

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

1. We need to head our state in the right direction, to get it working again.
2. My wife and I have six daughters and want to make sure that all people have a bright economic future in WI.
3. It seems that more of the electorate is interested in responsible government and solving our economic problems

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

I have experience in the Assembly from 1994 to 2008, and as a town Chairman for Town of Ledgeview. I was pro-growth and helped to lay the ground work for the expansion of the town of 1800 to the 5000 today, some 15 years later. I also have experience in the private sector. I am a real estate broker, who developed and sold a subdevelopment. I also sold existing homes as well.

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

1. First balance our state budget with out raising taxes. I have pledged in writing that I will not raise our taxes. My opponents have refused.
2. Get all government agencies to be customer support asking how to get things done, particularly the DNR. Instead of the rule based, inflexible, often personality driven regulators that get to things on their own time.
3. Increase and protect property rights, second amendment gun rights, and increase our economic freedom here.

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

1. First is high taxes
2. Second, over regulations of small businesses, the building of houses and environment.
3. Third, increasing costs because of energy mandates, regulations, and the poor economy that result from this.

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

Make sure that we do not increase costs or add additional mandates to home builders. Whether in the actual buildings themselves or in the business end of the operation. I had a 100 percent voting record with the NFIB when I was in the legislature as well as very strong voting record with the Chamber of Commerces and WMC. We need to have pro growth policies so that more people live work and play here in Wisconsin. More expansion will increase the demand for more homes. People and businesses leaving the state only hurt the housing industry. We need to change the direction on spending, taxing and regulations.

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?
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? Oppose

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. Do not create any new programs.
2. Do not grow any of the programs we have.
3. Trim specific areas of the budget first, then if not enough, we should do across the board reductions.

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I have a positive view of the valley Home Builders Association. As a realtor, I view them as representing a very related industry. Home building is an important part of our economy and we need to foster and keep as many home builders as possible. We need to get our economy moving again so that there is more home building and home sales activity.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? First you could assist me in getting elected. Then keep me informed on the issues that are important to your members and to our economy. I will always listen and have a natural inclination to be in sync with home builders on the issues.

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

Yes