

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. I believe that the country is heading in the wrong direction - I also believe that I have the skill sets and leadership experience that is needed in order to bring the voice of the people to Washington.
2. The people of Wisconsin's Eighth District need new leadership with vision and results.
3. The economy is on the brink of collapse and in order to turn things around we must focus on monetary and tax reform.

What leadership qualities and experience do you bring to the office you're seeking? The skill sets and problem solving abilities that I have are representative of my past experience in the private sector and in the state legislature. My credentials in economic development are many - as the chair of economic development from 2002-2006 Wisconsin experienced one of the largest jobs increases in the state, as the author of 'The Blueprint for Change' I not only talked about what we need to do to turn around the economy - I did it. In addition, I have a track record of pushing back the government bureaucracy, voting to repeal taxes on social security, requiring competitive bids on prescription drugs, writing regulation reforms, and taking on the CAPCO monopolies that slowed capital to small businesses. I am a wife, mother, small business owner, former State Representative, teacher, author, problem solver and conservative leader.

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

1. Change the tax structure in our country so that people can keep more of their hard-earned money.
2. Reduce government intervention in the economy so creativity and personal responsibility can flourish.
3. Increase accountability and transparency so consumers/taxpayers know where their money is being spent.

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

1. Uncertainty in the market is leading to lack of hiring, buying and investing.
2. People are not allowed to keep enough of their income; if they could keep more of their earnings, there would be more capital to invest and more innovation overall.
3. There is too much government intervention and market manipulation has led to economic problems.

What can the federal government do to affect meaningful, positive change for the housing industry? The federal government needs to reduce its intervention in the market. If you believe in the free enterprise system, as I do, then manipulations of the market often have unintended consequences and can ultimately cause more harm than good.

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? Oppose

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 government spending; return functions to the states.
2. Work on solvency for the big three entitlement programs: Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.
3. Audit or remove federal agencies that are not performing efficiently or functionally.

What do you know about Valley Home Builders Association, and what are your impressions of the organization and its members? I am very familiar with the Valley Home Builders Association. As a former legislator representing the Fox Cities I won six outstanding legislator awards from builders. As VHBA represents over 700 companies that employ over 8,000 residents in the area, I am interested in hearing about your concerns. My impression of the VHBA is positive.

What can VHBA do to assist you, if elected, in your role as a policy maker? Provide information on legislation, important issues from your perspective, and news alerts so that I can make informed decisions.

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