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SECTION 1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
<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.	B.A., University of Louisville, 1998; J. D., Harvard Law School, 2001
<i>Occupation</i>	2014–16 Commissioner – KY Dept. of Veterans Affairs. 2016 – Jan. 25, 2019 Deputy Commissioner. Resigned to run for Sec. of State.	Election-law attorney with national practice (clients include Republican Governors' Association and Vice President Mike Pence)
<i>Family</i>	Husband - Stephen L. Henry, M.D. Daughter - Harper Renee' Henry (17) Daughter – Taylor Augusta Henry (15)	Married to Christina Milner; 1 daughter, Lucia, age 12
<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.	Active in First Christian Church of Louisville (previously served on board, term-limited out); University of Louisville McConnell Center Board of Advisors
<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.	History; cooking; playing the drums
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; and (3) expanded voter education."	"1) Advocate for extension of voting hours; and 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."
<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."	"1) Help enact a Photo ID law for Kentucky elections; 2) Purge the voter rolls of non-residents and the deceased; and 3) Improve cybersecurity at the state and local levels."
<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."	"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."
<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."	"1) Clean up the scandals in the SOS Office and restore public confidence; 2) Help enact a Photo ID law for Kentucky elections; and 3) Purge the voter rolls of nonresidents and the deceased."

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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 provide citizen and business support.”</p>	<p>“Zero-based budgeting so no assumptions are baked in and every taxpayer dollar is justified.”</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>“Securing the necessary resources for our county clerks to successfully facilitate elections. Investing in technology and security required to guarantee safe and secure elections, as well as improving government services.”</p>	<p>“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.”</p>
<p><i>After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?</i></p>	<p>“Increased voter registration and voter participation. Improved business services the Office of the Secretary of State offers. Stronger civic education of Kentucky’ state government.”</p>	<p>“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 nonresidents; 4) Improved cybersecurity at the State Board of Elections and the county clerks’ offices.”</p>
<p><i>What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?</i></p>	<p>“I have spent the bulk of my professional career serving our veterans, advocating for them in every level of government. I am a small business owner, so I understand the unique challenges business across the state face. I have managed 900 employees and a \$100 million annual operation.”</p>	<p>“I’m the only election professional running to be Kentucky’s chief election official. I’ve handled statewide races in all 50 states multiple times. I’ve also served on the Kentucky State Board of Elections. I’m uniquely prepared for this office.”</p>
<p><i>Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent(s)?</i></p>	<p>“As Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, I was charged with and successfully ran a large and complex statewide bureaucracy. In this role, I served both, a Democratic Administration and Republican Administration, so I know how to work in a post-partisan manner.”</p>	<p>“I have substantive election experience – in all 50 states. I’ve served on the Kentucky State Board of Elections. My opponent has no relevant experience. Through my experience, I have relationships with the Republican-controlled General Assembly, and the Trump Administration, that will benefit Kentucky.”</p>
<p><i>To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?</i></p>	<p>“I am passionate about supporting military veterans and their families. My husband and I founded the Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition and the Rosemary Clooney Museum. I assist in the Future Fund Lane Trust to save 6,000 acres on Floyds Fork/ Jefferson Co.”</p>	<p>“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.”</p>

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