



CITY CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:	
Office Sought:	
District, Ward or Precinct:	
Cell Phone Number:	
E-mail address:	
Occupation:	
Home Street Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Name of Candidate Committee:	
Campaign Office Street Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Campaign Website:	
Campaign Manager:	
Campaign Treasurer:	
Previous Public Office Held:	
Previous Public Office Sought:	
How many volunteers are actively involved right now in your campaign?	

<p>If you have a primary, how much do you anticipate spending in the primary election? How much do you anticipate spending in the general election?</p>	
<p>As of your last campaign filing, how much has your campaign raised and how much cash does your campaign have on hand?</p>	
<p>List endorsements from other organizations you have received to date:</p>	
<p>How much will/have you personally contributed to your campaign?</p>	
<p>Would you welcome financial support and/or endorsement of the REALTORS Association (RPAC)? If yes, do you have a maximum amount (other than established limits) that you will accept from any single contributor or PAC?</p>	
<p>Describe the history and current status of your electoral contest and your campaign.</p>	
<p>Why should REALTORS support you?</p>	

1. As a candidate, what are your priorities?

2. What are your thoughts on your municipality's budget?
 - (a) Are there specific program budget cuts, increases, or funding of new initiatives you support?
 - (b) What services that could be delivered more efficiently and what would be your plan to make that a reality?

3. The shortage of housing inventory and affordable housing are big topics among REALTORS and affiliate business partners across our area. During the downturn, many single-family homes lost to foreclosure were converted to rental investment properties and new home construction was non-existent, both impacting supply. The number of new homes under construction today continues to fall well below pre-recession rates, and the permit fees and zoning restrictions, such as minimum frontage and/or lot sizes for new home development, prevent the builder from constructing 'affordable' housing.
 - (a) Does local government have a role to play in this realm?
 - (b) If so, what do you think they can reasonably do to address housing supply concerns? (An example might be designated areas of higher density to leverage the cost of the land.)

4. Land use continues to be a highly debated issue, including those elements centered around planning and zoning. The problems being addressed vary from environmental policy, such as the promotion of brownfield redevelopment of our urban areas and industrial properties, to the preservation of green space itself and how to merge needed development with this preservation.
 - (a) Are there specific policies or zoning restrictions you support or oppose dealing with planning, zoning, regional coordination and/or issues affecting urban, commercial, industrial, residential and agricultural property use?
 - (b) Should local governments use zoning to prohibit rental of a residential property on a short-term basis?

5. (a) What is your position on an ordinance that would mandate testing for the presence of radon or lead-based paint, or that would mandate inspections on items such as sidewalks, smoke detector compliance, or the condition of a well and septic at the time of sale of property (commonly referred to as a Point-of-Sale mandate)?
(b) Should the government be allowed to require a property owner to bring something up to code as a condition of property transfer?
6. Do you feel that local units of government should be held accountable if local ordinances not related to health or safety are adopted that result in undue fees, fines or restrictions of private property?
7. Do you support the concept behind purchase of development rights (PDRs)? Should the government fund PDR programs? Why or why not?
8. How and on what issues would you utilize GRAR's input?

Thank you for completing our questionnaire! Please save this completed document and send to Sue Jenkins at suej@grar.com or print it and fax it to her at 616-940-8216.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Sue at suej@grar.com or 616-940-8214 to schedule your interview with the Government Affairs Committee.