

Pat Scott	I will vote <u>yes</u> to repeal the payroll tax if re-elected to the Murray City Council.
Deana Wright	<p>This is an issue that is more important than a simple yes or no answer. I believe the fact that you sent a letter asking this shows the importance to our community.</p> <p>Do I like new taxes? No, I do not. I know; however, that if I am elected I will work to make sure our taxing structure is fair and just. I know before I get into office, there will be many changes to the property and insurance tax rates. Without changing them back, I am afraid that voting to repeal the payroll tax is going to be difficult to promise. I do not want to make a promise I cannot keep. I will, however, promise to review all taxes for Murray and look for options to fund the City and their increasing costs to run this wonderful city we live in.</p>
Jane Brandon	yes I pledge to repeal the payroll tax.
Jeremy Bell	Yes I will pledge to vote to repeal the payroll tax if elected.
Pat Sieber	<p>I am not comfortable with a single <u>yes</u> or <u>no</u> answer, so I hope you will print my complete response:</p> <p>The primary issue on everyone’s mind is the payroll tax and of course, nobody feels good about being taxed. However, I believe it would be irresponsible for me to answer a simple “yes” or “no” to the tax at this time.</p> <p>The payroll tax is what we have to live with for the time being. The good thing about that is we can have accurate information, not estimates, to determine how much money the tax will generate. We can determine how much revenue it brings in compared to what the city stickers generated, how much the decrease in property tax will cost and how the alcohol tax figures in to all this. We will have more accurate figures to use in developing our budget after seeing what 2018 brings.</p> <p>That being said, I will aggressively pursue additional and alternative funding for Murray in cooperation with county, state and federal agencies. My experience in writing grants, developing improvement plans and budgets for schools and districts across the state, and networking with others will be helpful in this effort.</p> <p>Transparency of the budget and budgeting process is a priority as well. Citizens should be able to understand, at the most basic level, where the city’s money comes from and how it is being spent. This transparency will allow us to find more efficient and fair use of our dollars. We need to identify needs and priorities and direct our dollars to do the most good in meeting needs and accomplishing priorities. I believe in cooperating with other governmental agencies wherever possible to identify duplication of services, identify inefficiencies and find ways we can share responsibility for serving our citizens.</p>
Donnie Winchester	Please let it be known that if elected to the Murray City Council Donnie will pledge to vote yes to repeal the payroll tax only if it does not risk bankrupting the city.

Michael Shayne Morris	In general, I am against taxes. A person would be a fool to believe that government could function without any tax money. I believe that the payroll tax, as it stands, will generate more tax revenue than the City of Murray needs. I would vote to repeal the payroll tax currently imposed or greatly reduce it.
Alice Rouse	My answer is that I feel at this time I cannot pledge yes or no. I feel there is more information that any potential council member needs to know in order to make a decision about what is best for all concerned. I will pledge that, if elected, I will be diligent in analyzing the budget of the city and looking at revenues and alternative revenues that are possible. I will say that I did not agree with the process that was taken to implement the tax. I believe in studying the city budget, at expenditures and salaries, asking questions and clarifying anything that is not clear and apparent, and seeking a way to fund our city government in a way which is fair to all the citizens of Murray and Calloway County. And above all I firmly believe in listening to the opinions of those that elected me, if I were to be elected.
Linda Cherry	YES, I pledge to vote to REPEAL the payroll tax.
Robert Barker	<p>I will pledge to vote to repeal the payroll tax currently imposed on the working men and women of Murray if elected to the Murray City Council.</p> <p>In fact, I oppose all taxation on incomes whether flat in rate, or progressive in structure, and I take that the view that Thomas Jefferson did in his 1801 inaugural address, "... a wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and (shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.) This is the sum of good government..."</p>
Ron Gladden	Yes I will.
Monty McCuiston	<p>In response to your letter regarding the payroll tax, an issue that has divided us as a community and a government is one that weighs on every citizens mind. I do agree that new revenue streams need to be addressed in order for our community to grow and retain our employees. But it also is relevant for our infrastructure, maintenance and upgrades. I do not currently have the answer as to what these revenue streams could or should be, but I pledge to seek other options once elected to the council. If the vote to repeal the payroll tax was brought up, I would vote yes but only if other revenue sources have been put in place. I say this because we can not operate a city/community without revenue coming in. If the tax is repealed and we have no revenue coming from city stickers and the property tax has been reduced (which the council just passed the first reading to do so) where will revenue come from? The citizens of Murray need to know that even with new council members and a new Mayor this is not an issue that can be reversed overnight, it will take time and determination from all to make it happen. I do promise to give my complete attention to reviewing the budget, cut unnecessary spending, and search for other revenue sources. I would like to add that I am displeased with how the payroll tax was enacted and with the lack of communication through the process with the current council. I strongly believe that an issue to this magnitude should be decided by the citizens and they should have the right to know where every dollar is being spent.</p>

Jane Shoemaker	<p>Dear Republican Chair,</p> <p>No I will not vote to revoke the payroll tax.</p>
Barbara Cobb	<p>Thank you for your letter pledging the Republican Party of Calloway County's support for the working men and women of this community. I will pledge to repeal the payroll tax and to seek fair and equitable revenue streams to support all members of our community. I will not be pressured by business or government special interests as were those currently serving on City Council.</p> <p>I urge the County Republican Party to stand up to the Republican Governor and legislature who are preying on the same working men and women through their assault on public education, teachers, public service workers, children, and college students across our great Commonwealth. I urge the party to stand up to the in-name-only Republican President who puts business and special interests before the well-being of hardworking Americans like those of us in Calloway County.</p> <p>I am glad to see that our County's Republican Party does not stand with Mayor Rose and the current Council. The stand is a bold one, considering that some of those against whom you are standing are Republicans, many of whose yards boasted signs for the City Council members who voted for the payroll tax, side by side with signs supporting Bevin and Trump.</p> <p>Change must start on the local level. Thank you for taking a stand for the citizens of Murray and Calloway County.</p>
Burton Young	<p>As a candidate for Murray City Council, I pledge to repeal the payroll tax currently in force in the City of Murray.....Thank you</p>
John Mark Roberts	<p>I will vote to repeal the payroll tax.</p>
Sue Hood	<p>Thank you for your question. Although this is not the extent of my campaign, this was one of the main reasons for my running for City Council. I actively gathered signatures against the tax and spoke the the council at the meeting that it was tabled.</p> <p>That said, I pledge to the working men and women of Murray and Calloway County to Vote to Repeal the Payroll Tax.</p>