

# Dane Dems Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for seeking an endorsement from the Dane County Democratic Party. **This questionnaire is due by no later than Friday, January 24, at 11:59 PM.**

**You do not need to answer all of the questions below, but please answer all of the ones you feel are pertinent to your campaign and mark the questions you do not feel are pertinent N/A.** We will ask more detailed questions and followups during our interview, if we choose to have one, so feel free to answer these questions as briefly or thoroughly as you desire.

These answers will be shared in full with our membership before they vote on your endorsement.

Email \*

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Candidate name \*

Bill Jetzer

Position you are running for (include municipality) \*

Alder, Fitchburg (District 2, Seat 3)

Campaign website

<https://BillForFitchburg.org/>

Professional Experience \*

Information Technology and Consulting, 29 years

## Political/Service Experience \*

Fitchburg City Council, 2 years

## Why are you running for this seat? \*

To continue my efforts to make Fitchburg an inviting, interesting, affordable, and safe place to live, work, and recreate.

## What are the three most important issues in your race? \*

Affordable housing, affordable and equitable transportation, and climate change.

## What are the largest environmental concerns you aim to deal with in office?

I will continue to advocate for densely populated, mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods over sprawling, car-dependent single family home developments.

Multi-family housing is more energy efficient because there are fewer exterior walls per unit.

Dense neighborhoods mean more people on less land, which preserves farmland and natural areas.

Walkable neighborhoods mean fewer car trips, resulting in less gaseous, particulate, and noise pollution.

All of this aligns with the goals set forth in our Sustainability, Bike & Pedestrian, and Comprehensive Plans.

## How will you use your position to create more equitable opportunities and help those living in poverty?

I will continue to promote infill development and walkable/bikeable neighborhoods to bring down transportation costs.

This also results in lower per-capita infrastructure expenses which translates to lower taxes or increased social services at the same level of taxation.

## What will you do to address racial inequality, promote restorative justice, and/or address racially biased policing?

I support community oversight, and increased access to "calls for service" data. An oversight commission could work with the police to determine whether a given individual should be referred to the DA for prosecution, work with the victim and offender to reach an acceptable outcome that doesn't involve criminal charges, or advise that charges be dropped altogether. I also favor more social worker involvement in service calls, and more effective de-escalation training and techniques.

How will you improve the public health of our community in your position?

Social isolation is associated with 60-70% higher all-cause mortality.

Exposure to greenspace is associated with decreased blood pressure, cholesterol, and incidence of stroke and heart disease.

People who commute to work on foot or bike report being happier than those who drive.

The Dutch estimate that for every \$1 spent on bike infrastructure, they save over \$30 on healthcare costs.

Walkable, bikeable neighborhoods with good tree canopy provide exposure to nature while facilitating more face to face interactions with friends and neighbors.

I will continue advocating for mixed-use, infill development in which walking and biking are the most convenient and obvious choices for transportation.

What are the largest transportation issues you wish to work on and how will you address them?

Too many of the places people want to go can only be reached safely and conveniently by car. Yet 40% of our residents (nearly 30% of those 16 and older) do not drive. Seniors who don't drive have extremely limited options to get to our senior center.

I support funding the expansion of transit in our city, and as we plan new neighborhoods I will continue to advocate for walkable, mixed-use spaces that reduce the need for transportation.

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

All of our city meetings are open to the public and our city's residents can attend and speak on any topic they desire. I encourage constituents to do so, as well as communicate via email if they are unable to attend in person. I also regularly engage with constituents at public input meetings and listening sessions.

Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

I recognize and support the invaluable contributions made to our society by diverse groups of immigrants and undocumented residents. I believe all of our residents deserve to be treated with dignity and kindness, and that all should feel welcomed and be treated equitably. I advocate for an inclusive environment in which everyone has the opportunity to thrive, and want our city to be seen as a place of justice, safety, and compassion.

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