

PLATFORM FOR BEN HOOTEN JP 6 CANDIDATE

If I am fortunate enough to be honored with election by the people for the position of Garland County Quorum Court, Justice of the Peace, District 6, it is important for the people to understand how I will make decisions.

When deciding, Christian moral principles must be the primary consideration. (Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother.) Closely associated with these are inalienable rights. Inalienable means something that is not transferable or that is impossible to take away. These include the freedom of speech, assembly, and religion; the right to self-government; the right to acquire, possess and protect property; the right to suffrage; right to bail, and right to a trial by jury, among others. With these “laws of nature and of nature's God,” Thomas Jefferson presented five self-evident truths: human equality; foundational unalienable rights: life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness; consent of the governed; abolish destructive government; and institute new government.

The first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution are summarized below.

1	Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.
2	Right to keep and bear arms to maintain a well-regulated militia.
3	No quartering of soldiers.
4	Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures.
5	Right to due process of law, freedom from self-incrimination, double jeopardy.
6	Rights of accused persons, e.g., right to a speedy and public trial.
7	Right of trial by jury in civil cases.

8	Freedom from excessive bail, cruel and unusual punishments.
9	Other rights of the people.
10	Powers reserved to the states.

The above summarize the Bill of Rights and must always be considered. The above rights are those upon which no free society may function without them.

There is a broader movement, mostly led by liberal policy makers, to take on not just the duties that make cities run — like road maintenance and recycling — but also bigger political issues. Think soda taxes, universal health care, calorie counts on menus, mandatory composting and bans on smoking indoors, those related to drones, ride-hailing, and home-sharing. This liberal movement constitutes expansion of government into the individuals' lives, and largely must be resisted. It also includes increasing taxes, i.e., California.

As an attorney I support the rule of law. It means the equal and just of enforcement of the law regardless of the individual or institution.

I support Capitalism as an economic system based on private ownership of the means of production. Definitions of capitalism can vary, but capitalist systems are generally characterized by capital accumulation, **meritocracy**, competitive markets, the existence of private property, voluntary exchange, and wage labor (Heilbroner, 2017).

I believe all unborn children have a fundamental right to live. The use of public monies to pay for abortions or fund groups that enable abortions should be blocked.

I support the Second Amendment of our individual right to keep and bear arms. In Arkansas, the citizens have the right to freely carry handguns in the open.

Government should be open and transparent.

Arkansas Republicans and I support the traditional meaning of marriage as a God-ordained, legal, and moral commitment between one man and one woman.

It is the right and responsibility of Arkansas parents to direct their children's education. This means no intrusive governmental overreach, i.e., gender identity, CRT.

Government should respect and promote individual property rights and not makes laws which interfere with the free exercise thereof.