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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 Republican 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 mostinformed 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 County Commission Dist. 10 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
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 County Commission Dist. 10 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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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 County Commission Dist. 10 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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**County
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- 3) **Budget:** What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?
- 4) **Constitutional Liberties:** As County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Hamilton County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?
- 5) **Protecting Life:** What legal means, if any, would you support to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?
- 6) **Moral Values:** Should government laws, ordinances, regulations, etc. follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments? Why, or why not?
- 7) **Speed cameras:** How would you address the use of automated speed cameras within the county (including those in school zones)? What oversight and transparency measures should be required to maintain public trust? Do speed cameras contradict constitutional protections within drivers' rights such as due process and the right to confront one's accuser?
- 8) **Zoning/Planning:** What policies would you support to prevent and disclose potential conflicts of interest between developers and members of Hamilton County's zoning and planning committees, and how would you ensure that land-use decisions are made transparently, ethically, and in the best interest of residents rather than private interests?
- 9) **Managing County Growth and Infrastructure:** What strategies and/or resources does the county currently have to better pace growth in Hamilton County so infrastructure, roads and emergency services can keep up with development? How would you use these tools to address this issue?
- 10) **Planning for Unincorporated Areas:** Do you support having a separate planning commission for the unincorporated areas? Please explain your reasoning, and if applicable, what steps you would take.

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County Commission Dist. 10

(In alphabetical order)



Jeff Eversole



Tonya Sadler

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Jeff Eversole

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1) Purpose: What do you view as the purpose and role of the County Commission?

The County Commission exists to serve the people of Hamilton County. Our job is to listen to our constituents, represent their interests, and make decisions that improve the quality of life across the county. Every action we take should reflect the needs of our residents and be handled responsibly and transparently.

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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 County Commissioner?

I've focused much of my first term on managing responsible growth in Hamilton County. We've already lowered the number of homes allowed per acre from seven to three, and I plan to keep pushing for responsible development that protects our communities. I'm also working to create the Unincorporated Hamilton County Planning Department so people living outside the city limits have a voice and better resources when it comes to planning decisions in their areas. In my second term I am committed to fulfilling and completing these ongoing initiatives

3) Budget: What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, I take stewardship of taxpayer dollars seriously. My priorities are:

1. Spending wisely on infrastructure needs like roads and bridges, public safety, and emergency services that directly benefit residents.
2. Finding efficiencies and savings wherever possible to make government run better for less.
3. Supporting smart economic development that brings livable wage jobs, strengthens local businesses, and balances growth with the county's infrastructure without tax increases.

4) Constitutional Liberties: As County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Hamilton County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?

I'm committed to protecting the Constitutional rights of every resident, whether it's freedom of speech, the right to assemble peacefully, the right to bear arms and the ability to practice one's faith. County policies should always respect these fundamental liberties, and I'll make sure that's a priority in every decision we make.

5) Protecting Life: What legal means, if any, would you support to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?

I believe it's our responsibility to protect those who can't protect themselves. I support laws and programs that defend the unborn, fight human trafficking, and help the elderly, homeless, and economically disadvantaged get the care and resources they need. I'll continue to be an advocate for the right to life initiatives and for those who are most vulnerable in our community.

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

Yes. The Ten Commandments give us a moral framework for how to live as God's children. I recently implemented commissioner led prayers at the beginning of each commission meeting. As a leader, it's my responsibility to reflect those principles in government decisions, promoting honesty, respect, and integrity in everything we do.

7) Speed cameras: How would you address the use of automated speed cameras within the county (including those in school zones)? What oversight and transparency measures should be required to maintain public trust? Do speed cameras contradict constitutional protections within drivers' rights such as due process and the right to confront one's accuser?

I support using speed cameras only to improve safety, especially around schools. But transparency is key. Residents should know where cameras are, how they're used, and have a fair process to challenge any ticket. Speed enforcement must respect due process and drivers' rights, and I'll make sure those protections are always upheld.

8) Zoning/Planning: What policies would you support to prevent and disclose potential conflicts of interest between developers and members of Hamilton County's zoning and planning committees, and how would you ensure that land-use decisions are made transparently, ethically, and in the best interest of residents rather than private interests?

It's critical that planning and zoning decisions are ethical and transparent. I support requiring full disclosure of any relationships or financial ties between developers and committee members. I also back public hearings and resident input for every zoning decision, so decisions are made for the good of the community—not just private interests.

9) Managing County Growth and Infrastructure: What strategies and/or resources does the county currently have to better pace growth in Hamilton County so infrastructure, roads and emergency services can keep up with development? How would you use these tools to address this issue?

The biggest step right now is creating the Unincorporated Hamilton County Planning Department. This department will help guide growth responsibly, making sure residents' voices are heard, and that infrastructure, roads, and services keep pace with development. My goal is to balance growth with quality of life for everyone.

10) Planning for Unincorporated Areas: Do you support having a separate planning commission for the unincorporated areas? Please explain your reasoning, and if applicable, what steps you would take.

Yes—I authored the resolution to make it happen. Residents in unincorporated areas deserve just as much say in planning decisions as those in more developed parts of the county. A separate commission ensures fair, responsible growth that benefits all of Hamilton County, not just certain areas.



Tonya Sadler

Candidate Information

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Campaign Website:	votetonyasadler.com

1) Purpose: What do you view as the purpose and role of the County Commission?

The County Commission serves as the legislative body responsible for the county's purse strings. The board's primary role is to ensure fiscal stewardship by overseeing the budget, and providing the infrastructure (roads, schools, and public safety) necessary for Hamilton County residents to thrive. I see the Commission as the bridge between our local community and the resources needed to enjoy a civilized life. As your next Commissioner, I will work to ensure that District 10 receives its fair share of reinvestment of our property tax dollars.

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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 County Commissioner?

One of the largest side effects of our county's lagging infrastructure is the simultaneous neglect of our school system. For decades developments were pushed through without any regard for school capacity or zoning and transportation logistics. Now we are reading headlines about students being bussed further away from their homes because the closest schools are at capacity. I will work to initiate an annual summit where for the first time ever the entire school board and the complete county commission will come together in a publicly accessible workshop. Until our leaders are collaborating with one another, this county will continue to flounder on how to move forward in the most sensible ways.

3) Budget: What would be your top three spending, savings, and economic development priorities?

Regarding spending, I will prioritize road construction and maintenance, properly funding our school system, and explore improving fire service coverage in the unincorporated parts of the county. I will work towards a government that becomes more efficient by seeking out redundant administrative costs. As a county we must increase our efforts to attract high-skill, high-wage industries that allow residents to live and work here, instead of just commuting through it.

4) Constitutional Liberties: As County Commissioner, what measures will you champion to protect the individual Constitutional liberties of all Hamilton County residents, such as freedom of speech, peaceable assembly and exercise of religion?

I will continue to champion transparency in all Commission dealings to protect free speech and assembly. I'm excited with the progress of two meetings a month being moved to 5 PM, but this is just a start. Next, the county commission needs to resume meeting every week in order to preserve the public's ability to access them on public record in a regular cadence. Committee meetings should also be live-streamed on YouTube just as the agenda and regular sessions are. In some instances, conversations had in the committee meetings are more informative than the voting meeting that is made available online.

5) Protecting Life: What legal means, if any, would you support to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, the poor and homeless, and the elderly?

I support policies and initiatives that value the sanctity of life at all stages. I believe in offering a hand up rather than just a handout to our homeless community. If we strengthen our initiatives towards mental health and addiction recovery, we will make a more profound impact on the root causes that contribute to homelessness and repeat incarceration.

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

I believe our legal system is rooted in the same moral framework of the Ten Commandments, which emphasize honesty, respect for life, and property rights. While our government must remain neutral regarding specific religious denominations, I believe that our laws are most effective when they reflect these foundational principles.

7) Speed cameras: How would you address the use of automated speed cameras within the county (including those in school zones)? What oversight and transparency measures should be required to maintain public trust? Do speed cameras contradict constitutional protections within drivers' rights such as due process and the right to confront one's accuser?

As a former reserve police officer and clerk of court, I view automated speed cameras with heavy skepticism regarding due process. Speed cameras are more often used as revenue generators rather than safety tools. I believe in the right to confront one's accuser, and if you're being cited it should be handed to you by a law enforcement officer that witnessed the alleged infraction. If the true purpose of a speed camera is to correct or curb risky driving behaviors, that lesson is better applied by a police officer at the time of the infraction rather than an envelope in the mail a month later.

8) Zoning/Planning: What policies would you support to prevent and disclose potential conflicts of interest between developers and members of Hamilton County's zoning and planning committees, and how would you ensure that land-use decisions are made transparently, ethically, and in the best interest of residents rather than private interests?

I believe all committee members should be subject to filing an annual public financial disclosure. Members should recuse themselves from any vote where they have a direct financial tie to a project or subject matter. Zoning meetings should be held at times and locations that allow for maximum resident participation.

9) Managing County Growth and Infrastructure: What strategies and/or resources does the county currently have to better pace growth in Hamilton County so infrastructure, roads and emergency services can keep up with development? How would you use these tools to address this issue?

The public, and the county, have invested a tremendous amount of time to create Plan Hamilton. I feel that we must give it a chance to see how it impacts growth. I also feel that we have to start evaluating development on a broader scale and distance for its impact. Areas with multiple proposed developments need to be analyzed for their impact as a whole, not individually.

10) Planning for Unincorporated Areas: Do you support having a separate planning commission for the unincorporated areas? Please explain your reasoning, and if applicable, what steps you would take.

The split of the planning commission into separate urban and rural boards is a risky move that echoes the 1919 bankruptcy of James County. While rural frustration with city-centric planning is valid, isolationism threatens regional infrastructure and economic growth. Instead of a costly planning island, I support a unified board through specific reforms that include: geographic quotas mandating representation for unincorporated districts, expert-citizen balance mixing technical professionals with local residents, rural impact assessments formally evaluating how developments affect agricultural land, decentralized hearings with meetings held with the affected communities, and inter-agency transparency ensuring coordinated planning for roads and schools.

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