

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. This past budget deficit and out of control spending at the state level.
2. Increased regulations and more legislation that doesn't make sense anymore.
3. Healthcare reform is coming to Wisconsin, and today there is only one person out of 99 that understands healthcare.

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

Fox Cities Chamber Ambassador for 20+ years; Athena Award recipient in 2007; Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Rising Star in 2006; Past President of HOV Chamber Board and its Advocacy Council; Past President WAHU-FV Chapter; Well City-Fox Cities Co-founder in 2010; have worked with legislators for 18+ years.

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

1. Begin reform of our state's budget deficit; we cannot be all things to all people.
2. As healthcare reform comes to WI, make sure that individuals are truly helped and businesses have access to it at affordable prices.
3. We need to transform how and where we spend our money; we need to do it from the inside out in state government.

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

1. With the economy in it's present state, it's preventing new sales in this region, even with the interest rates as low as they are.
2. Regulations (and the increase of them) is making the purchase of homes (and sales) so complicated (just went through it myself)
3. With property taxes increasing over 4% statewide, businesses are not coming to WI, so employees aren't here to need homes.

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

Stop regulating the life out of individuals and businesses. People will spend money, if they can keep it to spend. All the stimulus funding is taking more control of our money, and telling us where to spend it.

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? 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? Don't know

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. Less regulations/no increase in taxes, which will grow the economy.
2. Freeze state spending -- we can't keep creating programs for which we have no money!
3. Make sure policy items (expanding benefits) are NOT included in the budget and are debated outside the budget.

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? As a past member and current member, I know that the professional trade association really has a heart for all your members -- from the sole proprietors to the large organizations. VHBA cares about the quality of life here in teh Fox Valley and works at creating affordable housing. You're a great partner.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? I would welcome the leadership of your group to keep me informed of these areas that I'm not yet well acquainted with. I would consider your group to be advisors.

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

Yes