

Valley Home Builders Association
“Builders’ Ballot” – Responses to Candidate Questionnaires
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Candidate: 5th Assembly
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In order of importance, please list three factors that motivate you to run for this office:

1. Wisconsin's Business Climate
2. Wisconsin's Spending & Deficits
3. The need to reform State government

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

I have managed many small businesses and have been a Realtor. Currently I manage millions of dollars of investment properties as well as their employees and budgets. I also bring to the table my experience as a town chairman and an Outagamie County Supervisor. Last year, I founded a conservative organization called the Fox Valley Initiative whose stated goal is to promote limited government, lower taxes, less spending, etc.

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

1. Make Wisconsin the best place to do business in the midwest
2. Balance the state budget
3. End generational dependence on government assistance

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

1. Regulations that delay projects and drive up costs
2. Continuing job losses
3. Punitive tax structure

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

The state legislature can make it a priority to reform the business climate which would help bring jobs to the state, and in turn that will lead to a higher demand for housing. The legislature also needs to take its oversight role of the DNR more seriously and ensure that any regulations proposed by the DNR are measured by a cost/benefit analysis to determine whether or not the regulation makes sense.

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? 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? Oppose

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

1. Entitlement Reform
2. Spending cuts
3. Salary and benefit concessions

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I have worked very closely with the VHBA on issues affecting the industry as a town chairman and as a member of the County's Zoning committee. I have had nothing but positive experiences with VHBA members.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? The VHBA can be available to meet with me to provide input on proposed legislation so that I can make the best decision possible when casting my vote.

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

Yes