



**Alison Grimes**



**SECRETARY OF STATE**



**Bill Johnson**



SECTION 1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
<i>Education</i>	Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Rhodes College (Memphis, TN); Juris Doctor, American University, Washington College of Law (Washington, D.C.)	Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University of Kentucky, 1988; Naval Nuclear Power School, 1989; MBA, College of William and Mary, 1995
<i>Occupation</i>	Practicing business attorney	Veteran and Businessman
<i>Family</i>	Husband - Andrew	Wife of 22 years - Delinda Douglas Johnson Son - William E. Johnson III Daughter - Julia A. Johnson
<i>Civic/Religious Involvement</i>	Board of Directors, God's Pantry; President, Women Lawyers' Assn. of Fayette Co. Bar; Advisor, Chi Chapter of Chi Omega at Transylvania University; Vice President, Woodward Heights Neighborhood Assn.; Pro Bono legal services advocate for victims of domestic violence; Cardinal Hill Junior Board; Christ the King Church; Kiwanis Club and Women's Network	Attend Elkton Baptist Church
<i>Personal Interests</i>	I am passionate about family involvement, community participation, physical wellness through exercise and support of the arts.	Flying, camping, gun enthusiast, family
SECTION 2	RESPONSES	
<i>As Secretary of State, what will you do to increase voter turnout in Kentucky's elections?</i>	"As Kentucky's Secretary of State and chief elections officer, generating excitement and interest in voting is a priority for me. To increase voter turnout, I'll work with county clerks, media, community organizations and schools, using creative methods to engage voters."	"I will visit high schools across the state to educate students on being an involved citizen and their responsibility to vote. Second, I will ensure the office is active at festivals and other community events with awareness campaigns."
<i>Do you have specific ideas related to election reform that you intend to pursue?</i>	"As noted in our Grimes' Goals, I believe it's essential that we open up the process and offer transparency in our elections. Protecting the integrity of our elections is crucial. I encourage voters to review our Grimes' Goals at <a href="http://www.alison2011.com">www.alison2011.com</a> ."	"Yes, I intend to lobby the legislature to require a picture ID be presented prior to voting. It is important to voting integrity to make absolutely sure the person is who they say they are prior to casting a vote."
<i>To increase accountability of legislators, would you lobby to change the filing date for challengers to be after the end of the General Assembly Session?</i>	"Although this decision belongs to our legislators, I will work with our County Clerks as Secretary of State to ensure that our citizens are educated regarding the filing rules and that our elections are held in a fair manner."	"Yes, I support changing the filing date for challengers."
<i>What would your top three priorities be if elected Secretary of State?</i>	"Our Grimes' Goals ( <a href="http://www.alison2011.com">www.alison2011.com</a> ) are the principles that will move Kentucky forward. They include: (1) Guaranteeing every vote is counted; (2) Generating excitement in elections; (3) Growing our economy; and (4) Giving the green light to small businesses and nonprofits."	"First, passing legislation that requires picture ID at the polls. Second, using my business background to help create private sector jobs while cutting government waste. Third, visiting schools and educating on civics and business."



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<p><i>What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?</i></p>	<p>“As Secretary of State, I will evaluate every level of our office and believe that by investing in technology and cutting the red tape, we will save taxpayers money. I strongly believe that we must live within our budget.”</p>	<p>“As a six-sigma trained process improvement green belt, I have private sector experience at improving processes and eliminating waste. I will implement a program to map out government process and find ways to reduce complexity, eliminate waste and ultimately reduce costs.”</p>
<p><i>If elected, what do you see as the most important issue you will face in the next four years?</i></p>	<p>“As noted in our Grimes’ Goals (<a href="http://www.alison2011.com">www.alison2011.com</a>), crucial issues that face this office include ensuring that our elections are open and honest, engaging people in the political process, and helping Kentucky’s small businesses and nonprofits.”</p>	<p>“Cutting the scope and scale of government in all departments. We must reduce waste and eliminate costs while preserving the integrity of the election process.”</p>
<p><i>After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?</i></p>	<p>“Through the Secretary of State’s office, we will provide small businesses and nonprofits with additional support, energize our electorate, especially Kentucky’s youth, and provide our educators with the resources they need to engage our students in civics education.”</p>	<p>“My view is that life improves with less government and more private sector employment. I intend to simplify business to government interactions and reduce the number of government mandates placed on business. Those actions will lead to job creation.”</p>
<p><i>What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?</i></p>	<p>“As a business attorney, I’ve worked with this office for years and understand the laws regarding the office and how to update them. I bring a fresh approach and am the only candidate with a plan to move Kentucky forward.”</p>	<p>“As a Navy veteran, I have extensive leadership and problem solving experience. I have in depth knowledge of information technology, process improvement, and procurement. I have cut over three hundred million dollars of cost from private sector companies.”</p>
<p><i>Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent?</i></p>	<p>“I don’t see this election as running against someone, but rather running for an office that I have worked with for years. I fully understand the laws regarding this office and have a passion and plan to move it forward.”</p>	<p>“As a veteran, I will be passionate about the absentee ballot process for our military members as well as maintaining the integrity of our elections. As an engineer and math teacher, I will bring data driven decision making to government.”</p>
<p><i>To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?</i></p>	<p>“As the third of five daughters, I am passionate about helping others, especially those that are victims of domestic violence. I am a strong supporter of the arts, community involvement, giving back to those in need, and mentoring Kentucky’s youth.”</p>	<p>“First, I believe we need to pass personhood legislation for the unborn at the state and federal level to put a stop to abortions. Second, I support educational reform such as charter schools that will enable school choice for parents and students.”</p>

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SECTION 3	OPTIONAL VALUES QUESTIONS	
<p><i>Amnesty for illegal aliens</i> OR <i>Stronger enforcement of current immigration law</i></p>	<p><b>Candidate declined to respond to the "Optional Values Questions."</b></p>	<p>"I am AGAINST amnesty. I support stronger enforcement of current laws and the elimination of government benefits for illegal aliens."</p>
<p><i>Pro-Choice</i> OR <i>Pro-Life</i></p>		<p>"I am pro-life and will work to pass personhood legislation for the unborn."</p>
<p><i>Domestic partner benefits should become a state policy</i> OR <i>Such benefits should not be an option</i></p>		<p>"I am AGAINST domestic partner benefits and they should not be an option."</p>
<p><i>Gambling should be expanded</i> OR <i>Should not be expanded</i></p>		<p>"Gambling SHOULD NOT be expanded."</p>
<p><i>Same-sex marriage should be considered</i> OR <i>Traditional marriage should be protected</i></p>		<p>"Traditional marriage should be protected."</p>
<p><i>Unions must be able to collect dues from the entire work force</i> OR <i>Kentucky should become a "Right to Work" state</i></p>		<p>"I believe Kentucky should be a right to work state."</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should oppose</i> OR <i>Support the President's health care program</i></p>		<p>"I am opposed to Obamacare."</p>