



Karl is a different kind of leader. He has a track record of bringing innovative ideas to the table and has the tested experience implementing those ideas. And when a crisis hits, he's shown that he knows how to navigate through it and use it as an opportunity to bring people together, making communities even stronger.

Karl is the only candidate with the vision and experience running a government and the only moderate in the race. Karl is different, and it's time to do things differently for the people of Tennessee. It is just common sense.

Karl Dean	Our Opponent	Issue
<p>Karl prioritizes increasing funding for public schools and will work to increase teacher salaries, expand access to early childhood education and afterschool programs. He opposes vouchers. <a href="https://bit.ly/2x4nRoV">https://bit.ly/2x4nRoV</a></p>	<p>Karl's opponent will take funding away from public schools and give it to private schools through a voucher program, which will result in negative outcomes for our children. <a href="https://on.dnj.com/2oXIGPa">https://on.dnj.com/2oXIGPa</a></p>	<p>Public Education</p>
<p>Karl supports expanding Medicaid, which will keep our hospitals from closing, insure hundreds of thousands of people who are aging or have disabilities, low incomes, or pre-existing conditions, and bring billions of our own taxpayer dollars back to Tennessee. Expanding Medicaid will also be a key weapon in the fight against the opioid crisis. <a href="https://memne.ws/2o18XkK">https://memne.ws/2o18XkK</a></p>	<p>Karl's opponent doesn't support Medicaid expansion to insure the 300,000 Tennesseans currently without coverage. Our state has lost \$4 billion of our own taxpayer dollars, and 11 hospitals have now closed. Under our opponent those numbers will only rise, passing the costs on to all of us. Our communities can't afford to leave our families without healthcare. <a href="https://memne.ws/2o18XkK">https://memne.ws/2o18XkK</a></p>	<p>Medicaid expansion</p>
<p>Nashville became one of the United States' fastest-growing cities during Mayor Dean's eight years in office. After withstanding the worst recession in 75 years and a historic flood, the city recorded job growth percentages that were in the nation's top 10 in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Even in the depths of the recession Karl had the confidence in Nashville to make the biggest investment the city had ever seen, building the Music City Center. <a href="https://tnne.ws/2QxHoH6">https://tnne.ws/2QxHoH6</a> That one big investment generated many more, meaning 70,000 new jobs and 350 companies recruited during Karl's administration.</p>	<p>Karl's opponent has never run for public office before. He does not have a record working on economic development for a large metropolitan government.</p>	<p>Job Creation and Economic Development</p>
<p>Karl believes the state needs to provide our school districts with the resources they need to keep our schools safe with additional school resource officers and trained law enforcement. <a href="https://bit.ly/2N3xkHN">https://bit.ly/2N3xkHN</a></p>	<p>Karl's opponent believes that arming teachers is the "cost-effective" solution to increasing security in schools. His plan would put our children at risk and create the potential for more violence. Additionally, an overwhelming percentage of educators have made it clear they do not want to be armed. <a href="https://tnne.ws/2x8LBJt">https://tnne.ws/2x8LBJt</a></p>	<p>Common Sense vs. Extremism</p>
<p>Karl's experience leading a large metropolitan government with a nearly \$2 billion budget, more than 10,000 employees, and serving with a large and diverse legislative body like Nashville's Metro Council has prepared him to work with a large and diverse General Assembly. He will lead Tennessee the same way he led Nashville, having the confidence to invest in his priorities: education, healthcare and economic development. <a href="https://bit.ly/2xdOSa4">https://bit.ly/2xdOSa4</a></p>	<p>Karl's opponent has never led a city or a state through a crisis and has not been tested in the same ways Karl has as the executive of a large metropolitan government.</p>	<p>Experience and Leadership</p>