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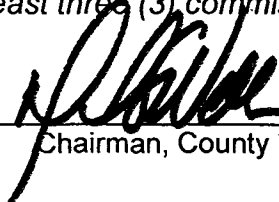
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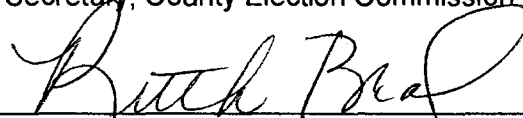
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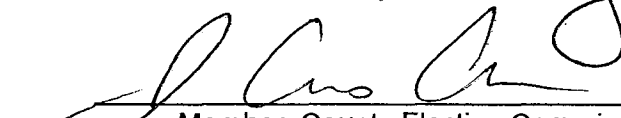
We, the undersigned members of the Hamilton County Election Commission, do hereby certify that we held a Republican Primary Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in the voting precincts in this county, according to law, for the purpose of electing a party nominee for the offices of Circuit Court Judge - Divisions 1-4, Chancellor, Part 1 & 2, Criminal Court Judge - Divisions 1-3, District Attorney, Public Defender, County Mayor, County Commission Districts 1-11, County Trustee, Juvenile Court Judge, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, Criminal Court Clerk, Juvenile Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, County School Board Districts 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 & Town of Lookout Mountain School Board, and that we have canvassed the returns of said election as required by law, and we do hereby certify that the following 76 pages of tabulation are a true, correct, and complete accounting of the results by precinct and county of said election as established by the canvassing of the returns, this 13th day of May, 2022.

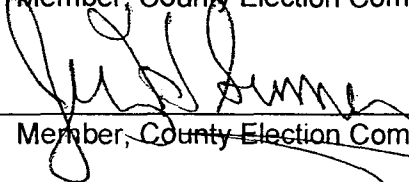
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# State of Tennessee - Hamilton County

May 3, 2022

## Republican Primary

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### County Mayor

1. Matt Hullander
2. Sabrena D. Smedley
3. Weston Wamp

Precincts:	1	2	3
Valleybrook	354	379	554
Walden	167	126	161
Westview A	74	176	77
Westview B	165	365	218
Wolftever	243	315	249
Woodmore	15	15	20
Totals:	12,171	14,110	14,428

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# State of Tennessee - Hamilton County

May 3, 2022

## Republican Primary

### County School Board District 5

1 Charles Paty	1,212
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,212</b>

### County School Board District 6

1 Jon Baker	1,142
2 Cindy Fain	1,094
3 Delores Gross Vinson	649
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>2,885</b>

### County School Board District 8

1 Larry Grohn	2,021
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>2,021</b>

### County School Board District 9

1 Gary Kuehn	1,854
2 Tate Smith	596
3 James B. Walker	1,515
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>3,965</b>

### County School Board District 10

1 Roddey Coe	608
2 Patrick Lee	1,091
3 Faye Robinson	1,721
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>3,420</b>

### County School Board District 11

1 Virginia Anne Manson	1,896
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,896</b>

May 13, 2022

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## 2022 Hamilton County primary elections see double the ballots compared to previous years



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HAMILTON COUNTY, Tenn. — In Hamilton County, double the amount of ballots were cast in the 2022 primary elections compared to previous years.

Wednesday we looked into why more voters showed up for this year's election.

48,848 Hamilton County residents cast their ballots in the 2022 primary election.

That's only 21% of eligible voters. But it still far exceeds turnout in the 2018 and 2014 primaries, which only saw 20,503 and 24,050 ballots cast, respectively.

Rachel Campbell, Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party, told us a large amount of Democrats in the county picked up a Republican ballot Tuesday.

She says many of them voted for Weston Wamp, because they believe he was the most moderate of the candidates.

*"I think the Democrats played a part in getting him elected in his primary. Certainly, I know they did," Campbell says.*

Campbell says the Democratic Party received messages from Wamp encouraging them to vote for him.

*"I think that was targeted messaging to Democrats to say, 'Hey, you can vote for your guy in the fall, but for tonight or tomorrow vote for me, I'm the best one for the job,'" she says.*

Campbell expressed that her party still has a great candidate.

*"I'm looking forward to voting for him in the fall, but on the Republican side, I'm happy to see that we have a moderate candidate running in the GOP on the GOP ticket. I think it's a step in the right direction," says Campbell.*

Arch Trimble, HCGOP Chairman, says he feels confident after last night's results and says they were excited about the large voter turnout.

*"While yesterday's vote totals were indicative of the popularity of our values in Hamilton County, I believe that we can and will carry this momentum through the rest of the election season," Trimble says.*

UTC Public Administration Professor Chris Acuff says history favors the right in Hamilton County.

*"Republicans probably have somewhere between a 10 and 20% advantage in terms of the electorate. So, you know, with county wide races, the county mayor, District Attorney, and in races like that, it would probably be a pretty big surprise if we saw a Democrat win those," Acuff says.*

The Hamilton County Election Commission tells us they have about 30 ballots that need to be looked into for proper voter eligibility from the May primary, but they say they don't anticipate the ballots will have a considerable impact on the election outcome.

The General Election takes place on August 4th.

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I can name specifically at least a half dozen  
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And they said Democrats couldn't elect  
a county mayor!  
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I can name at least 322



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# Chris Anderson (politician)

**Chris Anderson** is an American politician and Democratic Party political activist. He was a member of the Chattanooga, Tennessee City Council for District 7, but was defeated in a run-off election on April 11, 2017.<sup>[1]</sup> He was the first openly LGBT individual to be elected to Chattanooga's City Council.<sup>[2]</sup> He also serves as a member of the Tennessee Democratic Party State Executive Committee.<sup>[3]</sup>

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Chris Anderson
<div><b>Member of the Chattanooga City Council</b> <b>District 7</b></div>
<div><b>In office</b></div> <div>April 15, 2013 – April 11, 2017</div>
<b>Preceded by</b> Manny Rico
<b>Succeeded by</b> Erskine Oglesby, Jr.
<div><b>Personal details</b></div>
<b>Political party</b> <span>Democratic Party</span>

## Political career

Anderson started his political career as a Democratic Party activist. He was elected in 2003 as the President of the Tennessee Young Democrats which also gave him a seat on the Tennessee Democratic Party State Executive Committee.<sup>[4]</sup> He was later elected in 2007 as the Executive Vice President of the Young Democrats of America nationally when that organization would be led for the first time by an openly gay President and Executive Vice President.<sup>[5][6]</sup> He was elected to the Chattanooga City Council in 2013.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Domestic Partnership Benefits Ordinance

Anderson proposed an equal domestic partnership benefits ordinance which the city council passed on November 12, 2013 in a 5-4 vote in favor of allowing domestic partnership benefits for same-sex couples in the city of Chattanooga.<sup>[8]</sup> On November 19, 2013, the city council in a final vote, voted 5-3 in favor of allowing domestic partnership benefits.<sup>[9]</sup> Before the domestic partnership ordinance went into effect,<sup>[10]</sup> the Citizens for Government Accountability and Transparency, a local segment of the Tea Party, gathered enough signatures to put repeal of the ordinance to a popular vote in August 2014.<sup>[11][12]</sup> The city council did not repeal the ordinance on its own, allowing the vote to proceed on August 7, the general election date for Hamilton County.<sup>[13]</sup>

On August 7, 2014, the voters of Chattanooga repealed Ordinance 12781 by a vote of 62.58% in favor and 37.42% against.<sup>[14]</sup>

## 2014 recall effort

Anderson was the subject of a controversial 2014 recall effort which failed.<sup>[15]</sup> Anderson filed a lawsuit to stop the recall accusing his opponents of bigotry because he felt the recall effort was part of a political backlash to his Domestic Partnership Ordinance.<sup>[16]</sup>

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# Clergy Group Helped Put Weston Wamp Over The Top For County Mayor With Democratic Crossovers

A clergy group that has been in the news lately helped put Weston Wamp over the top in the tight three-way GOP county mayor race in Tuesday's election.

Sources in the black community said they were notified ahead of time that the Chattanooga Clergy for Justice was going to help Mr. Wamp out maneuver political veteran Sabrena Smedley and highly successful businessman Matt Hullander.

As promised, a "text blast" went out at election time.

It said:

"Text Blast to Hamilton County Democrats:

"Election Day is today and there is still time to pull a Republican primary ballot to choose the best county mayor option available - Weston Wamp.

"As the Free Press editorial says, "At least until August, there is only one clear and logical choice for county mayor - Weston Wamp.

Where Wamp really shines is in his passion for education, and especially trades education." <https://afc.zone/be3>

"Ask for a Republican ballot on Tuesday, and mark it for Weston Wamp. You can make a difference."

The text blast targeted church parishioners and key black voter districts.

Traditional Democratic Party voting citizens were told to jump over to the Republican side for this particular race.

Many of them did.

It is calculated that the gambit produced more than the 314 votes Mr. Wamp needed to edge out Ms. Smedley in the final tally.

The Chattanooga Clergy for Justice also - second handedly - got involved in the race which Coty Wamp, the sister of Weston Wamp, was waging against incumbent Neal Pinkston.

The group last week asked DA Pinkston to ask for a U.S. Department of Justice investigation of the condition of inmates at the Silverdale jail operated by the Sheriff's Office as well as a traffic stop of a black man by a white officer in Collegedale.

DA Pinkston, who has been warring with Sheriff Jim Hammond for months, complied with both requests.

That sent Sheriff Hammond into attack mode against the DA and also stirred up Collegedale officials, who said they stand behind the officer. It also sent still more voters into the ranks of Coty Wamp, who wound up walloping the incumbent.

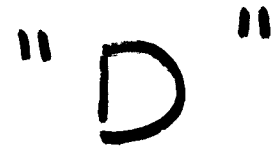
The Concerned Clergy for Justice has no visible leader. Their website gives no names, and their press releases only stress the group itself, not any one individual.

The website, which features a photo with "Defund the Police" and "Prosecute the Police" signs, says, "Our supporters are formed from numerous groups across Chattanooga and surrounding areas in Georgia. We aspire to advocate for those who have been continuously brutalized by the officers charged with protecting them. It is time that law enforcement take accountability for their crimes against the people of Chattanooga."

Asked what the clergy would want from Mr. Wamp in return for delivering the winning vote, it was stated, "They just want equality. They just want justice."

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**We welcome any reports of injustices committed at the hands of local police. Please feel free to fill out the anonymous google form. Any documented injustice that we receive will be added to the timeline.**

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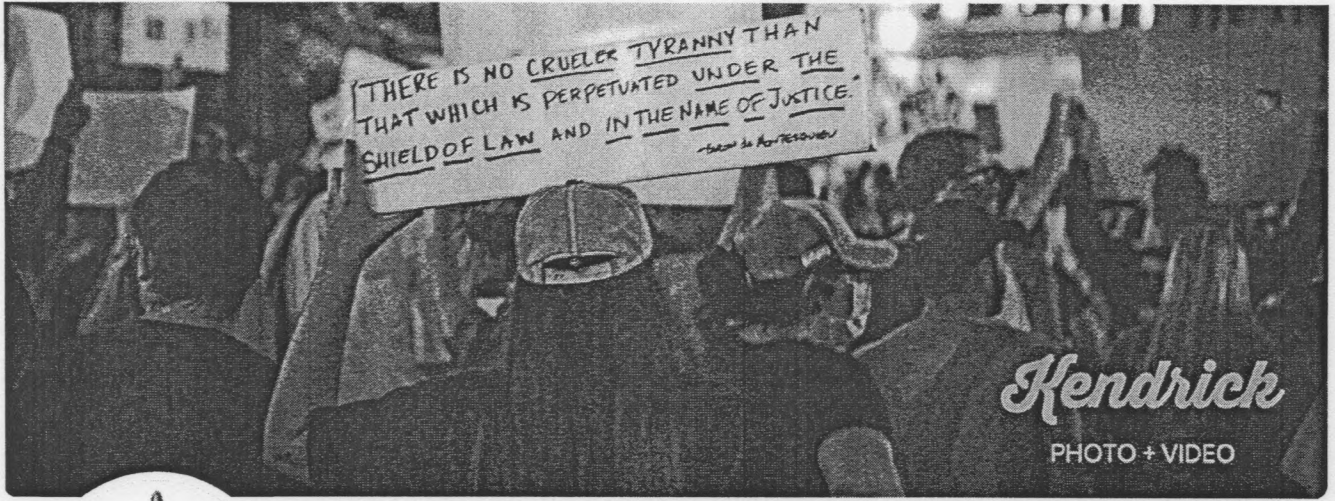
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Read the full article below:

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The federal government deliberately targeted Black Lives Matter protesters via heavy-handed criminal prosecutions in an attempt to disrupt and discourage the global movement that swept the nation last summer in the wake of the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd, according to a new report released Wednesday by The Movement for Black Lives.

Movement leaders and experts said the prosecution of protesters over the past year continues a century-long practice by the federal government, rooted in structural racism, to suppress Black social movements via the use of surveillance tactics and other mechanisms.

"The empirical data and findings in this report largely corroborate what Black organizers have long known intellectually, intuitively, and from lived experience about the federal government's disparate



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policing and prosecution of racial justice protests and related activity," the report stated.

The report, which was first shared with The Associated Press, argues that as the uprisings in the summer of 2020 increased, so did police presence, the deployment of federal agents and prosecution of protesters.

Titled "Struggle For Power: The Ongoing Persecution of Black Movement By The U.S. Government," the report details how policing has been used historically as a major tool to deter Black people from engaging in their right to protest and weaken efforts to draw attention to issues impacting Black Americans. It also drew a comparison to how the government used Counterintelligence Program techniques to "disrupt the work of the Black Panther Party and other organizations fighting for Black liberation."

"We want to really show how the U.S. government has continued to persecute the Black movement by surveillance, by criminalizing protests, and by using the criminal legal system to prevent people from protesting and punishing them for being engaged in protests by attempting to curtail their First Amendment rights," said Amara Enyia, The Movement for Black Lives' policy research coordinator.

"It is undeniable that racism plays a role," Enyia said. "It is structurally built into the fabric of this country and its institutions, which is why it's been so difficult to eradicate. It's based on institutions that were designed around racism and around the devaluing of Black people and the devaluing of Black lives."

In the report, published in partnership with the Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility clinic at City University of New York School of Law, The Movement for Black Lives is calling for amnesty for all protesters involved in the nationwide protests.

The group, also known as M4BL, is demanding reparations from the government that includes an acknowledgment and an apology for the long history of targeting movements "in support of Black life and Black liberation." It also is pushing for passage of the BREATHE Act, proposed federal legislation that would radically transform the nation's criminal justice system, and ending the use of Joint Terrorism Task Forces in local communities.

The report also points to the stark difference in how the government handled the COVID-19 protests against local government shutdowns and mask mandates amid the pandemic during the same period. It analyzes 326 criminal cases initiated by U.S. federal prosecutors over alleged conduct related to protests in the wake of Floyd's murder and the police killings of other Black Americans, from May 31, 2020, to Oct. 25, 2020.

A key finding of the report was that the push to use federal charges against protesters came from top-down directives from former President Donald Trump and former Attorney General William Barr. M4BL and the Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility clinic, also known as CLEAR, found that in 92.6% of the cases, there were equivalent state level charges that could have been brought against defendants.



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Among those cases where comparable state level charges could have been brought, 88% of the federal criminal charges carried more severe potential sentences than the equivalent state criminal charges for the same or similar conduct.

"We saw U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr overnight go from expressing some level of sympathy for racial justice protesters to labeling them as radical and violent agitators with absolutely no basis for that sort of characterization," said Ramzi Kassem, founding director of CLEAR and a law professor at the City University of New York, adding that Barr and Trump used the arrests and prosecutions to justify the "hostile rhetoric" aimed at protesters. "All of this was very transparently aimed at disrupting a Black-led movement for social justice that was happening both spontaneously and in an organized fashion nationwide."

Race data was only available for 27%, or 89 of the defendants. And of that number, 52% were identified as Black. Of the Black defendants, 91% were identified as male.

"The known proportion of Black defendants compared to the proportion of Black people in the United States, per the latest census data, indicates that Black defendants were dramatically overrepresented," the report stated.

Seventy-two cases, or 22.1%, involved charges with mandatory minimum sentences. And 67 cases, or 20.6%, involved offenses where defendants are alleged to "have attempted, conspired, or aided and abetted an underlying crime without having actually committed the underlying criminal conduct."

Portland, Oregon, led in the number of charges brought for protest-related activity, making up 29% of federal charges. Chicago, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., and Minneapolis followed.

Richard Wallace, founder of Equity and Transformation in Chicago, said over the past summer he witnessed overly aggressive policing by law enforcement officers who levied accusations of rioting and looting at protesters who were peacefully protesting. Wallace said he is deeply concerned for those who have been charged.

"Coming from Chicago, where (Black Panther Party leader) Fred Hampton was killed and where, Martin Luther King came and said this is one of the most segregated cities he ever saw, we have a very keen historic lens as it relates to state violence, and Black movement," said Wallace, whose organization, also known as EAT, was founded by and for formerly incarcerated and marginalized Black people and focuses on individuals who operate within the informal economy.

"What we saw in Illinois and across the country was this reverberation of Black power. And so, at all costs, the state is about dismantling that right, dismantling that in every possible way," he said.

The report also raises concerns about the involvement of Joint Terrorism Task Forces and found 20 cases that explicitly referenced task force involvement. The government "greatly exaggerated" the threat of violence from protesters, the report says.

Makia Green, a liberation organizer and co-conductor of the Washington D.C.-based group Harriet's Wildest Dreams, fully supports



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the report's findings and calls for action. Green believes President Joe Biden needs to fulfill his campaign pledges of supporting Black Americans and addressing the root causes of white supremacy, by pushing for amnesty for protesters. Green said Congress also needs to support legislation to overhaul the criminal justice system.

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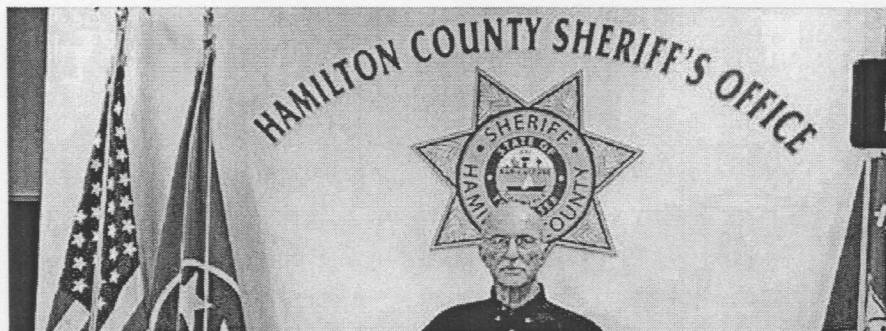


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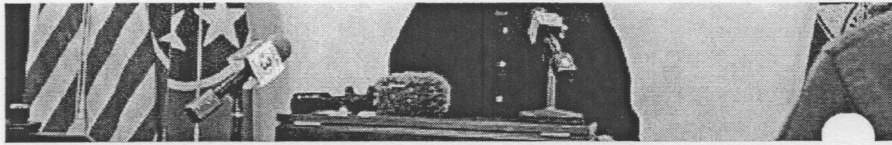
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## Our Goal

We seek to put an end to the injustices committed against Hamilton County's population through unjust policing and policies.

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offenses have been documented and reported since Sheriff Hammond was elected in 2008

officers were identified from these various reports as conducting gruesome offenses amongst several other officers who have not been named

officer was fired by Sheriff Hammond; several others either resigned or remain on paid leave





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**Transcript Summary of comments made by Rebecca Day  
during May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Hamilton County School Board  
Meeting**

Thank you for your time, um, I won't take 5 minutes hopefully...um

While serving on the library committee earlier this year I had the opportunity to review the school board policy 4.402. In reviewing the policy, I noticed that in paragraph one (1) there was a footnote referencing TN state code dealing with Civics curriculum and the requirement in our state Tennessee students to pass a US civics test to earn a traditional diploma. I wanted details on how Hamilton County Public Schools is satisfying this requirement, so I emailed my students principal with questions. Little did I know that one of the civics related questions would bring me here to ask you about field trips. I asked our principal "Does our High School have a voter registration drive?" In response our principal confirmed the schools do have voter's registration drive every fall, I was provided with the name of the contact person and was advised this person is affiliated with the League of Women voters. Fast forward to end of April, on April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> I saw two local public High Schools post on their social media pages showing a field trip for a group of seniors who were taken to the polls for early voting. Transportation was provided by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, It also appeared lunch was provided. GREAT!

Um, subsequently the Tennessee Secretary of State posted on their social media page that they awarded a few Hamilton County schools with the Anne Dallas Dudley Gold Award for registering 100% of the eligible students to vote. Hamilton County Schools also shared this post.

All this civic action made me wonder why am I not seeing this type of post from our students High School where our student attends? Were all Hamilton County Students given the opportunity to leave school grounds, during school hours, to go vote? Was transportation provided to all students?

So.....I emailed our principal again. In response I was told the principal was unaware of any student leaving our high schools campus to vote. If they did, they were checked out with

permission by their guardian for the day, did not return, and did not indicate they were going to vote.

So I'm here tonight to ask just a few questions of the board and I will email to your guys so you'll have the questions.

Um.... based on social media posts and some other communication I understand that Brainard, Hoawrd and Tyner took a group of students from their schools to the polls to vote. Were any other schools' students transported to polls for voting? Did the school board know about the trips beforehand? Did the Director of schools approve the trip beforehand, as required by school board policy?

Is the sorority on the approved carrier list as required by school board policy? Were there any other individuals who have links to local nonprofits and/or sororities involved in shuttling students to and from polls for voting?

Were permissions slips signed and kept on file for one year as required by school board policy?

How were the students selected to go to the polls? Was it open to all students or was it just open to a subset of students?

Was there a roster made of all students on the school trip to the polls?

Did the school provide transportation via school bus?

Did these trips originate during school hours?

How were the trips paid for?

Who were the school staff chaperones and who ultimately approved the trips?

Depending on the answers received the school system and/or the people who were involved could be looking at violations starting with internal DEI and HR procedures, board policy violations, campaign violations, Little Hatch Act violations, and civil rights violations. The school, as we've discussed tonight, or you've discussed tonight, the schools should set a very high bar to ensure all students are protected and treated equitably, so I am asking that you investigate the questions, provide feedback to the public as your investigation progresses and take action to ensure anyone in violation is held accountable. Thank you.



Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton - Red Bank City Commission is at Hixson Community Center.

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🗳️ I early voted today!

!! Did you know that THIS Thursday, April 28th, is the last day to early vote in the May 3rd primary?

📌 And in case you missed my video post a few weeks ago, some voter education below 🗳️

- For the May 3rd primary, you have to pull either a Democrat or Republican ballot;
- If you pull the Democrat primary ballot in our district, District 6 (and all but three other districts in Hamilton County), you are going to see a handful or less of Democrat candidates running unopposed -- what does this mean? This means they will automatically show up on the August 4th general election ballot (because no other Democrats are vying for those seats);
- If you pull a Republican primary ballot in our district, District 6, you will see a handful of contested races (County Mayor, County D.A., Circuit Court Div II, Criminal Court Div III, and School Board) -- what does this mean? This means that whoever wins the primary will be the candidate listed with the Democrat candidate on the August 4th general election ballot;
- Two of the contested Republican races -- Circuit Court Div II and Criminal Court Div III -- have NO Democrat opponent -- what does this mean? This means that whoever wins the primary automatically wins the seat (because there is no Democrat opponent running against them for the general election);
- All of this is to say that if you don't pull a Republican primary ballot, you don't get any say whatsoever in who two of our next judges are going to be, and they win these seats for EIGHT 🗳️ years; a lot can be accomplished (or obstructed) in that time; judicial seats are very important to community justice, safety, and progress, so take this opportunity to let your voice be heard!



👤 Mayor Hollie Berry and 10 others

1 Comment



# Arch Trimble IV Says GOP Got Outflanked By Democrats; He Plans To Run For County Party Chairman

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Hamilton County's two parties spent years preparing for the 2020 election, and now a week removed from that momentous day the dueling ideologies assessed their future in one of Tennessee's largest counties. On Main Street, the mood was solemn and introspective during the Republicans' weekly Pachyderm Club. Arch Trimble IV announced his intention to run for president of the Republican Party in Hamilton County, and he had harsh words for why the party lost several races at the municipal level.

"We have to look at broadening our base," Mr. Trimble said. "We've spent the last four years allowing ourselves to be pushed too far to the right, and quite frankly I don't think anyone in this room can agree that has done a lot for our party. It has divided us as a nation."

While by no means a supporter of the Democratic Party, Mr. Trimble did praise the other side while simultaneously critiquing his own.

"They got it right and we didn't," Mr. Trimble said. "They didn't do it locally because they were more well-funded than us. They worked harder than us. That's something Republicans do better than anyone else, and we got lazy, and we should all be ashamed of ourselves, me included."

Hamilton County Democratic Chairman Rodney Strong said his party focused on the grassroots level, an area Mr. Trimble said the Republicans have neglected to attend to.

"The HCDP's direction will be tied to continued growth of the party at the grassroots level," Mr. Strong said about the HCDP. "We will continue to develop our organization at the precinct level. We will use social media and personal networking to reach out to not only Democrats but to those who are independents to work together to elect people to office who are more responsive to the community's needs."

"I think we know where we got beat, and that's at the grassroots level," Mr. Trimble said. "Relationships and shaking hands and knocking on doors matters a whole lot more than something coming in your mailbox. I'd much rather have a connection with someone than have a piece of mail."

"I'd like to ask (younger people) to give us a chance, and to get involved. We're never going to make everybody happy, but I firmly believe that if we get some new ideas and new faces that want to get around our movement, then we have a way forward."

Both parties said messaging and the format of said message is crucial to the success of the two parties. District 28's Democratic representative Yusuf Hakeem said as much when asked for a comment. He said the party needs to do a

better job of establishing what the Democratic Party stands for, rather than allow outside entities to shape the perception of the party.

“The Democratic Party needs to listen to the people, learn from the people, and make the necessary changes that are needed,” Rep. Hakeem said. “Our heart is in the right place, but I question whether the message we give the people is one overcome by other people defining what you are, rather than defining yourself. That is what has happened to the democratic party in the state of Tennessee.”

The 40th President of the United States has long defined America’s more conservative party, with Reagan’s grip on conservative politics still ironclad over a decade after his passing and 30 years since his presidency. However, Mr. Trimble said it may be time for the party to move on from Reagan, saying reverence for the former president is not gaining any new supporters for Republicans.

“Although we have looked back at President Reagan with a lot of awe, I think we could do a little bit better than what we did in the 1980s,” Mr. Trimble said. “We were all driving manual cars and had 8-track players. Now we have iPods and computers. It’s just evolution, and both parties can do it. But I believe the Republican party has been the party of innovation, and historically they are a proactive party.”

Meanwhile, Mr. Strong said he believes the Democratic Party has created some momentum after the most recent elections. Aside from the runoff elections in nearby Georgia, Mr. Strong said the party hopes to take advantage of that excitement, with the 2022 midterms and various local elections in mind.

“There was an excitement and energy created by the Presidential election that brought a lot of new faces to the HCDP,” Mr. Strong said. “We will use that contact information to expand our base as we prepare for 2022.”

“We are at least four of five years (from turning the county blue), but there will be incremental progress during that time,” Rep. Hakeem said. “It’s a matter of building that infrastructure or that “bench”, because we have people who will run, and they’re great people. But I wonder if we’ve built that bench that we need to put before the people. So the ideas and concepts put forth by democrats are understood and appreciated by a broader swath of the county.”

Mr. Trimble said he believes Republican economic values can still appeal to voters in America, citing how close the most recent election was. But he said the party has lost seven of the last eight popular elections, and to repeat what the Republican has been doing is “the definition of insanity.” He told the Pachyderm Club “We are not Republicans for what we do in your free time,” and instead said the party needs to focus on government and taxes.

“I believe that small government and smaller taxes, and the belief I can do better with my money and my household than the government can,” Mr. Trimble said. “That should sell to everyone in the country, not just my party. I believe the reason America is great is because you have the ability to bet on yourself.”

Members of both parties expressed satisfaction in seeing the record-breaking number of voters coming out to the polls. Anywhere from 66 to 75 percent of eligible voters voted in Tuesday’s election.

“That’s an indication people believe our process of voting can work,” Rep. Hakeem said. “Some people believe we should make it hard and frustrating to vote, but I think that people said this time, no matter what you do to keep me from voting, I know my votes matters and counts, and then they came out.”

“I would like for all of us to move past this and look forward to the next couple of years,” Mr. Trimble said. “We have a lot of problems in this country we have to fix, but I honestly believe having as many people as we did to vote is amazing for this country, but it’s about 50 percent too low.”

The gargantuan voter turnout is only one of the enduring stories of the election. While former Vice President Joe Biden has been declared the president-elect by most major news outlets, incumbent Donald Trump has claimed rampant voter fraud resulted in a “stolen” election. The president has threatened lawsuits in response to this supposed fraud. However, Mr. Trimble said he believed it would be best if the HCRP, and the national party in general, looked to the future instead.

“I don’t believe the lawsuits will accomplish anything, and I’m a firm believer that if you got beat, it’s time to move on and regroup your forces,” Mr. Trimble said. “As far as if this election was stolen or not, I don’t know and I don’t have access to that data, nor do I care to.”

“That’s an option he has, but from what I’ve heard some of his own people are questioning the wisdom of that,” Rep. Hakeem said. “In a sense of speaking, it is out of my hands and he’s going to do what he wants to do.”

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On May 16, 2022 2:51 PM, Cindy Fain  
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Hi Nate,

This is Cindy Fain, I was a candidate in the County  
Election May 3. I received the data you had emailed last  
Friday, thank you!

In District 6 School Board election there was over 300  
Bonafied Registered Democrats (since 2015) that asked  
for a Republican ballot this election. All the voters  
information is there but not the candidate they voted for.  
Is that information available to the public?



Thank you,  
Cindy Fain

Sent from my iPhone

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Cindy,

The law does not permit us to know who an individual votes for in their ballot. When a ballot is inserted into the machine and it is mixed in with all the other ballots it is essentially impossible to know what ballot belonged to who.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Nate Foster