

2018 Candidate Questionnaire for candidates running Versailles City Council races:

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

Kyle Branham- I will bring about youth, experience, goal oriented, positive growth, and an overall energy that will benefit everyone in Versailles. I have the most experience in the Public Safety sector of any candidate. I have been a Paramedic Firefighter for the last 15 years and know the importance of public safety and how it can positively impact a community. I have also served as a Public Information Officer for the Lexington Fire Department the last 5 years and understand the importance of clear communication to everyone in Versailles. I will bring all of these qualities to the Versailles City Council and citizens of Versailles.

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

Kyle Branham- The ability to work together for one common goal is an issue that I will constantly pursue. The way we get to that is clear communication and feedback with all community members and City Officials to reach our common goal. Which is to provide a great service that will produce positive growth within our community. It is our biggest opportunity as elected officials to bring about growth, jobs, and overall better quality of life within our community.

- 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 Versailles Urban Service Boundary.**

Kyle Branham- It is important to me that we look at reuse of current land and buildings with the possibilities of restoring and revitalizing those areas. Our goal should efficient utilization of land resources to meet the needs of our community. While we try to be as efficient as possible we must also preserve the beauty of our existing neighborhoods. Another positive with redevelopment of existing areas would be a more efficient delivery of quality public services.

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

Kyle Branham- We must take advantage of our proximity to Lexington and Frankfort. There are many opportunities to expand our downtown and bring in people from outside the community to visit, shop, and dine in our community. We must be open to the ideas of revitalizing buildings currently in the downtown area to offer new businesses room to come. We must also look at traffic solutions in the downtown area to improve traffic flow and the ability for people to walk and ride through the area.

- 5. Are you in favor of further annexation of surrounding land outside the Versailles urban services boundary (USB)? If so, where and how would you change the boundary?**

Kyle Branham- First priority must be the revitalization of the areas within the current boundary. I would not be against further annexation if there was a plan in place with specific needs for our community and It would improve the quality of life for our citizens.

- 6. Do you support the study of a merger of the county government with one or more of the city governments?**

Kyle Branham- I am in support of a study for a merger if it will potentially improve the quality of life and services that we can offer out citizens in Versailles. Public Safety is one aspect that can be looked at and how we can provide the best Public Safety service for our community.

- 7. In your opinion, is Versailles city transportation and infrastructure adequate to support our community? If not, where would you like to see improvements made?**

Kyle Branham- Transportation and infrastructure are a top priority of my campaign to always be improving and receiving feedback from the citizens to help guide us on improvements they would like to see. We must have a 10-20 year plan for both aspects. If we are looking at infrastructure and transportation needs we must have in mind the needs of our city in 10-20 years. If we do not we will always be playing catch up with growth.

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

Kyle Branham- I would support investments in renewable alternative energy development. As we move forward into the future it is important to the revitalization of the areas that currently exist that we focus on them being as environmental friendly as possible.

- 9. Do you support or oppose the extension of Falling Springs Blvd. at or near U.S. 62?**

Kyle Branham- I would support the extension. I believe the extension would improve traffic flow through our downtown and also give us the opportunity to create more bike paths and walking paths within the downtown area. This would be part of the 10-20 year plan to support the growth within our community as it relates to infrastructure and traffic flow.

- 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 the Versailles city limits?**

Kyle Branham- The agriculture industry is extremely important within our community; I would use the strengths that currently exist for tourism as it continues to flourish and build upon those. I feel that it's important for the City of Versailles to work hand in hand with our agriculture industry sector to continue to improve the quality of life for all citizens.