

# 2026 Hamilton County Democrat Primary Election

# Voter Guide

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## Criminal Court Clerk

County Primary Election | 5/5/2026



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## Introduction to the Voter Guide

*Church Voter Guides* is an independent 501(c)(3) faith-based nonprofit organization. We serve the public by providing objective research and education on matters specifically of interest to Christians, primarily through the production and distribution of 501 (c)(3)-compliant, nonpartisan voter guides.

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Church Voter Guides, a Chattanooga nonprofit, initially started in Colorado Springs in April of 2021. This new Voter Guide for the 2026 Democrat Primary is being distributed electronically only, both through our interactive website and by downloadable and printable PDF files. We have produced one Voter Guide for each seat that is: (1) conducting an election this year, and (2) for which at least one candidate in that election answered our Questionnaire. Our Voter Guides are being promoted through a wide-ranging network of area churches, faith-based non-profit organizations, mainstream and social media, and other means.

The purpose of our Voter Guides is to educate and inform voters of each candidate's positions on a variety of policy issues that they are likely to address if elected. As a Voter Guide designed to be distributed through Churches, we ask the candidates questions on topics that are of utmost interest to the Christian voter

### How to Get the Most Benefit from this Voter Guide

The core information in this Voter Guide comes directly from the County Primary Elections candidates themselves. We asked them questions, they answered (with a 120 word limit), and we have published their responses here. In order to understand and utilize this information to the fullest, so that you may vote in the most informed way, we suggest the following:

1. Pray and ask the Almighty for discernment. The Kingdom of God is all about truth, while politics is a system fraught with compromise. Make sure you consider the candidates' answers with a Heavenly mindset.
2. Ask yourself, "Did the candidate actually answer the question, or rather side-step it, or give a fluff, wishy-washy, and/or 'political' type answer that leaves you not really knowing where he/she truly stands on the issue?"
3. Learn more about the candidates running for Criminal Court Clerk including their positions on issues we did not cover in our questionnaire, by visiting their official campaign websites (if they have one.) The website URL for each candidate is listed in the Voter Guide.
4. Educate yourself more about the Christian/Biblical perspective regarding many of the subjects covered in our Voter Guide by reading topical articles on our website: [www.VoteChattanooga.org](http://www.VoteChattanooga.org)
5. Use search engines to find additional information about each candidate, including written articles and videos, other voter guides, and even voting records for those who have served in public office before. You may even want to watch online recordings of the local Criminal Court Clerk meetings to see how incumbents conduct themselves and vote.
6. Reach out to the candidates themselves through the provided email addresses and other means, in order to ask them questions of personal importance to you. Please make sure to show great respect toward each candidate and his/her time, especially to those with whom you disagree. Running for office is hard, stressful, time consuming work, and these are your fellow citizens who have lives, families, jobs...and feelings (just like you!)

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## What makes a Voter Guide 501 (c)(3) - Compliant and Nonpartisan?

Federal tax law permits nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to develop and distribute materials about political candidates' positions on issues, in order to educate voters impartially and on a nonpartisan basis; meaning that it is free from party affiliation, bias, or designation. The IRS states that 501 (c)(3) organizations may conduct any range of activities to promote voter participation and educate voters so long as it is nonpartisan. But, 501(c)(3) organizations are explicitly prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

Some of the activities 501(c)(3) nonprofits *MAY* perform: Conduct or promote voter registration; educate voters on the voting process; distribute nonpartisan sample ballots, candidate questionnaires, and **voter guides**; organize "get-out-the-vote" activities; encourage and help people to vote; educate the candidates on issues important to their organization; and continue to do issue advocacy during an election.

So, first and foremost: **Church Voter Guides** does **NOT** endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party.

Second, all of our staff and volunteers are required to act in a nonpartisan manner when working for or representing the organization and the creation of the Voter Guide.

Third, we do not edit, revise, or editorialize candidate responses to our Questionnaire. We do not even correct typos. **Candidate answers are published verbatim**, ensuring that their responses accurately represent their positions and perspectives on these issues. We then simply share this information through the Voter Guide, and you decide whom you believe to be the best candidate.

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email, text, and phone when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running for Criminal Court Clerk throughout Hamilton County for their 2026 elections, inviting them to answer our questionnaire. Candidate information is presented in alphabetical order by **last name**. If a Candidate did not respond at all, or did not choose to participate, or did not choose to respond to certain answers in the questionnaire, then it is noted where applicable. If there were not enough candidates running, then we did not produce a Voter Guide for that seat.

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- 4) **Community Impact:** Describe why this position should be taken seriously by voters, how it meaningfully impacts the integrity and effectiveness of the criminal justice system, and what you believe voters may misunderstand or overlook about its importance.
- 5) **Fiscal Responsibility:** How can the management of the Criminal Court Clerk's office save taxpayer dollars or, if mismanaged, result in unnecessary costs?
- 6) **Balancing Transparency and Justice:** Do you agree with public posting of those arrested in local news sites or publications as a deterrent to criminal activity? Explain the pros and cons of such a policy.
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# Criminal Court Clerk

(In alphabetical order)



Aaliyah Hakeem

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## Aaliyah Hakeem

### Candidate Information

<b>Email Address:</b>	Info@voteyourvoice.com
<b>Occupation/Vocation:</b>	N/A
<b>Years as resident of:</b>	61
<b>Campaign Website:</b>	<a href="https://aaliyahhakeemforcriminalcourtclerk.com">https://aaliyahhakeemforcriminalcourtclerk.com</a>

**1) Purpose: What is the purpose and role of the Criminal Court Clerk, and what values and expertise should the candidate possess?**

The role of the Criminal Court Clerk is to provide accurate, timely, past and present information to and for sitting Judges to make the most informed decisions of guilt or innocence concerning those persons charged with offenses against society. The Criminal Court Clerk is also an officer of the court sworn to provide any and all information to Prosecutors, Public Defenders, individual Defense Attorneys and the Charged Person's (defendant's) families.

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**2) Candidate's Focus/Expertise/Initiatives: What are your areas of special focus and/or expertise and what initiatives would you undertake as Criminal Court Clerk?**

My area of focus and/or expertise is to follow the the Legality and Policy of the Criminal Court Clerks Office, as a sworn Officer of the Court, that any and everyone seeking and needing Criminal Information, forms and documents, be provided said information with dignity, respect and Compassion.

My initiative, as Criminal Court Clerk, is to ensure all resources of this office be made available in the form of expert Knowledgeable and most Accountable Customer Service.

**3) Moral Values: Should government laws, ordinances, regulations, etc. follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments? Why, or why not?**

Yes: government laws, ordinances and regulations should follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments; this country was founded on the King James Bible version of the Constitution. The Courts in Europe still dress and are named as founded on Christian Values and Principles, which were transferred to the Americas in its inception; therefore, any law, ordinance and or regulation should still follow its moral inception.

**4) Community Impact: Describe why this position should be taken seriously by voters, how it meaningfully impacts the integrity and effectiveness of the criminal justice system, and what you believe voters may misunderstand or overlook about its importance.**

The Criminal Court Clerks Office should be taken absolutely serious by voters due to its structured position in the Judicial Process: The Criminal Court Clerks Office is responsible for vital pieces of information, dates, times and activities to prove or disprove intricate parts of Criminal Cases for attorneys, judges and the public; therefore, the function of this office is paramount to the conclusion of any legal issue and or process.

**5) Fiscal Responsibility: How can the management of the Criminal Court Clerk's office save taxpayer dollars or, if mismanaged, result in unnecessary costs?**

Because the Criminal Court Clerks Office is funded by the collection of fines and costs of the defendants use of the legal system, and other funds provided to this office from the County Government that cover salaries, supplies etc., as with any business, the management of this office is to ensure all areas function as financially responsible as possible; and of course, mismanagement of funds and resources will result in finding and/or asking for funds to meet shortfalls and the possible dismissal of employees; which of course will effectively affect office performance and function.

**6) Balancing Transparency and Justice: Do you agree with public posting of those arrested in local news sites or publications as a deterrent to criminal activity? Explain the pros and cons of such a policy.**

I am undecided: after all the years working for the Criminal Court Clerks Office, I am not decided whether publicly posting arrests in local news sites or publications is good or bad. Of course it is a deterrent; however, we continually have people committing the same offenses daily or until they are caught; even while working for the office, the cases and people I saw and heard were deterrent enough for me personally. So I will suggest that the consequence of Public Humiliation, loss of employment and public judgment following any arrest is deterrent enough; and maybe seeing a friend or family member in a precarious position is the payoff.

**7) Interstate Probation Tracking: How should probation records be shared between states and jurisdictions to ensure individuals on probation are effectively monitored if they relocate?**

Presently, the probation records are shared via court to court or probation office to probation office; in the event a defendant is allowed, by a Judge, to relocate across town or another state; however, in the event the defendant is or does not adhere or violates his/her probation order, a warrant of arrest is then Issued for the defendant wherever he/she may be found, and effectively causing that person to be remanded to the probation issuing jurisdiction. This is about the most effective assurance existing. Any other ideas or implementations must discussed with the local probation office, Judges and Clerks Office.

**8) Addressing Delinquent Fines: Should asset confiscation or other measures be considered for individuals delinquent in paying criminal fines? Please explain your reasoning.**

When Letter notification, follow up letters and possible phone calls do not cause payment of fines and costs to the court, yes asset confiscation should be allowed, but not without exhausting all notification effort(s). The person and/or defendant(s) are made aware and given a copy of fines and costs incurred, before leaving custody; they are tasked with an in court review date to verify that fines and costs are being paid. The only time assets are confiscated is when the account reaches non-payment or delinquent status is usually due to the defendant having relocated, deceased or both; therefore, continued payment to keep the office in compliance and on budget is a necessity.

**9) Efficiency through Technology: How can technology be used to reduce costs and improve efficiency in managing records and documentation for criminal proceedings?**

By attending all or most conferences, Judges, Public Defenders and District Attorneys, the Clerks Office would be able to hear and see what each aspect of the judicial process is responsible for in the Legal, Judicial Process, we would be better able to find, enhance or even create technology that would reduce time, cost, function, documentation and management of records; thus effectively enhancing efficiency. At present, the clerks office functions according to its best level, but with attendance to conferences and possibly initiating a clerk's conference will make our offices and work exceptional.

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