

Valley Home Builders Association
“Builders’ Ballot” – Responses to Candidate Questionnaires
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Office: Scott Walker
Candidate: Governor
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In order of importance, please list three factors that motivate you to run for this office:

1. Reasons #1 and #2 are my two sons, Matt and Alex.
2. When I look at the fiscal mismanagement in and reckless debt being accrued by state government, I worry about weather we will leave our state a better place for our children.
3. The third reason is my strong belief that we must balance our budget by reducing wasteful spending, lowering taxes for Wisconsin's families and job creators, and reduce regulations to unleash Wisconsin's businesses to create jobs.

What leadership qualities and experience do you bring to the office you're seeking?

During my eight years as County Executive, I have introduced eight consecutive budgets without a property tax levy increase from the previous year, reduced the county workforce by 20%, reduced debt and improved the county's bond rating. I've done this while protecting core services. We've eliminated the waiting list for long-term care and our park system was recently awarded the national gold medal.

Please list the three most important things you would like to accomplish during your term of office:

1. Foster an environment where the private sector can create 250,000 new jobs and 10,000 new businesses.
2. Balance the budget by cutting spending and not raising taxes.
3. Reduce taxes on ALL Wisconsin taxpayers.

Please list your understandings of three challenges currently facing the housing industry and small business:

1. An overly restrictive Dept. of Commerce with bureaucrats making regulatory decisions with no input from home builders.
2. An uncooperative Dept. of Natural Resources that takes months or even years to process permits with no accountability.
3. A lack of demand for new housing. We must turn the economy around so people will want to build and buy new homes once again.

What can the state legislature do to affect meaningful, positive change for the housing industry?

State government can restructure the Dept. of Commerce to make sure that any code changes have a legitimate cost/benefit analysis. It can create a more accountable DNR to ensure that permits get processed in a timely, predictable fashion. We can also eliminate the conversion fee for selling farmland and protect Use-Value.

What is your position on a moratorium on new regulations on housing until the industry recovers? Strongly support

What is your position on statewide legislation requiring fire sprinklers in all new one- and two-family homes?
Strongly oppose

What is your position on separating the Department of Natural Resources into two agencies, one pertaining to outdoorsmen issues and one pertaining to environmental/development issues? Strongly support

What is your position on the potential roll-back of changes to prevailing wage laws that were passed in the last state budget? Strongly support

What is your position on a potential roll-back of the conversion fee on agricultural land that was passed into the last state budget? Strongly support

What is your position on the potential of changing the appointment of the DNR Secretary from an appointment by the Governor to an appointment by the Natural Resources Board? Strongly oppose

In order of importance, please list three areas you would pursue to lead to a balanced state budget:

1. Require state employees to make the "employee contribution" toward their pension, saving the state more than \$350 million per year.
2. Eliminate 4,000 positions, saving the state more than \$550 million per year.
3. Create a Waste, Fraud and Abuse Commission to identify at least \$300 million in wasteful government spending that can be cut.

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I have had a great relationship with with the Wisconsin Builders Association, and it's regional affiliate in my area, Metropolitan BA. I have long sought the advice and council of builders when developing economic and regulatory policy and have found their assistance invaluable. When my campaign began forming Builders for Walker early in 2010, I was proud that six members of VHBA stepped-up to join my campaign.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? I will always have an open-door policy for VHBA members to advise me and my cabinet on policy changes affecting the home building industry. My hope is for VHBA to be a resource of facts and expertise about the housing industry.

If elected, will you meet with association leaders to discuss issues of importance to homeowners and the housing industry?

Yes