource of beautiful farmland, and have to work to protect that for future generations. Many roads in the County are badly in need of repair, and the problem is only exacerbated by the large volume of construction trucks, going to and from these new construction sites. I believe that impact fees for developers are not only fair but necessary and will work hard to pursue this option so we're not continuing to kick the can down the road. Our schools are already at/over capacity, and these development and impact fees could be earmarked for specific infrastructure issues. We need to recognize that this rapid growth is quickly displacing the working poor in our community – the increasing property values and rents are literally pricing long term residents out of their homes. While no one wants it "in my backyard", there needs to be affordable housing in place for both short and long term solutions. Our very benevolent community agencies (Family Center, Room In The Inn, Harvest Share, etc) are being stretched to their limits, and we need to do what we can to support these valuable resources at every possible opportunity.

4. How do you plan to work collaboratively with each municipality to ensure the decisions being made are in the best interest of Maury County as a whole?

I would like to work with each municipality by being as informed as possible as to what they are doing, and how we can combine our efforts. There are so many facets to local government, so we need to work together to find creative solutions and contribute to each other's goals.

5. Maury County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state and country. This tremendous growth will require new and improved infrastructure (i.e., schools, roads, water, etc.). How do you plan to provide these infrastructure improvements, including any required funding?

I would provide for infrastructure improvements by continuing the push for impact fees, earmarking funds from new tax dollars to specific areas of need. Dialog with realtors and developers along this line is critical, as we need to somehow lessen and share this tax burden.

6. How do you define thoughtful and sustainable growth in Maury County?

Thoughtful and sustainable growth is growth that is responsible to the community, both current and future. For it to be sustainable, we have to model a working platform by pursuing the Connect Columbia growth plan that Clarion is establishing. Our beautiful rural and necessary agricultural areas are an asset to the County, and by adhering to the zoning that we already have in place, can be sustained.

7. Quality education and a diverse workforce are vital for the successful growth of Maury County and its municipalities. If elected, how would you improve these areas?

Quality education and a diverse workforce can best be achieved by improving and creating CTE partnerships with new business and various industries. For varied reasons, not all students are able to pursue higher education, but all students deserve the right to be educated at the highest level possible, so they can become contributing members of the community.

8. How do you plan to communicate with, and be available to, your constituents?

I plan to communicate with my constituents through social media and personal contact, and will be available to them by phone and/or email.

9. What does a successful term look like to you?

A successful term would be serving the community and the Commission with thoughtful and considered decisions that are in the best interest of Maury County.

10. If elected, how do you plan to partner with the Maury County Chamber & Economic Alliance to make Maury County the best place to live and work?

Partnering with the Chamber and Economic alliance as a Commissioner would include being involved in events and activities together that promote Maury County.

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