

Dane County Democratic Party Candidate Questionnaire

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Professional Experience:

Project Manager at Epic, small business owner, serve on the Board of Directors for a start-up LLC

Political/Service Experience:

Serve on the Fitchburg Plan Commission, member on the Board of Directors of the UW-Stevens Point Alumni Association

Why Are You Running In This Election?

I'm running to bring common-sense spending to Fitchburg, to protect the taxpayer and keep property taxes from continuing to increase at these historic rates, and instead work to bring more business and home-ownership opportunities to the city.

What Are The Three Most Important Issues In Your Race?

1. Property taxes 2. Storm water flooding/climate change effect in the city 3. Professionalism and better representation for the 2nd district.

What Are The Largest Environmental Concerns You Aim To Deal With In Office?

The flooding that has plagued certain parts of this city needs to be addressed through continued investment in storm water

management as well as a focus on greenspace plantings that encourage deep rooted growth.

How Will You Use Your Position To Create More Equitable Opportunities And Help Those Living In Poverty?

One of my biggest priorities is to bring more owner-occupied opportunities to Fitchburg. This means condos, rent-to-own, duplexes, and smaller single family homes. One of the best ways to fight poverty is through ownership opportunities that lead to equity.

How Do We Address Racial Inequality?

How will you promote restorative justice and address abusive and racist practices by the police force?

This has not been an issue in Fitchburg to my knowledge and something I would hope we continue a strong trend of equal justice.

Due to the ongoing economic impact of Coronavirus, many local governments are expecting unprecedented budget shortfalls. What would you prioritize in the budget? Where would you make cuts?

We need to prioritize core city functions - parks, police, roads, snow removal, etc. before taking on additional projects that have unknown long-term costs

How have you elevated diverse voices in government and public discourse? How would you continue to do so if elected to this office?

In my professional experience I've worked with a wide-variety of individuals - income, education, background, and beliefs. I excel at finding common ground and working with those who I may not agree with. My professionalism and ability to seek common ground is one of my priorities to bring more decorum to the council.

What Are The Largest Transportation Issues You Wish To Work On And How Will You Address Them?

Any Other Issues/Topics You Wish To Discuss?