

List of Proposed PNK2030 Questions for NKC Incumbents and Others Running for Public Office

How long have you resided in New Kent County? In Virginia?

What is your professional background?

- In your professional role, did you create annual budgets and manage department financials?
- In your professional role, did you work with local or state representatives on issues important to your employer/business?

Do you have a political affiliation?

Have you ever owned a business? Yes / No

- If yes, what type of business and how long did you operate the business?
- How many employees did you employ?

Do you have children?

Did/do your children attend the New Kent schools?

What is your assessment of the quality of education/services provided by New Kent schools?

What is your position on the County school's operation and budget currently?

Do you support a Vocational/Technical High School for the County?

What are the top two school services you would like improved?

What is your assessment of the efficiency of New Kent County government and its subdivisions?

What is your overall vision of the function of County government for the citizens of New Kent?

Do you support a 5-member Planning Commission (PC) with one appointee from each

Board of Supervisors member? *Currently we have 10 members but many Virginia Counties (including the largest) have 5.*

Should these Planning Commission appointees meet some standard qualification criteria developed by the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator?

Would you support any County Ordinance that dictates any Planning Commission member or Board of Supervisors members be recused from voting or even discussing in closed session any land use or zoning ordinance issues that involve themselves, any family member no matter distance in lineage, or any business in which the member has any interest to include ownership even in Trust.

How would you go about getting direct input on the issues and needs of New Kent's citizens? Newsletter, facebook, website, district meetings, other?

Would you support a change in the County Charter to add a sixth Board of Supervisors seat elected at large by the entire county to serve a four-year term as the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors (this is the Boar of Supervisor arrangement in Prince William, Loudon, Fairfax, Fauquier, etc.)

How would you go about getting direct input from New Kent's citizens on land use permits, annual budgets, proposed operational changes, etc?

Will you advocate for County policies and procedures that require the county administrative staff to support the legitimate interests of its citizens when interaction is required with the Commonwealth's regulatory agencies?

Will you impose fiscal rigor and transparency in budgeting and expenditures for County operations, bond issuances and capital investments?

Will you require the County to undergo independent fiscal audits each year by a nationally recognized independent financial auditing firm to support good credit ratings for the County?

What is your position on a countywide police force for law enforcement, while the Sherriff maintains traditional law enforcement duties such as court security, prisoner transport and jail facilities management?

Do you support the County obtaining a nationwide Bond Rating?

Do you support a County Rainy Day fund?

Do you support operating county government on a balanced budget?

Would you propose and support the appointment of citizens to statutory established advisory committees that assist the BOS in the areas of finance, public safety, social services, land use, recreation, economic development and general welfare. These appointments would carry minimum criteria to serve.

Do you support property tax reductions or debt service as the tax revenue from Colonial Downs statewide operations and other future commercial businesses starts to positively impact the County treasury?

In general, are you pro-growth or anti-growth?

- What is your assessment of the services and businesses that are lacking in New Kent County?
- What do you consider good growth? Please describe.

What is your position on commercial development of businesses that create sound, odor and/or visual annoyances, such as; combat arms ranges, large scale commercial hog and poultry farms, extensive junk/scrap yards, etc.?

What is your land use vision for New Kent by 2030? What is your assessment of the needs of future development of truck stops, convenience stores, fast food outlets, shopping centers, industrial facilities and hotels? Would you support control measures for specific businesses, based on a New Kent Strategic Plan?

What is your plan for the development of the Interstate I-64 corridor?

Would you support the preparation and enforcement of a list of prohibited enterprises in New Kent?

- What services would fall into this category?
- Potential examples: Adult book or video stores? Sexually oriented bars/clubs? Other?

Do you feel specific aspects of growth should be controlled at times by ballot

referendums, which the citizens of the county vote on?

What is your position on multi-unit housing/zoning for the County?

Do you support a designated rural crescent to maintain our agricultural heritage?

Do you support zoning to require landscaping, such as a curtain of trees and vegetation, around future or present commercial businesses?

Do you support zoning controls on signage, exotic commercial architecture and building heights?

Are you pro or opposed to casino and gambling establishments within the county of New Kent? If opposed, would you actively campaign against any future permits?

Please feel free to add any information about yourself you feel is important to this discussion.

Thank you for participating in this interview process. There are no right or wrong answers to any of the above questions. It is imperative citizens know what their candidates support and the differences between them. Our common goal is to achieve the best county-wide government we can for now and the future. The more citizen involvement that can be achieved, the better off we'll all be!