



FACTS ABOUT CLEMENT ATTACK AD

The ad

Citing a legal opinion Dean wrote as Metro Law Director, the ad claims: “As Metro Legal Director Karl Dean said our vote to limit taxes was not valid.”

The truth

While Dean was Law Director, the Law Department issued a legal opinion at the request of the Executive Committee of the Metro Council regarding the constitutionality of the amendment. The opinion was not a political statement by Dean.

“The Metro Department of Law was simply doing its job ... to drag that out as a reason to vote against Dean for mayor is a real reach, and wise voters should reject that sort of campaigning,” *The Tennessean* wrote on Aug. 5.

The ad

The ad claims: “Dean can think of lots of reasons to raise taxes.” Going on to quote Dean as having said: “You can imagine all sorts of scenarios.”

The truth

Dean was asked at a televised mayoral debate: “Under what conditions would you propose a property tax increase?”

He responded to the question by saying: “I believe the question as to raising taxes would have to be submitted to the voters. I have no plans to seek any increase in taxes. What situation could come up where it would be required? You can imagine all sorts of scenarios where there’s a disaster or some downturn that the city is actually in danger if we’re not able to fund our bonds. We have to pay for our bonds. We have to maintain our infrastructure. These are all critical issues, but again my goal would be to manage so that doesn’t happen. My goal would be to manage so that my priorities of public education and public safety are always reflected.”

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