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The winners of Thursday night's election celebrate their respective victories. They gathered at the Republican watch party at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Knoxville.

Local GOP candidates celebrate victories at Crowne Plaza

By Ken Lay

David Buuck makes it no secret that he is ready to get to work for the citizens of Knox County and he'll soon get that chance when he's sworn in as law director.

"I am the people's lawyer and I can't wait to go to work for the people of Knox County," said Buuck, who defeated independent candidate Jackson Fennel to replace the term-limited Bud Armstrong as Knox County Law Director, Thursday night. "I'm looking forward to carrying on the fine work that Bud has done for the last eight years."

"I'm looking forward to carrying on that work with the professionalism that Bud did."

Buuck worked for Armstrong in the law director's office and said that he learned plenty from his predecessor.

considered whether to have the law director appointed by the county mayor rather than having that person elected by the citizens of Knox County.

"There is nothing more sacred than the right to vote," Buuck said. "But there are people out there that want to take that right away from you, and you may see that on the ballot and you may see it on the ballot in November."

Buuck also expressed gratitude to his family for their support during the campaign and the election cycle.

"When you run for office, your whole family runs with you. This year, during the pandemic, it was a little tougher because you have to go out and campaign," Buuck said.

In other local races, Eric Lutton defeated independent candidate Sheri Gunders for



the year. Lutton said he is going to be able to provide double the supplies we did last year. So even though it's different, in many ways it will be even better than before."

Thanks to the generous support of nearly 60 donors and financial sponsors, the mayor's office will distribute 3,000 school supply bags. Each family will also receive a fun informational bag of goodies. All items are available on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

Cars will enter Chilhowee Park via 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive and follow a one-way traffic flow to exit on Magnolia Ave. A walk-up option will be available at the F&B bus stop located at the corner of Beaman St. and Magnolia Ave., directly across from Park City.

The event gates will open at 2 p.m. to allow cars to assemble, but no school supply bags will be distributed until 3 p.m.

Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles to allow for safe physical distancing.

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