

Valley Home Builders Association  
**“Builders’ Ballot” – Responses to Candidate Questionnaires**  
*Pre-Primary, September 2010*

Office: Jim Pleuss  
Candidate: 56th Assembly  
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In order of importance, please list three factors that motivate you to run for this office:

1. The poor state business climate
2. The fiscal irresponsibility at the state level
3. My qualifications as business owner, economics graduate, and as a local supervisor who knows how to say no to excessive spending

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

Chairman of the Outagamie County Legislative Audit/Human Resources Committee, Christian Leader, Business Owner, Current or former member of many community or government committees, former home builder, former Realtor

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

1. fight to repeal job killing business taxes
2. reverse the deepening budget deficit problem the state has
3. fight to eliminate state mandates to local governments that are not fully funded

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

1. The economic condition of our state is poor, and causes people to wait on building or buying a new house
2. The cost of lots continues to rise due in part to the requirements at the state and local government level
3. Building permit and impact fees continue to raise the cost of new construction

What can the state legislature do to affect meaningful, positive change for the housing industry?  
reduce taxes on business. legislate with common sense. incentives for new construction

What is your position on a moratorium on new regulations on housing until the industry recovers? 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? 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? 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. repeal some business taxes to bring more jobs to the state
2. oppose the high speed train
3. cut programs and consolidate services

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I know many members, and appreciate the professional attitude and service

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? Keep me informed of your positions on state issues that impact the construction industry

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

Yes