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Office Sought

Bloomington City Council At-Large (Special Election)

Q5

Town of Residence

Bloomington

Q6

How long have you lived in your community?

7 years

Q7

Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Homeowner

Q8

Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

no

Q9

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Bloomington Leadership Program Alum - 2019
Community Budget Advisory Committee - 2020
Core Planning Team: Strategic Plan - 2021
Appointed City Council Member - 2023

Q11

Yes

Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Q12

Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I have support and endorsement from Mayor Busse, CM Carter, and CM Dallessandro.
I have received endorsement from the Stonewall DFL and Carpenters Union.

Q13

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

I believe that Bloomington struggles with a lack of buildable lots, entry level homes that are becoming out of reach for first time home buyers, and there is a missing middle housing in the housing continuum.

Q14

The Twin Cities Metro is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to residents of your community?

Firstly I voted this year to approve reducing lot sizes to increase subdividable lots as well as removing home specification requirements to allow for broader home development.

Additionally I'll be pushing for additional ordinance and policies that look to broaden the variety and type of housing that can be built within Bloomington. Whether that be condo development or tiny home community development.

Q15

Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this home ownership gap?

I think that the most important thing that we can do at the local level is work to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing. We need to share and market our programs that help seniors stay in their homes and keep them upkept in order for these homes to be available and attractive to the first time home buyers when the home becomes available in the housing cycle. Additionally I believe that education and partnership with local realtors to create courses on homeownership responsibility can create valuable learning opportunities and connections within communities that historically haven't had opportunities for home ownership.

Q16

How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I believe that Bloomington's Opportunity Housing Ordinance is a great example of how we can incentivize development of affordable housing with property owners who share our vision and values while providing free market opportunities of growth.

The key for me is attracting property owners who share in the values of Bloomington so that we can provide equitable opportunity housing options. This allows everyone to prosper and build an incredible community.

Q17

What are your views on property tax rates in your community? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Bloomington is an aging city in all aspects of the word. Our population is getting older and the infrastructure and services we have are just as old. We are at a turning point where we must strategically invest in the infrastructure and services that will attract and retain young families within Bloomington so that we have a strong base to move into the future with. I will work to balance property taxes by strategically planning investment in core services that attract families, recruit and retain businesses to offset homeowner property rates so that seniors can age in place.

Q18

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