

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. The policies being adopted by the current leadership in Washington are destroying the foundations that make our nation great.
2. This country and the hope that it represents for my children and their children are worth fighting for.
3. I have the right background of small business, military and legislative experience to effectively represent Northeast Wisconsin.

What leadership qualities and experience do you bring to the office you're seeking? As a self-employed home builder, three-time Iraq War veteran, and two-term state legislator, I have the right set of experiences to allow me to hit the ground running if I am elected to Congress.

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

1. Reduce federal spending with a balanced budget amendment that requires a 2/3 super-majority to raise taxes and significantly cut--if not eliminate--the federal deficit
2. Restore confidence to small business and create an environment of expansion and hiring so that we can get America working again
3. Repeal the ObamaCare law and replace it with meaningful reforms that would actually reduce the cost of health care

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

1. Access to credit
2. Increasing regulatory burdens (like the EPA lead paint rule changes)
3. Crippling uncertainty plaguing the market due to looming tax increases and indecision in Washington

What can the federal government do to affect meaningful, positive change for the housing industry? It must make credit more accessible to small businesses and prevent the pending income tax increases; raising the top income tax bracket back to 39.6% will hurt small businesses that file as LLCs

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

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

1. Cancel unspent TARP and stimulus funds
2. Reduce federal spending to 2008 levels
3. Reform entitlement spending so that Social Security and Medicare will continue to be available to future generations

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? As a member for a number of years, I believe I know much about VHBA. I understand that its members are hard-working, but have been hurt by the slow down in the economy and by some poor decision making by the federal government.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? As a policy maker, I need to hear from the VHBA on what policies can be changed to improve business conditions and also how proposed legislation would impact business in the Valley. For the best governing, we must maintain a two-way flow of information.

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