



## OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS

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March 1, 2023

Dear Planning Commissioners,

As the Mayor of Knox County, I am writing to request your support for our first Land Use and Transportation plan. As you are aware, our General Plan has not been updated in over 20 years and during this time, we have experienced significant growth and change. We embarked on our first comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan during the fall of 2021 and deemed this process Advance Knox. Advance Knox is an effort to define a vision and create a plan that will guide growth, land use, transportation, economic prosperity, and quality of life in the County for years to come.

Knox County, working with our consultant Kimley Horn, engaged with over 4,000 residents to hear what they love most about their communities. It was important to me that this was a data driven process while considering the vision and goals we heard from community members. This is a unique opportunity to align our land use and transportation goals and create a fiscally responsible blueprint and help guide decisions about future growth and how infrastructure investment will occur.

The proposed plan is a comprehensive strategy to manage growth responsibly and ensuring a resilient future for generations to come. It aligns with our shared vision for a thriving community that balances economic progress with preservation of our rural areas. It is my goal to continue to make Knox County a place where you want to raise a family; where businesses want to locate and bring jobs for you and your children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

Knox County Mayor