

An Open letter to the voters of the 4th district

During this very long, arduous and fascinating journey, an extremely significant issue has arisen that has prompted me to decline the opportunity to be sworn in on September 1, 2026, as the district 4, Seat C, Blount County Commissioner representative.

At this point, I fully intend to complete my current four-year term as elected by the people of the 4th district, in August of 2022. This decision not to serve has been a very stressful and difficult, yet necessary one.

I have worked very hard over the last 4 years to represent the great people of District 4, and to always respond to my constituents, and do what was best for all of the residents of Blount County. I have given a vast amount of energy and passion to make Blount County a wonderful place to work and live. It is personal to me.

To the vast number of incredible supporters that I've had in District 4 and throughout the business world and community over the past 4 years, I can never state my heartfelt appreciation and "thank you" enough for your unwavering input and support.

One of the most remarkable outcomes of being elected to this position is meeting many new people and developing deep and long-lasting friendships. My wife, Linda, and I have established many lifelong friendships with some of our fellow Blount Countians, through serving in this role. I cherish those relationships with each of you.

Blount County has been my home for over 60 of my 71+ years on this planet. I love our Blount County and intend to spend my remaining years and beyond here.

I hope and pray that I have served you well and made you proud as your District 4, Seat - C, Blount County Commissioner.

Finally, to the residents of the Chilhowee View community, who are a very special group of people and will always have a special place in my heart, thank you for opening your arms and hearts to me and my entire family.

As usual, thank you for your support and the OPPORTUNITY to serve the good citizens of the 4th district.

Warmest Regards,
John E. Giles