



PART 3:
STATUS OF
TENNESSEE
HOUSE DISTRICT
53 - ISSUES OF
IMPORTANCE

TENNESSEE HOUSE
DISTRICT 53

VOTER EDUCATION
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Voter Education Series



PART 3: OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this section observers will:

Hear an overview of the status of socioeconomic conditions prevalent in Tennessee House District 53

Learn about the allocation of and missed opportunities for use of state budget funding since the 2020 Tennessee House District 53 Election

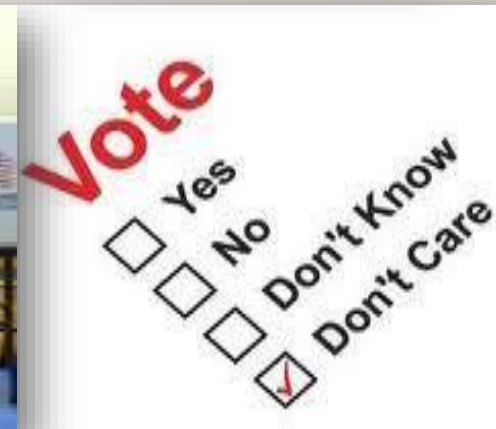
Be presented with a proactive agenda to strengthen the economic, social, health and educational wellbeing of all constituents of Tennessee House District 53

TENNESSEE HOUSE DISTRICT 53 HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Since 2022, the 53rd house district of Tennessee has experienced a redistricting. Based the 2020 U.S. Census. Due to demographic growth in the city because of population shifts some voting precincts changed. As the 2024 election cycle approaches House District 53, more focus is likely to be on suburban issues. There is a fresh start for leadership.



Growing Constituent Frustration Expressed via Low Voter Turnout



Tennessee House District 53 Voter Turnout

This House district is affected by increasing voter apathy or unawareness (on average, there are approximately 39,351 eligible voters) over the last three house district election cycles, on an average only (18,101 or 46% of eligible voters care to participate in the elections. Constituents appears to seek change in leadership.

Election 2018	The incumbent (Jason Powell – 13,156) Republican challenger (Amberlee Brooks – 6,948 and an Independent challenger (David Dennison - 497)	20,601 (52%) Voting	18,750 (48%) Not Voting
Election 2020	The incumbent (Jason Powell – 20,075) unopposed	20,075 (51%) Voting	19,276 (49%) Not Voting
Election 2022	The incumbent (Jason Powell 9, 008) Republican challenger (Dia Hart – 4,619)	13,627 (35%) Voting	25,724 (65%) Not Voting

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES WITH TENNESSEE BASED ON SENATE DISTRICT BREAKDOWN:



Estimated Four Year Tennessee State Budget Apportionment for Senate District 21, Based on the 2021-2022 Fiscal Budgets		
Source: State of Tennessee Annual Fiscal Budgets	State Allocation	TN Senate District 21 Allocation (based on equal distribution to 33 senatorial districts and the 18 council districts in Senate District 21)
K-12 Education	<i>\$5,602,518,200</i>	TNSD21 – <i>\$17,031,873</i> Per Council District- <i>\$946,215</i>
Health: Mental, Wellness	<i>\$5,372,478,100</i>	TNSD21 – <i>\$16,280,236</i> Per Council District- <i>\$904,457</i>
Law/Safety	<i>\$1,828,714,700</i>	TNSD21 – <i>\$5,541,559</i> Per Council District- <i>\$307,864</i>
Economic/Community Development	<i>\$1,775,403,000</i>	TNSD21 – <i>\$5,380,009</i> Per Council District- <i>\$298,889</i>
Total:	<i>\$14,579,114,000</i>	TNSD21 – <i>\$4,417,913</i> Per Council District- <i>\$245,440</i>

K-12 EDUCATION



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- In Tennessee House District 53 there were three middle schools, and one high school on the 2021-2022 Tennessee Department of Education's priority list (Antioch Middle, Apollo Middle, Wright Middle and Glenclyff High School) all attended by residents of House district 53 voting precincts
- The Tennessee legislature is currently considering new laws to best empower parents to ensure a quality education for their children.
- The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce has consistently identified parent involvement as the most important factor to lowering the achievement gap for students in the public school system; particularly from house district 53 voting precincts

The focus of this coalition is to craft public policy that empowers parent constituents of the house district by establishing

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Family centered educational support systems
- Funding streams for academic enrichment
- Increasing parent choice for schools

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PROPOSED ACTION

HEALTH: MENTAL AND WELLNESS



Health:	\$5,372,478,100	TNSD21 –\$16,280,236
Mental, Wellness		Per Council District- \$904,457

According to the Tennessee Institute of Public Health, there are four key issues that affect the overall health of Tennesseans to include constituents of Senate District 21. The determinants are:

- Health care 10%,
- Health behaviors 40%,
- Socioeconomic factors 40%
- Physical environment 10%

The latter are manifested in House District 53 in forms of alcohol and drug abuse, street and domestic violence, HIV and other STD's, heart disease and hypertension just to name a few.

Constituents need house leadership that will ensure adequate education and treatment for all residents and not a select few. Accordingly, this coalition advocates for the following:

- Broader access to Community Health Education and resources
- Mental Health resources and focused mental health treatment

DISTRICT 53 ISSUES

PROPOSED ACTIONS

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Law/Safety	\$1,828,714,700	TNSD21 ~\$5,541,559 Per Council District- \$307,864
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Over the last two decades, many constituents of house district 53 have been plagued with a particular set of socioeconomic challenges. The recipe for long term stagnation has been comprised of broken families, dire poverty, academic-underachievement, poor physical and social-emotional health. All of the previously mentioned issues combined constitute the cause of unsafe neighborhoods for business owners, residents and all involved.

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We need house district 53 leadership that will utilize their role in the State Legislature in a manner that guarantee constituents gain maximum benefit of resources such as:

- Federal (Community Policing Funding)
- State (Family and Juvenile Court Grants)
- Other available or created resources to build and sustain safe and viable neighborhoods

PROPOSED ACTIONS

ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Economic/Community Development	\$1,775,403,000	TNSD21 - \$5,380,009 Per Council District - \$298,889
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Currently, Nashville-Davidson County is actively engaged in planning for civic growth leading into 2025. The city's population is projected to increase from its current population of 626,681 to well over one million by 2025. Business expansions are expected along with population growth. The constituents of House District 53 need and deserve fully responsive house representation that will ensure their access to federal and state resources that support vibrant business development within voting precincts of the district that have long been economically deprived.

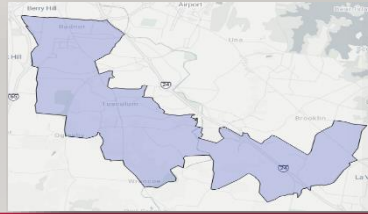
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This coalition advocates for the creation of a Tennessee House District 53 Economic Empowerment Zone driven by the following with advocacy goals:

- Funding for Entrepreneurial Training
- Focused initiatives to decrease the district-wide unemployment rate
- Better Job Readiness Support

PROPOSED ACTIONS

NEED FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 53 UNIFICATION



Over the last ten plus years the Urban Core of Nashville-Davidson County has been largely gentrified. East, South and West Nashville all are fully changed. Parts of North Nashville are currently under new housing, economic and social transformation. It is estimated that eighty-nine people are relocating to the Nashville area each day.

The migration surge poses challenge for residents who have lived in Nashville all of their lives. Some of the concerns that have been raised as a result of gentrification are:

- Affordable Housing
- Increased Concerns of Public Safety
- Failing Schools
- Economic Disparities



Tennessee House District 53 needs and deserves leadership to bring a balance to both old and new residents of the house district.



The mantra of the Coalitions of Independent Voters is “E Pluribus Unum” from many voting precincts exist Tennessee House District 53.



This message is consistent for residents that make up all voting precincts within the house district. Constituents need an “Advocate for the people and not merely a politician”.

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PROPOSED ACTIONS



PREAMBLE OF THE 53rd HOUSE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE



We the People of the 53rd. House District of Tennessee, in Order to form a more perfect House District, Ensure Justice, Promote Public Harmony, Provide for common protection ,Promote General Interests, and Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our children, do ordain and consent to the common Organization of the Coalition of Independent Voters of Tennessee House District 53.

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PART 4:

HOW TO HOLD
YOUR ELECTED
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ACCOUNTABLE

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