

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

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Bernie Cox	Please note that as an outsider non politician, the general population is not privy to adequate and reliable sources of information. As Mayor, my priority is to concern myself with both aisles of the

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	<p>conversation in order to understand what is best for Nashville residents as opposed to insider politicians.</p>
<p>Freddie O'Connell</p>	<p>I do not think the way we have implemented participatory budgeting is a particularly good model, but I do want to figure out how we have better overall conversations about how we make public investments as a city.</p> <p>Overall, I think the Office of Community Safety has worked well, and we have encouraging early data from Partners in Care. I'm excited to continue reviewing data and best practices to ensure that our spending priorities match our needs as a city.</p>
<p>Heidi Campbell</p>	<p>Regarding some questions above, LPR technology has saved lives and is helpful in data aggregation if it's used effectively. I am in support of allowing MNPD to utilize license plate reader technology for the purpose of criminal investigations, but not for use in enforcing ticket collection and fees. I am glad that MNPD does not intend to use LPR tech for traffic violations. I am concerned about the cost, and believe police records around LPR use must be made public if it's going to happen at all. And I share the concerns of residents and advocates concerned about racial profiling and potential data abuse, and program reports must be transparent. I WILL commit to doing everything possible to significantly limit its use so that it is NEVER employed in a way that allows for inequity or bias. Regarding ShotSpotter, I want to learn more about this, but as much as it allows for racial or demographic bias I am very concerned about it!</p> <p>Regarding funding for participatory budgeting, I am committed to providing dedicated and recurring funding, and I look forward to working with you to determine what this should be. Public safety is the most important job of a mayor. If our residents are not safe everything else is irrelevant. Nashvillians must ALL feel safe regardless of their income or the color of their skin. Right now this is not the case, and our black and brown family are unsafe with regard to our policing. I commit to prioritizing residents who feel most unsafe and marginalized.</p>

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Burkley Allen	Participatory Budgeting has worked well in Nashville to allow the community to determine what capital projects are the community's priority. Because it requires the support and cooperation of multiple Metro Departments (Parks, General Services, NDOT), there is benefit to having a department that has authority over those departments coordinating. We should look at ways to involve trusted community organizations to ensure people have confidence in the process and to reduce the chance that the program goes away if a new mayor does not see it as a top priority.
Chris Crofton	In my opinion, the more resources we devote to social services, the less we'll need to devote to policing. The community AND the police will be safer.
Ronnie E Greer, Sr	i believe that to predetermine the allocation of funds without more specifics would not be in the best interest of the citizens of the city.
Arnold Hayes	<p>THE BUDGET. The mayor has overwhelming influence in the budget process. Council can propose an alternative budget, but it must meet a higher bar or threshold to be approved. This process needs to be changed. The Council needs a greater role in this process and Nashville taxpayers need a more meaningful role in this process.</p> <p>GOVERNANCE. I will push for System Change in the Nashville government! The community needs more of a voice in the direction and operation of our city, including more involvement in the budget process, board appointments, and public safety to name a few. Nashville is better when people from all walks of life are heard. Stakeholders are almost always at the table, but there needs to be more of an effort to include those that are negatively affected by the decisions being made. We need more bottom-up ideas rather than top-down directives.</p> <p>PUBLIC SAFETY. We need to work toward creating a public safety environment that is conducive to protecting both citizens and sworn officers. Nashville is becoming more dangerous for all of us with assault weapons on the street, relaxed open carry laws, and a lack of background checks. We need gun reform! We need to do something -- whether background checks or banning assault weapons. We applaud police officers for running into danger, as in the case of the Covenant mass murders. But why not work on eliminating the danger in the first place.</p>

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	<p>If we are to have a safer city for all, it is critical that the incoming mayor and Council lead the way in insisting that we support the Community Oversight Board. It has been proven over time that police accountability enhances community trust and makes cities safer.</p> <p>Nashville is yet to effectively address the issue of mental health and policing. The co-response model with the combination of police and mental health professionals, was chosen instead of a community-driven model backed by seasoned advocates that centered the expertise of mental health professionals. There needs to be more mental health funding that allows both police and social workers to do the jobs that they are trained for.</p>
Olivia Hill	
Howard Jones	Let's shape Nashville's future together!
	<p>As it stands, the Metro Council doesn't have the authority to shift away from a Strong Mayor system. I am open to hearing how we can move away from that system but as it stands, we are a Strong Mayor system per our charter.</p> <p>While I agree that we other areas of our budget need funding and we have heavily invested in policing each year, I also believe in paying Metro employees. Freezing police funding *could* result in issues with MNPD employees earning their living wages. I am not opposed to the idea of freezing new funding, but I would have to look at the budget to ensure that freezing the budget will not adversely impact employee pay or needed services.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support and have spent years advocating for removing armed officers from police stops. The Police Chief doesn't report to the council and the council doesn't have the authority change the policy. I would love to work with community members, MNPD, the administration and the council to find a solution and a way to remove officers from traffic stops.</p>
Delishia Danielle Porterfield	I don't have any information on the new training facility at this time.
Indrani Ray	I am an economist by training. I am a proponent of using taxpayers money efficiently for the community. To me, funding a project is only half the story; it is important to me to measure the intended outcome as well. If the outcomes are not met, I certainly want to have process improvements in place so that we are able to reach our desired goals.
Zulfat Suara	The implementation of projects from the participatory budgeting will involve many departments. As a result, for efficiency in coordination, I prefer for the PB to be in the mayor's office. Open to listening to arguments why it should not
Jeff Syracuse	Some of the questions need some context and discussion. Where did \$15 million annually for PB come from? We're in a pilot program now at \$10 million, so let's see how it goes and work together to expand it if working well. As far as moving it into a "independent department such as the Metro Human Relations Commission", the MHRC isn't independent and still a Metro Department with mayoral oversight. So, this needs more discussion, but I'm open to the best place to put the program in a place that makes the most sense. As far as "devoting millions of dollars in new funds toward drastically expanding non-police forms of community safety, violence interruption, and crisis response", we're already doing that and will support that continuing. I have concerns about ShotSpotter technology, but the "other technology" is very broad, so I don't know what is being proposed, so I said No to that question. In regards to "...as the first step toward ending our hyper-dependence upon policing as the "solution" to all our social problems"... as Chair of Public Health & Safety, I have been a big supporter of engaging our Public Health Dept into public safety issues. I don't want to commit to withholding funding for a department. We can continue our investment in non-police solutions without withholding funding from PD. Finally, as far as "actively supporting a dramatic increase in funding", we've done so consistently for Parks and this year for Library. A new Nashville General Hospital will be a major issue the next Council must deal with.
Deloris Vandivort	Your questionnaire is set up as a trap with yes or no answers without the ability to explain answers. I have researched about some of the things that you have asked about, however some of it can be very one side depending who you ask. I would have to learn alot more from each side and take the information to the community to allow them to hear the full truth not just one sides views. Which this questionnaire is geared to.

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	<p>I respect your concerns and I will have to hear all the information to make better decisions in a matter. It is easy to take sides but I am one that is not going to be held by one side. One of your questions that start about affordable housing has questions needed asked. What is affordable housing to you? What do you mean by fully funded schools? What is a living wage? How do you see all these things causing safety in communities?</p> <p>I would also like to ask, How does the community itself plan to invest? Do you plan to form community clean up projects? How do you plan to get Parent involvement in schools? How much volunteer time do you plan to add to your school's and community? How can local churches aid in your community for facility time for community programs such as tutoring and support to those struggling? I want to see equity across the board with all schools. Your choice for schools, should be your neighborhood schools. How do we stop Charter schools from robbing the public school system? How do you hold your school board members to be accountable more and take more responsibility in their position? If they are not doing more then why have a school board? What is needed more in libraries? How much are they really being used? I'm for safety, but it starts within a mindset of the community and giving kids good examples in values and morals. How are you going to decrease gang enrollment? I am for safe communities. I am a huge advocate for public schools to be the best. But I am not for handing out money just to be doing it. I think the people have to stay taking responsibility also. I also want to get rid of corrupt mindset in the city and show more transparency. I hope this helps you see my heart.</p>
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8. If elected, will you commit to sponsoring or supporting legislation that moves police out of all or most traffic enforcement by 2025?

Tim Thompson	District	1	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Joy Smith Kimbrough	District	1	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Davette Blalock	District	4	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Brian Sullivan	District	4	Yes
Sean Parker	District	5	Yes
DANNY WILLIAMS	District	7	No
Martez Coleman	District	8	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Jennifer Frensley Wwebb	District	10	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Joe DeLucas	District	11	No
RJ Mamula	District	14	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Jordan Huffman	District	14	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Dan Jones	District	15	No
Alexa Little	District	16	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Ginny Welsch	District	16	Yes
Terry Vo	District	17	I am willing to learn more about what this

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			might look like.
Angus Purdy	District	18	Yes
Jasper Hendricks	District	19	Yes
Jacob Kupin	District	19	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Scott Gillihan	District	20	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Scott Gillihan	District	20	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Lisa Williams	District	23	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Travis London	District	28	I am willing to learn more about what this might look like.
Jama Mohamed	District	29	Yes

9. Do you support the construction of a brand new, "state-of-the-art" MNPD training facility, as recently proposed by Chief Drake?

Tim Thompson	District	1	Yes
Joy Smith Kimbrough	District	1	No
Davette Blalock	District	4	Yes
Brian Sullivan	District	4	No
Sean Parker	District	5	No
DANNY WILLIAMS	District	7	Yes
Martez Coleman	District	8	Yes
Jennifer Frensley Wwebb	District	10	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Joe DeLucas	District	11	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
RJ Mamula	District	14	Yes
Jordan Huffman	District	14	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Dan Jones	District	15	Yes
Alexa Little	District	16	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Ginny Welsch	District	16	No
Terry Vo	District	17	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Angus Purdy	District	18	No
Jasper Hendricks	District	19	Yes
Jacob Kupin	District	19	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Scott Gillihan	District	20	No
Scott Gillihan	District	20	No
Lisa Williams	District	23	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Travis London	District	28	This sounds concerning but I need to learn more about it before I weigh in.
Jama Mohamed	District	29	No

10. Do you believe that affordable housing, accessible transit, fully funded schools, living wages for all Metro employees, healthcare, parks, libraries, and other public goods make our communities safer? And do you commit to actively supporting a dramatic increase in funding for all of these public goods?

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Tim Thompson	District	1	Yes
Joy Smith Kimbrough	District	1	Yes
Davette Blalock	District	4	Yes
Brian Sullivan	District	4	Yes
Sean Parker	District	5	Yes
DANNY WILLIAMS	District	7	Yes
Martez Coleman	District	8	No
Jennifer Frensley Wwebb	District	10	Yes
Joe DeLucas	District	11	Yes
RJ Mamula	District	14	Yes
Jordan Huffman	District	14	Yes
Dan Jones	District	15	No
Alexa Little	District	16	Yes
Ginny Welsch	District	16	Yes
Terry Vo	District	17	Yes
Angus Purdy	District	18	Yes
Jasper Hendricks	District	19	Yes
Jacob Kupin	District	19	Yes
Scott Gillihan	District	20	Yes
Scott Gillihan	District	20	Yes
Lisa Williams	District	23	Yes
Travis London	District	28	Yes
Jama Mohamed	District	29	Yes

11. Please use this space to provide any other information you would like to share about your positions on Metro Nashville budgeting, governance, and public safety.

Tim Thompson	District	1	I'm committed to making sure that our city budget is properly balanced and funded. With equity and inclusion at the forefront of the mindset of budgeting we have pay special attention to those areas of public safety and how we fund it.
Joy Smith Kimbrough	District	1	Regarding the traffic question, I need more info. for example whether this means working traffic accidents, directing traffic when street lights stop working, etc.
Davette Blalock	District	4	Our bond rating is tied to how we run our city. If we change to a more participatory budget that would br something I am in very much favor of but we have to look at the implications of how much our bond rate would change which in turn would immediately increase the cost to pay back debt. So in a perfect world yes everyone pitch in and no debt. This has to be done gradually
Brian Sullivan	District	4	
Sean Parker	District	5	
DANNY WILLIAMS	District	7	SAFETY IS AND SHOULD BE #1 OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, and Neighborhoods
Martez Coleman	District	8	
Jennifer Frensley Wwebb	District	10	The questions are very broad and would like to have been able to answer more than just a simple yes or no.
Joe DeLucas	District	11	
RJ Mamula	District	14	I think license plate readers should be only for tracking down criminals. If police should not enforce traffic law, who should?

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Jordan Huffman	District	14	
Dan Jones	District	15	I am a Common Sense Conservative who believes where Government is concerned, whether local, regional, state, or national... the smaller the better.
Alexa Little	District	16	
Ginny Welsch	District	16	We can create a city for all if we fully include, and prioritize, people first in every decision we make. That is the path to equity, justice and inclusion. And that is what I am committed to doing.
Terry Vo	District	17	
Angus Purdy	District	18	I'm an abolitionist. While police and prison abolition doesn't resonate in a district as affluent as mine, I've been transparent with my neighbors about my desire to seek preventative rather than reactive measures when approaching crime reduction in Nashville. I want to ensure working-class Nashvillians are paid a living wage. This starts with Metro employees. A budget is a moral document; I trust the people more than elected officials paid by lobbyists when it comes to how we allocate our spending. I've publicly committed to refuse any money from corporate or lobbyist interests. I will honestly represent my district's concerns but I don't believe my responsibilities end at district boundaries. I promise to be a tireless advocate for all working-class Nashvillians.
Jasper Hendricks	District	19	
Jacob Kupin	District	19	I am committed to having regular conversation with groups like the People's Budget. I believe that as councilmembers it is important to have open dialogue when making decisions. There were some issues on this questionnaire that I would be open to consideration on, but only in collaboration with groups, like this one, the Black Nashville Assembly, TIRRC, and more.
Scott Gillihan	District	20	The police budget is 200 Million. That's more than enough.
Scott Gillihan	District	20	The police budget is 200 million dollars. That's plenty.
Lisa Williams	District	23	
Travis London	District	28	
Jama Mohamed	District	29	I believe there needs to be more work done to engage the community to empower them feel they can affect change. Co-governance has the opportunity to be abused without enough support from marginalized communities. Not to be patronizing but are we actually ready. Maybe my understanding of this is limited. I'm concerned that this could be weaponized against the communities it's meant to lift up.