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## A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty Releases Election Survey Results from Mayoral & Council-At-Large Candidates

NASHVILLE, TN (July 29, 2019)– *A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty* is pleased to announce that an overwhelming majority of Mayoral and At-Large Council candidates, and many running for District Council seats, have pledged to support a series of overarching principles and policy recommendations aimed to ensure that all Nashvillians can benefit from the city’s economic growth.

A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty is a broad and diverse non-partisan coalition of Nashville community members, clergy, civic and business leaders, and advocates. The coalition believes that Nashville has lacked a clear vision and expression of the city’s economic values. The group developed a mission statement for Nashville – deemed a “[Community Covenant](#)” – that serves as a blueprint to make the city more equitable.

On July 1, 2019, A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty sent the proposed Community Covenant and a short election survey to all 112 candidates running for Metro office. The group received 59 responses and reported that 50 candidates have agreed, if elected, to sponsor or support the Community

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Covenant and its policy recommendations in the form of a non-binding resolution by the Metro Council.

For Mayor, this includes David Briley, John Ray Clemmons, John Cooper, Julia Clark-Johnson, Jimmy Lawrence, and Jon Sewell. For Council-At-Large, this includes Burkley Allen, Fabian Bedne, Rueben Dockery, Sharon Hurt, Howard Jones, Gicola Lane, Bob Mendes, Gary Moore, and Zulfat Suara.

For a full list of those who have endorsed the Community Covenant, including Vice Mayor and Council District candidates, visit [www.avoicenashville.com/election-survey/](http://www.avoicenashville.com/election-survey/). This page also includes links to download the detailed survey responses and comments of each candidate. The Community Covenant is available at [www.avoicenashville.com/community-covenant/](http://www.avoicenashville.com/community-covenant/).

A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty hopes that this election survey will help inform Nashvillians about where candidates stand on the issue of economic equity as they choose their next Mayor and Metro Council Members.

If you have any questions or would like to interview members of A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty, please contact Avi Poster at [avoicenashville@gmail.com](mailto:avoicenashville@gmail.com) or 615-414-2396.

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