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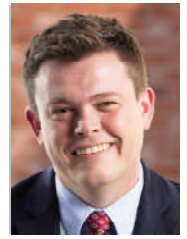
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Michael Bowman

Treasurer

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Josh Mers

SECTION 1		BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
Education		Simpson County KY K-8, Greenwood HS, Associates Degree from KCTCS, UK, Bachelors Degree from N. KY University.	
Occupation		Owner and Principal Agent – Mers Insurance Agency, LLC	
Family	Candidate chose not to participate	Married, 2 foster placements	
Civic/Religious Involvement		Treasurer LFUCG Human Rights Commission, numerous civic and nonprofit boards.	
Personal Interests		Foster and Community Advocacy, Travel and Outdoors.	
SECTION 2		RESPONSES	
What plans do you have to increase the financial literacy of Kentuckians?		"Expand upon House Bill 132 (2018) to create an actual curriculum for HS financial literacy with proper tools and resources."	
What steps will you take to make higher education more affordable for Kentucky families?		"Use seat on KY Lottery Board and KY Higher Education Authority to advocate for proper funding and expansion of student aid access."	
As Treasurer, you will sit on the Lottery Board. Do you favor expanded gambling in Kentucky?		"Expanded gaming offers the potential to provide significant revenue. I will only support an expansion if a significant portion of that revenue is devoted towards the negative repercussions, such as addiction."	
What would your top three priorities be if elected as State Treasurer?		"1. Completing the mandated duties w/ diligence and efficiency. 2. Use constitutional authority to advocate for Kentuckians. 3. Foster a partnership with the Governor to play a pivotal role in shaping KY's economic agenda."	

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As chief financial officer, what would your recommendations be for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?

“Comprehensive review of \$13 billion in tax expenditures, advocating for new checks on executive salaries, transparency in fund management activity.”

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

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“KY’s most important issue is the state’s unfunded pension liability. The solution is largely meeting the funding requirements which means we need new revenue, smarter budgeting, and ending as much fraud/waste as possible.”

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

“We will have increased the value of the office, guided financial empowerment across the Commonwealth, modernized office fraud prevention and the disbursement of unclaimed property, and been a partner in building a modern KY economy.”

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

“Experience that doesn’t come from a corporate handbook, but instead from years learning how to make my own small business successful, coupled with the known ability to be a strong advocate for communities being left behind all across Kentucky.”

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

“I have the background and forward-thinking vision that is best suited to guide the Treasury into the 21st Century.”

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

“Making sure that Kentuckians have a fair chance at health, happiness, and success. I continue to advocate for nondiscrimination, animal welfare, and homelessness intervention.”

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