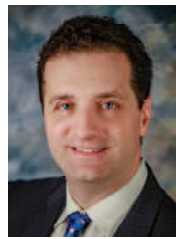


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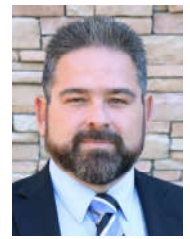


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SECTION 1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
Education	MS, International Relations-Troy State U.; BA, History w honors-UK; USAF Officer Training School; Squadron Officer School; and Standing Joint Forces HQ Systems Analysis Training. Graduate of Leadership East Kentucky.	B.A. Music Education, M. M. Music Performance, M. Ed. Education Leadership, Ed. D. Education Leadership
Occupation	Writer/Entrepreneur	I teach at Letcher County Central High School. I am also the Founder/CEO of a software company.
Family	Married to Elaine Foster for 19 years; we have two children.	Wife, Melissa, is a psychologist; Son, Noah, is a second-year student at the University of Louisville; Daughter, Emma, is a first-year student at the University of Kentucky.
Civic/Religious Involvement	Member - Team Rubicon; VFW; Big Sandy Road Runners; cast member for Artists Collaborative Theater; Board - Future of E KY.; writer <i>Huffington Post</i> ; former columnist for <i>Lex. Herald Leader</i> .	Lay minister - All Saints CH. Former leadership-Whitesburg UMC. Master Mason, Lions Club, Trustee-Howard Township. Zoning Bd, Cty Health Bd, & Bd of Dirs. Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps.
Personal Interests	I am an avid runner, having just recently completed the Run the Bluegrass Half Marathon in Lexington, KY.	Baseball, history, astronomy, church history, films
SECTION 2	RESPONSES	
As Secretary of State, what will you do to increase voter turnout in Kentucky's elections?	"I will advocate every day for early voting, electronic voting, automatic voter registration, restoration of voting rights for former felons. I will visit every county and encourage citizens to vote and speak out on public issues."	"The one group of voters that historically move the most is the group of people age 18-25. I would like to see automatic voter registration implemented. In doing so, whenever someone moves, their voting precinct moves when they update their driver's license or state ID. I'd also allow voters to opt-in to emails from the Secretary of State's office regarding upcoming election dates."
Do you have specific ideas related to election reform that you intend to pursue?	"I will advocate every day for early voting, electronic voting, automatic voter registration, and restoration of voting rights for former felons. In addition, I will advocate against purging voters from the rolls simply due to inactivity."	"As said above, when automatic voter registration is implemented, it will help clean voting rolls every time someone renews their driver's license or state ID. In doing so, we make the job of County Clerks easier by automatically cleaning rolls of deceased persons and those who have moved from their precinct."
With the legislative filing deadline being moved to early January, what will you do to make it easy to challenge incumbents?	" I would remove the filing fees for new candidates. To run for Secretary of State I had to pay \$500, which is a lot of money."	" I will be a strong advocate for eliminating dark money for both political parties. Incumbents have unparallel access to external funding. If we can level the playing field, elections can then center on issues pertinent to the office."
What would your top three priorities be if elected Secretary of State?	"1. Increase voter turnout to above 50% 2. Give voters as many ways as possible to vote—early voting, electronic voting, etc. 3. Cut the red tape to make it easier for new businesses to register."	"1) Automatic restoration of voting rights of former felons of non-violent and election crimes. 2) Implementation of automatic voter registration to help register more people to vote and at the same time, help make voter rolls more accurate. 3) Reduction in the annual registration tax for businesses. This tax hurts small businesses the most."

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<p><i>What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?</i></p>	<p>"I would form and lead a government streamlining commission to identify new ways to eliminate wasteful spending, duplication of effort, and unnecessary bureaucracy."</p>	<p>"I have not seen line items in the budget. However, my first question would concern outdated methods and technologies."</p>
<p><i>If elected, what do you see as the most important issue you will face in the next four years?</i></p>	<p>"Improving the civic health of Kentucky is my top issue, which means improving voter turnout and citizen participation in the democratic process. Right now participation is unacceptably low."</p>	<p>"The most important issue after the election will be the redistricting after the 2020 census. The dispensation of the office requires non-partisanship and a focus on ensuring equality."</p>
<p><i>After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?</i></p>	<p>"Improved average voter turnout to above 50%, moved Kentucky closer to a working electronic voting system, and the cut red tape for businesses to encourage entrepreneurship."</p>	<p>"We will have a transparent office in the Secretary of State's office and will work toward registering even more businesses."</p>
<p><i>What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?</i></p>	<p>"My twenty years of military leadership and business consulting experience make me the best candidate for this office."</p>	<p>"I am an expert in IT and security. I take the job of fair elections and database security seriously and I can hit the ground running on this the first day on the job."</p>
<p><i>Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent(s)?</i></p>	<p>"I am the only candidate in the Democratic Primary for Secretary of State who served on active duty in the U.S. military in combat. My crisis management and organizational leadership experience sets me apart from my opponents."</p>	<p>"My opponents do not have a background in IT and security. In addition, when we talk about civics curriculum for students, I am a teacher and have written curricula for two school districts."</p>
<p><i>To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?</i></p>	<p>"Health and wellness, specifically physical fitness. I'm an avid runner and obstacle course racer. Healthy living is the simplest way to reduce national health care costs."</p>	<p>"I created software to help combat human trafficking. Human trafficking is an issue which is often overlooked by media and we need more attention to bring an end to it."</p>

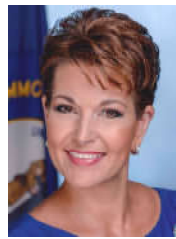
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<i>Education</i>	Mason County High School 1992; 1997 Bachelor of Science and 2001 Masters in Design - University of Cincinnati: College of Design Architecture, Art, & Planning.	Graduated from George Rogers Clark High School, went to many colleges
<i>Occupation</i>	2014–16 Commissioner – KY Dept of Veterans Affairs. 2016 – Jan. 25, 2019 Deputy Commissioner. Resigned to run for Sec. of State.	Comic Book Artist
<i>Family</i>	Husband - Stephen L. Henry, M.D. Daughter - Harper Renee' Henry (17) Daughter – Taylor Augusta Henry (15)	Married to Gewel Kafka, two children
<i>Civic/Religious Involvement</i>	Southeast Christ. CH, Woman's Club of L'ville, KY Daughters of the Am. Rev., The Fillies, Inc., Pres. - Rosemary Clooney Museum, Future Fund, KY Prostate Cancer Coal., Chair - KY WWI Cent. Comm.	Quaker, Rainbow Gathering
<i>Personal Interests</i>	I am extremely passionate about our military & vets. I'm engaged in land conservation and preservation of ag. I have a great love for the arts and am an avid reader of Robert Frost's work.	Art, archaeology, Kentucky history, Texas history, 3D printing, people
SECTION 2	RESPONSES	
<i>As Secretary of State, what will you do to increase voter turnout in Kentucky's elections?</i>	"(1) Adopt no-excuse absentee voting by mail for registered voters, expanding early voting eligibility to all registered voters; (2) restoration of voting rights to certain convicted criminal offenders who have satisfied all terms of their sentences; (3) expanded voter education."	"As a candidate, I will increase turnout by running an interesting and inspiring campaign. As Secretary, my role is not to increase turnout, it is to increase voter access. Turnout is a candidate's job. Once in office, the issue is <u>ACCESS</u> ."
<i>Do you have specific ideas related to election reform that you intend to pursue?</i>	" I support partnering with our County Clerks to allow early voting, allowing vote by mail ballots, and extending hours at polling locations."	"Absolutely! Same day registration, early voting, late voting, declaring the day of elections as a state holiday, expanded absentee ballot voting, maintaining vote clinics where possible, instituting an advisory 'microvoting' system, and gradually instituting ranked choice voting in our state."
<i>With the legislative filing deadline being moved to early January, what will you do to make it easy to challenge incumbents?</i>	"As the Chief Election Officer of the State, I will develop an online "Basic Candidate Boot Camp" for potential candidates, as part of an expanded civics education initiative about the impact government has on our communities."	"As a part of the executive branch, the only proper response to this is 'Everything within my power to the limits defined by the legislature.'"
<i>What would your top three priorities be if elected Secretary of State?</i>	"(1) Partnering with the 120 County Clerks in preparation for the 2020 Presidential/ State Election cycle, (2) Facilitating the security and integrity of all elections from cyber and other threats and (3) encouraging voter registration/ participation in both the primary/general election."	"Advocacy for expansion of the franchise and knowledge of the Kentucky Constitution. Absolute transparency, including the publication of all correspondence. Maximum transparency for the governor's office under Section 94 of the Kentucky Constitution."

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<p><i>What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?</i></p>	<p>“The Secretary of State’s 2021-22 Budget will be determined by the 2020 Legislature. We will work with the legislature to assure that the basic services tasked to the Office are adequately funded to provided 21st Century citizen and business support.”</p>	<p>“I have no overarching system or philosophy in this area besides the recognition that the government must avoid waste. My strongest recommendation is to cut standardized testing programs in schools, as they are inefficient and counterproductive, but this has little to do with my candidacy.”</p>
<p><i>If elected, what do you see as the most important issue you will face in the next four years?</i></p>	<p>“Adequate resourcing from appropriated state funds and fees to sustain the level of services, technology and security necessitated by the requirement to remain competitive with other states and in the execution of the Constitutional and Statutory duties of the office.”</p>	<p>“Achieving and maintaining continual transparency, including the publication of ALL correspondence.”</p>
<p><i>After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?</i></p>	<p>“Voter engagement (registration and participation) having been facilitated; Being a catalyst for business development throughout the Commonwealth by offering exceptional service; Civic Education on our Constitutional form of government.”</p>	<p>“First off, we’re going to have a lot of fun. My successor will inherit a competent, functioning office that will enjoy a level of transparency and public involvement far beyond what we have come to accept in the past.”</p>
<p><i>What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?</i></p>	<p>“I am known for my commitment to a cause (Military Veterans), my intellect (in business/policy/strategy), my advocacy skills (Veterans Healthcare) and my compassion for others (Homeless Veterans). I have been responsible for 900 employees and a nearly \$100 million/year operation.”</p>	<p>“A deep and personal understanding of this nation, this state, and the new global communications system that both unites and divides us. I also have secretarial experience and can type 100 wpm.”</p>
<p><i>Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent(s)?</i></p>	<p>“Because I have actually led a large and complex government Department and I have worked with the Kentucky Legislature and Executive Branch to fashion sound policy built upon consensus. Those are the credentials that make me the most effective.”</p>	<p>“All eight candidates, on both sides, offer something different. I offer a way to unite the strengths of the maximum number of candidates while providing the one thing that they all <u>should</u> offer, though no other has yet . . . TRANSPARENCY.”</p>
<p><i>To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?</i></p>	<p>“Military Veterans and their families have been my passion. My husband and I founded the KY Prostate Cancer Coalition and the Rosemary Clooney Museum.; I assist in the Future Land Trust to save 6,000 acres on Floyds Fork/Jefferson Co. ”</p>	<p>“I draw comic books for a living. I study history extensively, especially the era before the Civil War. I am also a passionate hiker and student of nature.”</p>

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