

Candidates responses for the Midway City Council:

- 1. What are some specific skills you can bring to improve the City of Midway as a City Council member? Please share a personal accomplishment to date. Why are you the best candidate for the position you seek?**

Logan Nance- I believe I am the best candidate for Midway City Council because of my history of service and leadership. I served my country honorably in Afghanistan and my service did not stop when I took off the uniform. I search out opportunities to do my part to make our community a better place. I am not the kind of person to wait for permission to try and make an impact, instead I work hard to create those opportunities.

I believe that those who can serve, must. It is so important that we take an active role in making our community as great as it can be, for our children and future generations. I want to set a great example for my daughters to show them how important it is to do our part.

I have a history of leadership, in and out of uniform. I am decisive and not afraid to make tough decisions. Also I believe that a very important part of leadership is listening. One of my favorite parts of this campaign has been listening to my neighbors, and small business owners, to hear their thoughts on what we can do to improve our community.

I do not do anything passively. If I am elected to the Midway City Council I will take that responsibility seriously and actively work to advocate for what I believe to be the core values of our town.

- 2. What is the biggest challenge, and biggest opportunity you see facing the City of Midway?**

Logan Nance- The biggest challenge facing Midway is deciding how we will address maintaining the small town aesthetic we know and love while also encouraging businesses to set up shop in the area. It is important that we protect the farmland and natural beauty of Midway.

I want to make sure that we create a long-term plan for Midway Station that takes into account future growth and discourages reactionary zoning and rezoning in the area.

The biggest opportunity for Midway is being able to utilize the new tax revenue from businesses setting up in Midway Station to help revitalize our town. We have sidewalks in need of repair, roads that need repaving, an aging sewer system, and many other

projects that would help improve the quality of our town. I believe it is important that the next city council focuses on using those tax dollars to make these improvements. We need to be proactive in our approach and take care of these issues before they become bigger problems.

The economy is strong right now and Midway currently has more employees working in the area than ever before. It is important that we take advantage of this and make our town as recession proof as possible. The last thing we want is for a future City Council to have to re raise property taxes to make up for any deficits. If we can make a plan for the future right now, we can make sure that doesn't happen.

- 3. The updated 2018 Comprehensive Plan [Goals & Objectives](#) prioritize infill/redevelopment as a primary strategy to accommodate urban growth needs. What specific recommendations do you have to protect the character and context of existing neighborhoods while pursuing an infill/redevelopment strategy? Please share your ideas for infill and re-development within the Midway Urban Service Boundary.**

[Logan Nance](#)- I am a proponent of the infill and re-development strategy. It is important that we protect the natural beauty of our region and practice responsible stewardship of our farm lands. The best way to do this is to be intentional in how we utilize the land we already have developed. Doing this does come with its own challenges because we want to make sure that the character of our neighborhoods and especially our downtown is protected. For this reason it is important for the city council to create clear and concise language for what is proper and accepted for the exteriors of the buildings downtown.

Recently a few non-retail businesses have been attracted to downtown Midway. The new dentist office is a great example of how the downtown buildings can be used. They were able to completely update the inside of the building to fit their needs, while maintaining the beautiful exterior facade.

There are also several buildings around Midway which have been allowed to fall into disrepair, despite numerous complaints from citizens about the hazards these building pose. The city council needs to develop of process for how to handle these types of situations, such as many notices are to be served or fines are to be levied against the property owner before the city takes further action to ensure our neighbors are kept clean and safe.

4. How would you address affordable housing needs in Midway and Woodford County?

Logan Nance- There is definitely a need for more affordable housing in Midway. The city needs to look at the land available within the city limits and take adequate steps to encourage housing development in those areas. Midway is so centrally located to everything it's an ideal spot for young families and retirees alike. There are several locations on both sides of the interstate suitable for townhome development.

I know that there are some people who do not want to add additional housing in Midway, but it wasn't long ago that people were unhappy with the development of the Northridge neighborhood. Now, Northridge is home to many wonderful families who are integral parts of our community.

With the recent rezonings Midway Station has become less desirable for future housing development, although I do believe it could still be suitable for townhomes. For this reason I believe that it is important that we look at land on the Midway side of the Interstate.

Any time that a new family moves into our town, as inclusive as Midway is, we benefit from their talents and experience.

5. Please share some of the ideas you have about enhancing Midway's downtown business district. How will you help attract businesses to re-locate to Midway?

Logan Nance- It has been my experience that the best thing that a city government can do to attract business is to get out of the way. Consumers will drive the market, so what the city needs to do is attract those consumers. We need to find more ways to increase foot traffic in our downtown during non-peak seasons. We are so ideally located that I believe we would have no problem attracting more events to this region, which would help drive traffic to our businesses. Doing more to promote agritourism in the area is a no brainer.

Additional consumers visiting our community would make it more appealing for our shop owners to keep more consistent hours, and more consistent hours from some of the businesses would go along way in attracting consumers as well.

6. **Are you in favor of further annexation of surrounding land outside the [Midway urban services boundary](#) (USB)? If so, where and how would you change the boundary?**

[Logan Nance](#)- At this time I am not in favor of further annexing land outside of the Midway Urban Services Boundary. I Believe we should focus on creating a long-term plan for the utilization of the land currently within the USB.

7. **Do you support the study of a merger of Woodford county government with Versailles, and/or with Midway city governments?**

[Logan Nance](#)- I do not support the study of a merger of Versailles and Midway. As there is no pressing financial need for such a merger I believe that it is imperative that the two communities maintain their own autonomy with their own elected leaders representing them.

8. **In your opinion, is Midway's transportation and infrastructure adequate to support our community? If not, where would you like to see improvements made?**

[Logan Nance](#)- I believe there are several opportunities to improve Midway's infrastructure. The trails through Walter Bradley Park have gone along way in connecting Nortridge with downtown, but there is still much to be done to make Midway more walkable. We have numerous sidewalks in desperate need of repair and/or replacement. There are several sidewalks that are dangerous for pedestrians to walk on, much less try and run or push a stroller along. This is a liability for our city, especially when we host so many out of towners, particularly during the Fall Festival. We pride ourselves on the beauty of our town, we need to take action on some of these issues immediately.

On top of that there are several areas of our town that do not have sidewalks and citizens who might want to walk to shop or eat downtown or at the corner store are forced to brave traffic to do so. There are also several streets in need of widening and striping to make them safer for our drivers.

I would also like to see the the bridge at Weisenberger Mill repaired and opened as soon as possible. Having it closed for so long is creating a transportation nightmare for many people living in the area who now have to drive so far out of the way.

- 9. What are your plans for improving the environmental sustainability of our county? How would you support investments in more renewable alternative energy development?**

Logan Nance- It is very important that we do our part of make Woodford County more sustainable. I am in favor of exploring options for providing tax benefits for businesses and homeowners who implement energy saving practices. The city should explore the use of solar panels to provide supplemental energy where possible.

Adding bike paths along our roads would go along way in making Midway a more active community and reducing some of our emissions.

- 10. Agriculture is an annual \$565 million-dollar industry that supports 1 in 3 jobs (specifically 2,783 jobs) in Woodford County. Woodford County farmland also anchors a burgeoning travel and agri-tourism industry. What are some ideas and specific policies that you have to strengthen the agriculture industry sector within Midway's city limits?**

Logan Nance- Our farmland is so important to the very identity of Midway. People move to our town and love to visit our town in no small part because of the natural beauty of the region. If elected to the Midway city council I will do everything I can to make sure that land is protected.

I will be against any development that encroaches on farmland on the Midway side of the Interstate. I will push for all new industrial development to be within Midway Station.

I will encourage the promotion of agri-tourism in Midway as a great way to increase foot traffic in our downtown. I believe that 2019 will be the best year ever for agri-tourism in Woodford County as people flock to see not 1, but 2 Triple Crown winners.