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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Preferred phone number

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**Q4**

Office Sought

1st District City Councilmember

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**Q5**

Town of Residence

Bloomington

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**Q6**

How long have you lived in your community?

46 year

**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?

I invest in stocks and have considered investing in other properties but not at this time.

**Q9**

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I am the longest serving Council Member in Bloomington. I will be President elect of Bloomington Noon Rotary Club next year and have among several other engagements started our sustainability commission with Tim Sandry.

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**Q12**

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

I have both the current and past sustainability chairs working in my campaign. I have had in past election cycle all of the Bloomington State Senate and House of Representatives supporting my campaign.

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**Q13**

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

The key challenge faced by many of our residence is affordability of obtaining houses and affording to remain in those homes when the price of services increase. In addition balancing between property rights of owners and decisions made by individual owners that impact others property values. Public nuisance or uses of property that do not fit the current zoning standards.

**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?

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I have been a part of a multi year project that has targeted this very issue including Housing Improvement Area, Opportunity Housing Ordinance, Affordable Housing Plan, Home Improvement Loan Program, Bloomington Housing Choice Voucher Program, and several more programs that I would be happy to discuss.

**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 am yet to see a program that is able to specifically target this gap. We are currently working on a program and I have insisted that we have measures on that program even if it is at the qualitative standpoint to measure goals around reducing these gaps. However I believe we have the best proposal of any other city that I have seen.

**Q16**

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

The most important thing that the city can do to maintain this balance is humility and listening to both sides.

**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?

Property tax rates in Minnesota are regressive in nature and as we look to Welcome new demographics to the city of Bloomington and serve those who are aging in Bloomington we need to keep those rates in mind. I hope that we can continue to be innovative but we are at a period of time in our cities history that we will need to invest for the next generation to make our city a place of Choice.

**Q18**

Please provide links to all social media accounts connected to you or your campaign if any.

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