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SECTION 1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
Education	B.A., University of Louisville, 1998; J. D., Harvard Law School, 2001	Bachelor's degree - Political Science & Communications and MA - Comunications, Hofstra University. JD (Law) and MA - Public Policy, College of William and Mary
Occupation	Election-law attorney with national practice (clients include Republican Governors' Association and Vice President Mike Pence)	Officer United States Navy and attorney.
Family	Married to Christina Milner; 1 daughter, Lucia, age 12	My wife, Blaire, and I are expecting our first child in July.
Civic/Religious Involvement	Active in First Christian Church of Louisville (previously served on board, term-limited out); University of Louisville McConnell Center Board of Advisors	US Navy vet, currently a Lt. Commander in the Reserves. Attend St. Bernadette's Catholic CH & Crestwood Baptist CH. Member: Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW, and the NRA.
Personal Interests	History; cooking; playing the drums	Hobbies include woodworking and skeet shooting.
SECTION 2	RESPO	ONSES
As Secretary of State, what will you do to increase voter turnout in Kentucky's elections?	"1) Advocate for extension of voting hours; 2) Use the SOS office's website to make available information about local candidates across the state, the ones who get the least media coverage and about whom voters are least-informed."	"The next Secretary of State must restore trust in our voting process. The people of the Commonwealth need to have faith that their vote counts and each vote means something. As a leader, I want to restore people's confidence in the election process through voter roll clean up and photo ID requirements."
Do you have specific ideas related to election reform that you intend to pursue?		"I want to clean up the voting rolls using the Ohio process. I want to institute photo ID requirements like Indiana has done. I want to make sure that all counties in Kentucky have paper ballot backup systems."
With the legislative filing deadline being moved to early January, what will you do to make it easy to challenge incumbents?	"It is not the role of the Secretary of State to intervene for or against any type of candidate. The chief election official should be neutral."	"The best way to make sure people can challenge incumbents is to make sure people are engaged in the election and voting processes. We need to make sure people have faith in their elections and want to be a part of the system."
What would your top three priorities be if elected Secretary of State?	"1. Clean up the scandals in the SOS office and restore public confidence; 2. Help enact a Photo ID law for Kentucky elections; 3. Purge the voter rolls of non-residents and the deceased."	"1. Repairing the Secretary of State's relationship with the county clerks and State Board of Elections. 2. Securing our voting system by cleaning up the voting rolls, requiring photo ID, and pushing for paper ballot backup. 3. Taking Kentucky One Stop to its full potential to help take advantage of the 18 billion dollars of economic investment coming to the Commonwealth."

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What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?	"Zero-based budgeting so no assumptions are baked in and every taxpayer dollar is justified."	"Reducing the size of government is a priority for me. Empowering our county clerks and giving power back to the local level will help cut the bureaucracy and size of state government."
If elected, what do you see as the most important issue you will face in the next four years?	"The most important issue is restoration of public confidence in our elections, which is weakened both by hacking threats and by numerous scandals roiling the SOS office."	"Both Republicans and Democrats can agree that the 2020 election will be contentious. We must have a leader in there to manage that election process and then we must also have a leader to manage and work with the legislature during the 2022 redistricting process."
After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?	"1) Cleaned up the scandals in the SOS office; 2) Passed a Photo ID law for Kentucky elections; 3) Purged the voter rolls of the deceased and non-residents; 4) Improved cybersecurity at the State Board of Elections and the county clerks' offices."	"Clean voter roles, photo ID in the common- wealth for voting, a modernized KentuckyOne stop, and more money for county clerks to run the elections and buy updated voting equipment."
What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?	"I'm the only election professional running to be Kentucky's chief election official. I've handled statewide races in all 50 states mul- tiple times. I've also served on the Kentucky State Board of Elections. I'm uniquely prepared for this office."	"Leadership; for the past 3 years, I've managed an office larger than the Secretary of State's Office. As the General Counselor of the KY Justice in Public Safety Cabinet, I was a top lawyer for the State Police, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Dept. of Criminal Justice Training. I manage an office of over 40 attorneys, paralegals, and investigators dealing with the legal issues for a cabinet of 8,000."
Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent(s)?	"Of 8 candidates in both parties running for SOS, I'm the only one with substantive election experience. I'm the only candidate with 50 states' experience and knowledge, ready to do the job on day one. Indisputably, I'm the best-qualified."	"My education, employment and leadership experience will make me the most effective person to be Secretary of State."
To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?	"Adoption. My daughter is from Guatemala. My experience adopting her prompted me to sponsor numerous Guatemalan youngsters through primary school, secondary school and college, and has prompted others who know Lucia to adopt themselves."	"I am 100% pro-life. I'm 100% pro-2nd Amendment. I'm 100% pro-veteran."

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Education	Northern Ky University BA: Political Science; Project Management Institute: PMI – PMP credentials; Villanova: Six Sigma	BA History, American Military University	
Occupation	Chief of Staff for Lt Governor Jenean Hampton Prior: I.T./Cybersecurity Program Manager at CHI (National Hospital Chain) – KY One in KY	Private Consultant	
Family	Stephanie (wife of 25 yrs.); Daughters: Sarah, Grace, Gabrielle/ Sons: Zachary, Caleb, Jona- than; Grandson: Jason. We have 1 biological child – Zach; 5 special needs children from China.	Married to Kate, with two children: Logan (5) and Savannah (2)	
Civic/Religious Involvement	Lakeside Christian CH active in N KY community, City Gospel Mission, Samaritan's Purse, Open Doors, Voice of the Martyrs, China Aid, Int'l Christian Concern, IFCJ, Christians United for Israel	Attend services at Okolona Christian in Louisville; Member of Kentucky Right to Life, Northern KY Right to Life (more below)	
Personal Interests	Bible Study/Teaching; History; Reading; Teaching computer/math; Complex jigsaw puzzles with my children; My wife and I garden, and I also rebuild classic car engines.	The National Rifle Association, the Association of Former Agents of the U.S. Secret Service, the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, and the American Society for Industrial Security.	
SECTION 2	RESPONSES		
As Secretary of State, what will you do to increase voter turnout in Kentucky's elections?	"In 2015, I ran against Alison Grimes and although outspend 21:1, I fell short 51% to 49%. Why? Strong message – clean up KY's voter rolls and voter ID. I have Ohio's plan that received US Supreme Court approval and when KY voters know their votes count – they vote!"	"My focus will be on improving voter accessibility, particularly for our deployed military. I'm working with the Pentagon on a proposal to transmit certified election mail electronically, as opposed to an APO, via an encrypted system."	
Do you have specific ideas related to election reform that you intend to pursue?	"Voter ID and Voter Roll Clean Up. I was the one who discovered in 2015 we had 18 counties with more registered voters than citizens, which allows rampant voter fraud. Now, we have 48 counties and only 1 candidate, me, with the US Supreme Court Verified Clean Up Plan."	"Purging the voter rolls, thereby eliminating a major path to election fraud, is critical. Those who have not voted in two federal election cycles will be identified and contacted via pre-paid mailer. Those who do not respond, and who do not vote in two subsequent years, will then be removed from the voting rolls citing change of address – whether they in fact moved out of state, are in the country illegally, are deceased, or never existed."	
With the legislative filing deadline being moved to early January, what will you do to make it easy to challenge incumbents?	"I am a financial supporter of organizations like Commonwealth Policy Center (CPC) who trains citizens to be an effective candidate. I also encourage young children as young as high school to get politically active and educated."	"I intend to do everything I can to remove politics from the election process. As chief election official, my focus will be on making it easy for constitutionally eligible citizens to vote while securing our elections from all possible avenues to voter fraud."	
What would your top three priorities be if elected Secretary of State?	"Voter ID AND Clean Up of all 120 county's voter rolls. 2) Complete refurbish of business one stop system – allow LLC's, small business, faster turn-around time with licenses, but better customer services to allow less bureaucracy and red tape. (Goal: 24-36 hr turn around time.) 3) As an adoptive parent—improve the Adoption/Foster Process."	"Cleaning up the voter rolls will be priority one, implementing a plan already approved by the Supreme Court. I am also working with business leaders to improve the online business portal and streamline services. Members of the American Legion are working with me to develop a history and civics program for our schools, with an emphasis on teaching the U.S. Constitution."	

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What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?

"Automation: the SOS office is an admin office which is NOT utilizing technology that private sector business used 10 years ago. Technological improvement increases efficiency, reduces new hires, lessens mistakes, and attracts a more youthful interest in participation."

"As with my past leadership roles, I will conduct a top-to-bottom review of the office. The greatest potential cost savings, I anticipate, will come from streamlining processes as it relates to digital filing of reports."

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue you will face in the next four years?

"Cleaning up the 48+ counties' voter rolls. I discovered the issue in 2015 and it has gotten worse. This is the #1 way voter fraud occurs and I will close that avenue to those who break the law."

"The 2020 census will result in redistricting, which will change everything from an election perspective. The voting systems themselves, in most counties, are in need of updating. Replacement costs will be the greatest burden on the counties. Working to secure funding at the state and/or federal level will be critical."

After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?

"Clean voter rolls in all 120 counties. No non-Ky citizen will vote in our elections! The veterans' vote will be done electronically and counted in 'real time', not mailed ballots that get lost and are inconvenient. Business customer service, improved adoption process."

"We will have successfully purged the voter rolls, brought uniformity to our voting machines to include paper ballot redundancy, and advocated successfully for a voter ID law and increased criminal penalties for voter fraud. Our business services will be streamlined and our plan to re-introduce history and civics to our classrooms will be in effect."

What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?

"I.T. Cybersecurity Background — 15 years experience. This is needed in cleaning up the voter rolls at a faster pace and guarding against hackers like the one that occurred this year, placing all your voter ID data, motor vehicles records, SSN, all on the Internet. No other candidate has IT experience and will simply 'farm out' the work — that's how the latest hack occurred. Steve Knipper will deliver as he did in private sector — 15 years.

"I am the only trained criminal investigator (Secret Service) and the only former Counterintelligence Officer (CIA) in this race, uniquely qualified to investigate allegations of corruption and safeguard our elections. I'm also one of the most effective administrators in the country, having overseen one of the most politically sensitive operations of the U.S. Government at Joint Task Force Guantanamo."

Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent(s)?

"Skill set. All other opponents are attorneys or govt. contract workers. The #1 topic nationally is voter roll clean up and cybersecurity – I am tailored fit for the job with 15 years experience and I've done secret work for Air Force research lab with my security clearance."

"My opponent, Michael G. Adams is a named codefendant, with Alison Grimes, in a Judicial Watch lawsuit accusing both of maintaining dirty voter rolls in Kentucky. More recently, Mr. Adams was caught conspiring with Alison Grimes to remove my nickname from the ballot. Mr. Adams has also been accused of ethics violations in Missouri and began this campaign by offering me a six-figure bribe not to run against him."

To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?

"I love my family and my church family! I love to help people overcome impossible odds, turn their lives around, be the orphan's father, friend to the friendless. I've smuggled Bibles into China when we adopted our children because the people of China need to know the One who first gave me liberty – Jesus Christ, my Savior!"

"I am working on my forthcoming 9/11-centric biography, *Charlie November*, detailing my career as the only American to have protected a war-time President, pursued terrorists in Afghanistan, and helped manage the aftermath at JTF GTMO. The book focuses on the Deep State, to include the failed coup against President Trump."

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