

Valley Home Builders Association
“Builders’ Ballot” – Responses to Candidate Questionnaires
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Name: Reid J. Ribble
Office sought: 8th Congressional District
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In order of importance, please list three factors that motivate you to run for this office:

1. The debt burden that will be borne by my children and grandchildren
2. The massive spending by the current administration and congressess, which continues to increase the debt burden
3. Legislation, including cap and trade and ObamaCare which will continue to negatively affect job creation in the private sector

What leadership qualities and experience do you bring to the office you're seeking? I intend to use my skills of growing and running a successful business these past 30 years to help in congress; balancing budgets, solving problems and developing solutions are skills sorely lacking in Washington, CD. We don't need career politicians; we need more small business owners who have felt the impact of all these career politicians and are looking to change the status quo.

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

1. Work with other Representatives to identify ways to cut the deficit and pay down the national debt
2. De-fund and reform Obamacare
3. Reform business regulatory climate so private employers can create more jobs

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

1. Regulatory environment
2. Taxes
3. Credit availability

What can the federal government do to affect meaningful, positive change for the housing industry? Reduce the regulatory impact of government fees, taxes, regulations and over-reaching intervention that have helped create the mess. We also must be careful to not create this bust scenario again. Politicians determining our nation's loan standards helped feed this severe crisis we're in today.

What is your position on EPA's removal of the opt-out provision in its Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting rule?
Stronly oppose

What is your position on the potential repeal or reduction of the mortgage interest deduction? Strongly oppose

What is your position on legislation that would establish a loan guarantee program within the Dept. of Treasury for lenders who provide AD&C loans to builders with viable projects? Support

What is your position on making changes to the health care reform legislation to make it less onerous for small businesses? Strongly support

What is your position on potential changes to the massive financial regulatory reform legislation to make it less costly for financial institutions to implement? Strongly support

What is your position on legislation to allow property owners who are unable to develop their land due to government regulation to file a Fifth Amendment takings claim directly to federal court? Support

In order of importance, please list three areas you would pursue to reduce the federal deficit:

1. Reduce federal spending incrementally
2. Eliminate federal departments where there is duplication at the staff level
3. Raise up taxpayers instead of raising taxes -- more people employed = more tax revenue

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I am a long-time member.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? Provide information on issues that relate to construction, like lead paint regulations, safety issues and credit & lending issues.

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