

## Roger Thoney for State Representative

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### Put the People First Create More Jobs to Make Existing Jobs More Secure Reduce the Cost of Living to Help People Pay Their Bills

*“This election for 67<sup>th</sup> District State Representative is more than just an election for state representative. It begins a movement to improve our lives.” – Roger Thoney.*

People need jobs to pay their bills, so creating jobs should be our top priority. Businesses create the jobs that people need to pay their bills, so we should make Kentucky the most business-friendly state in America. This is just common sense, but we do not do this. Instead, our legislators’ top priority is balancing the budget of an ever-growing state government; and they stubbornly increase the cost of doing business through taxation, regulation, and litigation. ***Ironically, the best way to balance Kentucky’s state budget is to create more jobs.*** As people move from social programs into jobs tax revenue increases and spending declines.

- Create more jobs to expand the tax base and reduce social spending.
- Reduce the cost of taxation, regulation, and litigation to reduce the cost of living and cost of doing business.
- Reduce spending to reduce borrowing.
- Reduce taxpayer burden by requiring those who receive the benefit to pay more.
- Reform our public schools to stress effectiveness and efficiency – better results, lower cost.
- Pro-life, pro-gun, pro-family.
- Endorsed by Kentucky Right to Life PAC and Kentuckians for the Right to Bear Arms.
- A common-sense advocate for the People.

The steady increase in the prices of food, clothing, gasoline, health care, and more puts more and more financial pressure on low-income individuals. We can lessen their burden by reducing the cost of living in Kentucky, but we do not do this. Instead, our legislators increase our taxes to “feed the government beast” and wage an ideological war on businesses through taxation, regulation, and litigation.

It is time for change. It is time to “think outside the box” and take a close look at why we do that which we do with an eye on improving the lives of Kentuckians, especially those who struggle to make ends meet. ***We need someone in Frankfort who understands business and economics and the job creation process and is willing to stand up to entrenched political interests on behalf of the people.*** I will

be that person. I will be your economic warrior. – Roger Thoney.

#### How Can We Create More Jobs?

We can create more jobs by reducing the cost of doing business in Kentucky and providing a source of investment capital for new and existing small businesses. Measures that will help reduce the cost of doing business include eliminating the Alternative Minimum Calculation (AMC) and the taxes on business profit and capital gain; reducing the cost of health care and workers compensation insurance; and reducing the cost of regulation and litigation.

The ***Kentucky Small Business Investment Program*** and ***Community Venture Capital Funds*** (see [www.rogerthoney.com](http://www.rogerthoney.com)) will provide financing for new and existing small businesses located within Kentucky. These funds will provide equity financing for businesses that may not be able to get financing from banks.

We also can create more jobs by ***reducing*** the excise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol. Many Kentuckians lost their jobs when these taxes were increased. Many people came into Kentucky to buy cigarettes and alcohol

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when our taxes were lower than surrounding states. While they were here, they purchased gasoline, lottery tickets, and convenience items; ate in restaurants; shopped at malls; etc. We lost the income tax and occupational tax revenue from the jobs that Kentuckians lost; and we lost sales tax revenue, gasoline tax revenue, and lottery sales because fewer people now come into Kentucky to buy cigarettes and alcohol.

### **How Can We Reduce the Cost of Living?**

We can reduce the cost of living by reducing government spending so that we can reduce taxes; by reducing the cost of health care and health insurance premiums; and by reducing the cost of doing business in Kentucky. Cost imposed upon businesses through government taxation, regulation, and litigation is passed along to us as higher prices, increasing the financial squeeze on low-income households just like a regressive tax. We also can reduce taxes by increasing user fees (those who receive the benefit pay more of the bill).

### **How Can We Reduce Government Spending?**

Thinking-outside-the-box-type ways to reduce government spending include (1) creating more jobs to reduce spending on social programs (and expand the tax base); (2) replacing Medicaid and SCHIP with a medical credit card program (see [www.rogerthoney.com](http://www.rogerthoney.com)); (3) changing welfare programs from hand-out-based to loan-based (provide a helping hand rather than a handout); and (4) reducing the cost of living to reduce the dollar amount of welfare assistance needed.

### **The Jefferson Republicans**

The Jefferson Republican faction is the vehicle by which we will “put the people first” in both Frankfort and Washington. A Jefferson Republican will (1) put the people first ahead of self and party; (2) stand up for individual liberty and economic freedom; and (3) live up to the Constitution. Jefferson Republicans incorporate the ideals and beliefs of Thomas Jefferson and the founding fathers, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.

I invite my fellow Republicans to join me and declare that they, too, are Jefferson Republicans. Together, we can transform the Republican Party into the “Party of the People” and the “Party of Freedom.” I also invite independents and liberty-minded Democrats to become Jefferson Republicans and help us “put the people first” in Frankfort and Washington.

### **How You Can Help**

This election for 67<sup>th</sup> District State Representative is more than just an election for state representative. It begins a movement to improve our lives. If you want to help us “put the people first,” then contribute \$10 or more to our campaign and encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to do the same. Send an email to your friends, neighbors, and relatives with a link to [www.rogerthoney.com](http://www.rogerthoney.com) asking them to do the same. We also need people to help distribute campaign material in their neighborhoods. Please call us to volunteer.

Contribute online or send contributions to: Roger Thoney Campaign Fund, 17 Meadow Lane #10, Highland Heights, KY 41076. Please include your name, address, occupation, and employer. Kentucky campaign finance laws require this information. You must be a U.S. citizen or have a green card. Corporations and foreign business organizations cannot contribute. The maximum contribution is \$1,000 per person per election.

**About Roger Thoney** – Roger lives in Highland Heights with his wife Rita. He attended Cold Spring Elementary School and graduated from Campbell County High School in 1972. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering, an MBA, and an MS in Economics from the University of Kentucky and an MS in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University. He is a registered professional engineer with project management experience and currently works as an economic troubleshooter developing economic plans designed to create more jobs and reduce the cost of living to help those who struggle to make ends meet. He has deep family ties to northern Campbell County. His grandparents lived in Newport and Southgate and his mother, father, aunts, and uncles graduated from Newport High School.